



CPS WISSES NEHAWU A SUCCESFULL 11TH NATIONAL CONGRESS.

26 June 2017

The communist party of Swaziland wishes National Health and Allied Workers Union the best on its National Congress held from the 26-29 June 2017 under the theme; “Strengthen Workplace Organization, deepen working class consciousness and advance internationalism.

The congress takes place in the period of the where the public sector world over faces huge challenges and threats as a result of the deepening crisis of capitalism and the desire to keep the system even though it has over lived its span in history.

Such crises are inherent in the very foundation and practices of the system itself; the exploitation of people’s labour power for profit to benefit a small minority – the owners of industry, manufacturing, many services etc. Jobs are threatened, as are all gains and concessions extracted from the capitalist class. Because the capitalist class is fighting to keep its position it will also therefore cut those areas of governance that concern welfare, health and services for the people.

Without strong public sector unions to organize unions in this sector along the class struggle against this system, the dominance of the capitalist class will continue and the poor will be ruined as the state remains a facility of the capitalist to drive their narrow class interests.

In our country, Swaziland, the public service faces these situations in a very acute way. The present political situation of a royalist dictatorship is the enemy of workers and their organizations, and of all progressive forces. It’s main aim is to retain power by bolstering its financial clout – and it does this by siphoning off as much as it can from the state budget for itself, while using the spheres of government to provide the bare minimum. Government is a gross distortion and mockery of what a real government should be, because it is structured to serve the monarchy. Because of this, the system is extremely intolerant of workers demands and rights. And when the workers become part of the struggle against dictatorship, the system clamps down brutally, as we constantly see.

It is a necessary duty that the working class of Swaziland must combine well with the oppressed people of our land to mobilize for total dismantling of the Mswati autocracy.

The CPS is working side by side with the Public Sector workers in Swaziland organized under the National Public Service and allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU) and the Trade

Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) with its entire affiliates to achieve this goal. The regime is on all-out offensive to crush these forces and therefore we must work hard to defend the legal rights of trade unions to operate freely in Swaziland.

The CPS values especially the practical support NEHAWU gives to the forces in Swaziland, including to the CPS, to stand against the preset setbacks in our country and we wish to indicate that more effort is yet required to achieved our goal of liberation

The regime in Swaziland would not survive without the active support of the SADC states and of SADC's members individually. The trade union movement everywhere in our region has a duty to push SADC and its members to champion democracy and human rights and say No! to dictatorship and No! to the enforced impoverishment of the people of Swaziland.

We look forward to continue our excellent relationship with NEHAWU, and for our part will do our utmost to support you in your work.

We wish NEHAWU a successful congress.

Long live solidarity!

Long live workers' internationalism!