13th REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR AFRICA AND ARAB COUNTRIES (AFRECON) AND RELATED MEETINGS
12-15 November 2019
2 FEVRIER Hotel, Lomé-TOGO

DRAFT AGENDA

MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER

Arrival of SUBRAC and AFREC members
Registration of SUBRAC and AFREC members

TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER

09:00-12:30 SUBRAC meetings
14:30-17:30 AFREC meeting (at SARAKAWA Hotel, Lomé)
18:00-20:00 Registration of participants

WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER

09:00-12:30 WOMEN’S Seminar
YOUNG WORKERS’ Caucus
Tea/Coffee break included
Registration of participants (ongoing)
12:30-14:00 Lunch break

START OF AFRECON
14:00-15:00 Introduction and adoption of the Conference agenda
Confirmation of the Co-chairs of the Conference
Confirmation of the Standing Orders Committee members
Confirmation of the Credentials Committee members
Confirmation of Resolution Committee members
Confirmation of the Tellers

15:00-16:30 Panel on “The Role of Trade Unions in Global Campaigns”
Panelists: tbc (four discussants – one from each sub-region).
Moderator: tbc
Questions/responses

16:30-17:00 Tea/Coffee break

17:00-18:30 Panel on “Trade Union Rights violations in Africa and Arab Region and the lessons learned”
Panelists: tbc
Moderator: tbc
Questions/responses

THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER

08:00-09:00 Registration of guests and government officials
09:00-10:00 Opening Ceremony
National anthem of Togo
Workers solidarity song “Solidarity for Ever”
Welcome speech by one of the Co-Chairs of the Conference, representing PSI affiliates in Togo
Opening statements by Peters Adeyemi, PSI Vice-President, for Africa & Arab Countries
Address by Rosa Pavanelli, PSI General Secretary
Opening of Conference by Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Togo
Vote of thanks, by Togolese affiliates.

10:00-10:10  Group Photo
10:10-10:40  Coffee/Tea break
10:40-10:50  Solidarity Messages
10:50-11:50  Presentation on the theme of the conference “Public Services over Corporate Greed”
Introduction by Brother Kwasi Amankwah, General Secretary of ITUC-Africa + two discussants (tbc)
Discussion

11:50-12:00  Report from the Standing Orders Committee and adoption of report
Report from the Credentials Committee and adoption of report
12:00-14:00  Lunch Break
14:00-16:00  WORKSHOPS (group work)
1. Addressing concerns of debt and tax incentives in the SEZs
2. Migration, Refugees and IDPs
3. Whistleblower
Report back
16:00-17:00  Regional Activities Report and Regional Action Plan for 2020-2023 by Sani Baba Mohammed, PSI Regional Secretary for Africa and Arab Countries
Moderator: Peters Adeyemi, PSI’s Vice President for Africa & Arab Countries
17:00-17:30  Discussion and debates on Resolutions from affiliates
19:00-22:00  DINNER FOR ALL DELEGATES (hosted by Togolese affiliates)

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER

09:00-09:30  Announcements and Solidarity Messages (to be continued)
09:30-10:30  Panel on “The importance and intervention of gender response on quality public services”
Panelists: tbc
Moderator: The session will have a Chairperson and Discussion
10:30-11:00  Coffee Break
11:00-12:00  Panel on the “Role and Importance of Sectoral Networks in the Region”
Panelists: from WAHSUN, AMALGUN, Education Network, Energy Network and APACSUN.
Moderator: tbc
Discussion
12:00-13:45  Lunch break

13:45-14:15  PRESENTATIONS (in plenary)
1. Digitalization and the challenges of developing economies
2. Organising and growth
Discussion

14:15-14:45  Recommendations from workshops

14:45-15:30  Election of AFREC members

15:30-16:00  Coffee break

16:00-16:30  Adoption of AFRECON Resolutions

16:30-17:00  Introduction of EB and REC members

17:00-17:30  Closure of AFRECON

17:30-18:00  AFREC Meeting (for new members)