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 <i>Questions/responses</i>	
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 <i>Questions/responses</i>	

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) <i>Discussion</i>
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 <i>Discussion</i>
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 <i>Discussion</i>

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)