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PSI Global Trade Summit

September 15-17, 2014

International Brotherhood of Teamsters Headquarters

Washington, D.C. USA

Public Services International (PSI), affiliate leaders and partners will convene in Washington, D.C., in September 2014 to discuss the new threats posed to workers, public services, democracy and our communities by trade and investment agreements.

Undeterred by sharp increases in inequality across the globe, nor the devastation created by reckless deregulation of the financial markets, multinational corporations have been urging our governments that further radical and permanent liberalization is now required through a web of binding trade and investment agreements. No longer about traditional trade issues, the new wave of agreements deepens corporate power by limiting the role of democratic governments to regulate in the public interest and opens up government services to private profit. These agreements include the Canada-EU Agreement (CETA), the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), and the Trade in Services Agreement (TISA).

This meeting of public sector trade union leaders from every continent will be an important global event. [Rosa Pavanelli](#), General Secretary of PSI, along with [Dave Prentis](#), President of PSI and General Secretary of UNISON (UK), will convene the meeting. IBT President [James P. Hoffa](#) will welcome participants and public sector union leaders from across the globe. National and international media and lobbying opportunities will be incorporated into the agenda.

The summit will feature expert presentations and strategic discussions about the role that multinational corporations play, examine the results of 30 years of liberalization and look for alternatives to the rigged system being aggressively promoted. It will examine privatization; the proposed investor rights clauses, threats to public services in health and social services, education, water and other sectors and the impacts on governmental accountability and transparency. Importantly, it will ask what needs to be done to create a fairer system of trade for all.

Draft Programme - PSI Global Trade Summit

15-16-17 September 2014

Teamsters Headquarters, 25 Louisiana Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001

Monday 15 September

National Press Club-Zenger Room
529 14th St. NW, 13th Floor
Washington, DC 20045

6pm Press Reception

7pm PSI Press Conference

Tentative Speakers: Rosa Pavanelli, General Secretary of Public Services International
 Dave Prentis, President of PSI and General Secretary of UNISON-UK
 James Hoffa, President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters-USA
 Peters Adeniyi Adeyemi, Vice President of PSI, General Secretary Non-Academic Staff Union of Nigeria
 Paul Moist, National President of CUPE-Canada
 Tomio Ishihara, President of ZENNORIN -Japan
 Richard Darko Amparbeng, General Secretary of the Public Services Workers Union of Ghana

Tuesday 16 September

International Brotherhood of Teamsters
25 Louisiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Time	Activity	Activity Name	Presenters/Discussants
9am	Welcome	Welcome	<p>Host/Michael Filler Public Services Division Director International Brotherhood of Teamsters</p> <p>James Hoffa, President International Brotherhood of Teamsters</p> <p>Dave Prentis, President Public Services International</p>

Time	Activity	Activity Name	Presenters/Discussants
9:15am	Introduction	Introduction and Organization	Rosa Pavanelli General Secretary Public Services International
9:30am	Presentation	From GATS to TISA: Corporate power, inequality and the new attacks on public services The history and geopolitics of trade in services. An analysis of the results of 30 years of liberalization and how the new wave of trade agreements limit the role of government and deepen corporate power.	Faciliator/ Danny Bertossa-PSI Deborah James Director of International Programs Centre for Economic and Policy Research Robert Stumberg Professor of Law and Director Harrison Institute for Public Law / Georgetown Law
10:30am	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
10:45am	Roundtable	Part 1: Trade, Globalization and Privatization Who is promoting the global liberalization of services, how and what have they to gain? How does it differ by sector? i.e. health, education, water, finance and transport.	Panelists include: Facilitator and Panelist/ Dave Prentis General Secretary UNISON-UK Randi Weingarten President, American Federation of Teachers-USA Maude Barlow National Chairperson Council of Canadians
12:00pm	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Teamsters Cafeteria</i>	
12:50pm	<i>Photo Opportunity</i>	<i>Steps in front of Teamsters Headquarters</i>	
1:15pm	Roundtable	Part 2: Trade, Globalization and Privatization Who is promoting the global liberalization of services, how and what have they to gain? How	Facilitator/ Dave Prentis General Secretary UNISON-UK

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		does it differ by sector? i.e. health, education, water, finance and transport.	<p>Shar Habibi Research and Policy Director In The Public Interest</p> <p>Dr. Kevin P. Gallagher Associate Professor of International Relations Boston University</p>
2:15pm	Roundtable	<p>Making the rules: Content and enforcement in the global trading system.</p> <p>Trade and investment agreements set global rules for business. Is the current regime compatible with development, democracy and setting global standards for workers, users of public services and the environment? What are the alternatives?</p>	<p>Panelists include:</p> <p>Facilitator and Panelist/ Paul Moist National President CUPE-Canada</p> <p>Celeste Drake Trade and Globalisation Policy Specialist AFL-CIO</p> <p>Richard Darko Amparheng General Secretary Public Services Workers Union of Ghana</p> <p>Graciela Rodriguez REBRIP Brasil/Hemisferic Social Alliance</p>
3:45pm	<i>Coffee</i>		
4:00pm	Roundtable	<p>Organising for the Alternative</p> <p>Getting the public services voice heard. Building community coalitions with private sector unions and civil society. Using the media and influencing our governments. How do we work together? What is needed for success?</p>	<p>Panelists include:</p> <p>Facilitator and Panelist/ Michael Dolan Legislative Representative Teamsters</p> <p>Peters Adeniyi Adeyemi Vice President of PSI, General Secretary Non-Academic Staff Union of</p>

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			<p>Nigeria</p> <p>Tomio Ishihara President ZENNORIN -Japan</p> <p>Penny Clarke Deputy General Secretary EPSU</p> <p>José Olvera Deputy-General Secretary STUNAM-Mexico</p>
5:30pm	Adjourn	Final Remarks	<p>Rosa Pavanelli General Secretary Public Services International</p>
6:00pm	Reception	Reception for participants hosted by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters	

Wednesday 17 September

US Congress, Capitol Hill

Meeting Room SVC 208 (in Capitol visitors' area)

Time	Activity	Description	Venue	Presenters/Discussants
8:30	Breakfast	Dispatch session to prepare participants (assign target offices, form teams, provide maps/materials and coordinate messages)	Teamsters canteen	Teamsters & AFL-CIO lobbyists
9:30	Lobbying	Meetings with Members of Congress and staff	House and Senate office buildings	Targets: House members of Services Caucus and/or Senate Finance Committee members/staff
<i>12:00pm</i>	<i>Lunch</i>			
1:30-2:45pm	Historic Open Hearing	Report Back from PSI Global Trade Summit ("open" media event)	Meeting Room SVC 208 (in Capitol visitors' area)	Rosa Pavanelli, PSI Jim Hoffa, IBT David Prentis, UNISON others
2:45-4pm	Strategy Session	Public Services Discussion (closed to media)		Mark Langevin, PSI Celeste Drake, AFL-CIO Mike Dolan, Teamsters Allison Aguilar, AFT others
4pm	Wrap up	Discussion of Legislative and Political Next Steps (closed to media)		All participants