

CAMPAIGN FOR DECENT WORK TOWARDS AND BEYOND 2010



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Did you know?

The salaries of the CEO of Murray & Roberts, increased by 40% totalling R7,4m and the CEO of Aveng, increased by 47% totalling R4,7m for the 2006 financial year.

The current minimum wage of R11 per hour for a general worker for a 44 hour week amounts to R484 per week or R1936 per month!

The current minimum wage for a skilled artisan is R26 per hour or R1144 per week or R4576 per month.

It will take a general worker 139 years to earn the average income of a construction sector executive in one year!

Workers at Green Point went on two strikes in September and won their demand for transport.

Workers at the Gautrain project went on strike in September and won their demand to remove racist managers.

Trade unions united in the construction sector will lead campaign launches at all sites

Building Construction and Allied Workers Union (BCAWU)

National Union of Mine Workers (NUM)

South African Building and Allied Organisation (SABAWO)

What are our Demands to ensure Decent Work?

1. **The right to work, to organise and to bargain** – access to construction sites and to workers for the purposes of communicating their rights and recruitment, without fear of discrimination.
2. **Decent work** – agreements with companies must ensure that there is real improvement in wages, working conditions and safety for workers.
3. **A living wage** – a wage that takes workers out of poverty.
4. **Zero accidents** – enforcement of health and safety measures and full-time health and safety union representatives on site.
5. **No downward variation** – all subcontracting terms to reflect those of the principal tender.
6. **Quality jobs** – maximise the creation of quality jobs, especially for women and youth so as to contribute to resolving unemployment.
7. **Improve basic conditions** – decent accommodation and improvement in working conditions for all workers.
8. **Health awareness** – promote awareness of HIV/Aids; provide voluntary testing, accessible counselling and treatment.
9. **Skills development** – effective skills development programmes that promote the future employability of workers.

How do we achieve Decent Work?

- Join a trade union at their construction sites.
- Be active in launching the campaign at the site.
- Be active in campaign activities.
- Stand united in ideas and action.

DECENT WORK CAMPAIGN SITE LAUNCH

Where:

Date:

Time:

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Building and Wood Workers' International GLOBAL UNIONS Decent Work Decent Life Alliance