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## **African Workers Salute Nelson Mandela at 94!**

Today 18th July 2012, Nelson Mandela turns 94 years old. The day is also commemorated as 'Nelson Mandela day' as declared by the United Nations to honor and celebrate this great son of Africa and true world statesman for his contributions to democracy and the upliftment of humanity.

Happy Birthday Nelson Mandela!

ITUC-Africa, on behalf of African working people, with a sense of pride and humility, join the rest of the world to celebrate this illustrious son of Africa and remarkable citizen of the world as he marks another birthday celebration. We say, happy birthday Madiba just as we also receive with happiness the news of your recovery after surgery.

Indeed, the legacies of Nelson Mandela, which include the endurance for freedom, democracy and civil liberties as well as selfless leadership, are all inspiration for us as a constituency and a people. As we celebrate this day, we entreat Africa's political leaders, to imbibe the true essence of these legacies by demonstrating these characteristics in their processes and practice of governance.

Thank you for the wonderful deeds and contribution to the lives of the many you have touched and impacted nationally, regionally and globally. These contributions are sources of inspiration for us, as workers in our struggles for social justice, development and progress.

Once again, happy birthday Madiba!

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