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## SOLIDARITY MESSAGE

On behalf of its 88 affiliates across Africa, the African Regional Organization of International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC-Africa) wishes to express its solidarity with its Malagasy affiliates and all victims of the cyclone that hit the country in the afternoon of Tuesday, February 14.

It is with great emotion and sadness that we heard of the tragic hurricane called "Géovanna" that crossed your island, with rain and strong winds.

This climate tragedy has caused great loss in Madagascar. 24 people have died and 259,386 others now find themselves homeless.

Several companies and industries have been destroyed; thousands of workers find themselves without jobs and plunged in dire poverty.

At a time when the Africans are struggling to survive the economic crisis and unemployment is increasing, we are particularly concerned about the near future of your island and especially that of the most vulnerable.

Considering the impact of these human and material damage on the economy, and especially on the situation of Malagasy workers, we would like on behalf of all affiliates of ITUC-Africa to express our solidarity.

We share the grief of the bereaved families over the loss of their loved ones, and call on you to convey our commiseration to them.

We count on the courage of the hardworking people of Madagascar and on your efforts to believe that this new hardship will be overcome and will strengthen the brotherhood that makes the African trade union movement go forward.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kwasi Adu-Amankwah'.

**Kwasi Adu-Amankwah**  
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