



Commemoration of International Workers' Memorial Day 2020

Each year, workers around the world celebrate International Workers' Memorial Day or Workers' Mourning Day on April 28. This is the international day of remembrance and action for workers who have been killed, become disabled, injured or made unwell by their work.

This year, ITUC-Africa joins the ITUC to commemorate the day under the theme 'Stop the Pandemic at Work'. We take opportunity of this day to recognize and applaud workers on the frontline of the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

We pay homage to healthcare workers who continue to sacrifice and risk their lives to save others. We also commend essential services and goods workers who have to continue working during these difficult periods to ensure that life can go on at all. These include workers in electricity and water provision, food producers, traders, sales attendants and cashiers, bank workers, drivers and motor riders, waste pickers, cleaners, security and media personnel. In these times of real crisis it is so evident how essential the goods and services these workers provide are. They deserve full recognition and the right to organise and better conditions of work.

As we recognize the noble work by these gallant women and men, we pay special tribute to those workers who have lost their lives in the line of duty during these tough times - they are the real heroines and heroes of the working class!

To remember these martyrs and our noble essential workers, we ask all affiliates to join in commemorating the day through any of the actions below:

For all workers - to show your solidarity to 'Stop the Pandemic at Work', send a photo of a candle you light in your homes or workplaces in solidarity with frontline workers making our lives possible.

Sample social media message:

Shining a light on all those who are working to #StopthePandemicAtWork

Thank you to all frontline workers on #iwmd20

For union officials - hold a sign with a list of support measures you have negotiated to 'Stop the Pandemic at Work'

Sample social media message:

Fighting for:

- Social protection for informal economy workers
- Paid sick leave
- Safe workplaces

#iwmd20 #StopthePandemicAtWork

We kindly urge you to share your photos and messages with us via the email addresses below:

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Viva to the working class!

In Solidarity,



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