



CTUG Fact Sheet

The association of trade union organisations in the commonwealth countries known as the Commonwealth Trade Union Council (CTUC) transformed on 31 December 2004 into the “Commonwealth Trade Union Group” (CTUG). The CTUG brings together, within the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), trade union organisations representing some 30 million workers in the Commonwealth countries, and is committed to promoting trade union and other human rights, democracy, good governance and the rule of law throughout the Commonwealth.

The CTUG, through the ITUC, is accredited to the Commonwealth Foundation, which is the official link between the Commonwealth Secretariat and civil society organisations (CSOs).

The ITUC provides coordinating assistance to the CTUG. A focal person at the ITUC secretariat maintains links with members of the Group and the relevant Commonwealth institutions.

Acting in unison with the ITUC, the aim of the CTUG is to campaign for a better world through the groups and institutions of the Commonwealth. The CTUG strives to promote, in the Commonwealth countries, workers’ rights and interests, through international cooperation between trade unions, global campaigning and advocacy within the major global institutions. Its main areas of activity include:

- trade union and other human rights, especially international labour standards
- the decent work agenda of core labour standards, social security, public services and safe, quality jobs with good pay
- tackling the social responsibilities of multinational enterprises,
- pro-poor, sustainable development,
- equality and non-discrimination

The CTUG offers, in addition, a networking structure so that Commonwealth workers can strive to achieve common goals in cohesion with workers world wide.

CHOGM 2007

The 2007 Commonwealth Heads of the Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Kampala, (Uganda) November 2007 has adopted as its theme “Transforming Commonwealth Societies to achieve Political, Economic and Human Development”.

The ITUC will ensure that CTUG views are conveyed to the Commonwealth and other relevant institutions and has developed a programme of specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound proposals which will be pursued at this CHOGM and beyond.

ITUC

The CTUG members have a unique opportunity of interacting within an international organization such as the ITUC which has a wide network with trade unions world wide.

An overwhelming majority of the trade union organisations in this group belong to the ITUC – the unified trade union international founded in November 2006. The ITUC has Observer Status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council, and works closely with the International Labour Organisation while maintaining contacts with several other UN specialised agencies. The ITUC represents 168 million workers in 153 countries and territories and has 304 national affiliates.

The ITUC operates regional organisations in Africa, Asia and the Americas. The ITUC also cooperates closely with the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), including through the ITUC Pan- European Regional Council.

The ITUC works closely with the International Labour Organisation-ACTRAV. The ITUC has close relations with the Global Union Federations, which link together national unions from a particular sector of industry at the international level.

Along with its Regional Organisations, the ITUC has offices in Amman, Hong Kong, Moscow, Sarajevo and in Vilnius. Through its offices in Geneva, New York and Washington, the ITUC regularly conveys trade union positions and statements to UN bodies and inter-governmental and international financial institutions such as the International Labour Organisation, the World Trade Organisation, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

To enable colleagues from the Commonwealth to share and exchange information of mutual interest, the CTUG links its members through an email listserve. The CTUG provides a specific space within the ITUC Home Page (www.ituc-csi.org) to enable interested parties to access basic documents pertaining to the Commonwealth institutions and the related main documents of interest to the trade unions.

It has been the historic role of trade unionism, and remains its mission, to better the conditions of work and life of working women and men and their families, and to strive for human rights, social justice, gender equality, peace, freedom and democracy.

More than ever in its history, confronted by unregulated globalisation, effective internationalism is essential to the future strength of trade unionism.

The Confederation calls on the workers of the world to unite in its ranks, to make of it the instrument needed to call forth a better future for them and for all humanity.

List of members of the CTUG at 1 January 2007

Antigua:	Antigua & Barbuda Workers' Union Antigua Trades and Labour Union Antigua & Barbuda Public Service Association
Australia:	Australian Council of Trade Unions
Bahamas:	CW Bahamas Trade Union Congress National Congress of Trade Unions
Bangladesh:	Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies-BILS

	Bangladesh Free Trade Union Congress Bangladesh Jatyatabadi Sramik Dal Bangladesh Labour Federation Bangladesh Mukto Sramik Federation Bangladesh Sanjukta Sramik Federation Jatio Sramik League
Barbados:	Barbados Workers Union National Union of Public Workers
Belize:	National Trade Union Congress of Belize Christian Workers' Union
Bermuda:	Bermuda Industrial Union Bermuda Public Service Association Bermuda Trade Union Congress
Botswana:	Botswana Federation of Trade Unions
Cameroon:	Confédération Syndicale des Travailleurs du Cameroun Confederation Syndicale des Travailleurs (CCTU) Unions Des Syndicats Libres Du Cameroon (USLC)
Canada:	Canadian Labour Congress Centrale des Syndicats Démocratiques Christian Labour Association of Canada Confédération des Syndicats Nationaux
Cook Islands:	Cook Islands Workers Association
Cyprus:	Cyprus Turkish Trade Unions Federation Cyprus Workers' Confederation (SEK) Pancyprian Federation of Labour (PEO) Democratic Labour Federation of Cyprus (DEOK)
Dominica:	Dominica Public Service Union Dominica Amalgamated Workers Union Waterfront & Allied Workers Union Dominica Trade Union
Fiji:	Fiji Trades Union Congress
Gambia:	The Gambia Workers' Confederation
Ghana:	Ghana Federation of Labour Ghana Trades Union Congress
Grenada:	Grenada Trades Union Council
Guyana:	Guyana Trades Union Congress
India:	Indian National Trades Union Congress Hind Mazdoor Sabha

	Self-Employed Women's Association Centre of Indian Trade Unions All Indian Trade Union Congress Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh
Jamaica:	National Workers Union of Jamaica Jamaica Confederation of Trade Union
Kenya:	Central Organisation of Trade Unions
Kiribati:	Kiribati Trade Union Congress
Lesotho:	Lesotho Congress of Democratic Unions Congress of Lesotho Trade Unions
Malawi:	Malawi Congress of Trade Unions Congress of Malawi Trade Union
Malaysia:	Malaysian Trades Union Congress Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Services CUEPACS
Malta:	General Workers' Union Confederation of Malta Trade Unions
Mauritius:	Mauritius Labour Congress Federation of Progressive Unions Mauritius Trade Union Congress National Trade Unions Confederation
Montserrat:	Montserrat Allied Workers Union
Mozambique:	OTM-Mozambique
Namibia:	National Union of Namibian Workers
New Zealand:	New Zealand Council of Trade Unions
Nigeria:	Nigeria Labour Congress Trade Union Congress of Nigeria
Pakistan:	All Pakistan Trade Union Congress Pakistan Workers' Federation All Pakistan Trade Union Federation
Papua New Guinea:	Papua New Guinea Trade Union Congress
St Kitts:	St Kitts-Nevis Trades & Labour Union
St Lucia:	St Lucia Seamen, Waterfront and General Workers TU The St Lucia Civil Service Association

	Vieux Fort General & Dock Workers Union National Workers Union - St. Lucia
St Vincent:	Commercial, Technical and Allied Workers' Union
Samoa:	Samoa Public Service Association Samoa Trades Union Congress
Seychelles:	Seychelles Federation of Workers Union
Sierra Leone:	Sierra Leone Labour Congress Central Confederation of Trade Unions
Singapore:	National Trades Union Congress
Solomon Islands:	Solomon Islands Council of Trade Unions
South Africa:	Congress of South Africa Trade Unions National Council of Trade Unions The Federation of Unions of South Africa Confederation of South African Workers' Unions
Sri Lanka:	Ceylon Workers Congress National Workers' Congress Lanka Jathika Estate Workers Union
Swaziland:	Swaziland Federation of Trade Unions Swaziland Federation of Labour
Tanzania:	Trade Union Congress of Tanzania Zanzibar Trade Union Congress
Tonga:	Tonga Nurses Association Friendly Islands Teachers Union (FITA)
Trinidad & Tobago:	The National Trade Union Centre National Union of Government & Federated Workers All Trinidad Sugar and General Workers Trade Union
Tuvalu:	Tuvalu Overseas Seamen's Union
Uganda:	National Organisation of Trade Unions
Great Britain:	Trades Union Congress
Vanuatu:	Vanuatu National Workers Union Vanuatu Council of Trade Unions
Zambia:	Zambia Congress of Trade Unions Federation of Free Trade Unions of Zambia

Zimbabwe:

Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions
