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For the attention of the leadership of:

1. Trade unions and trade union federations
2. Faith-based organisations
3. NGOs
4. Women's organisations
5. Youth and Student formations
6. Street Traders
7. Environmentalist movements
8. Unemployed formations
9. Mining-affected communities
10. Formations for the landless
11. Formations in housing struggles
12. Left Political Formations and other progressive formations

Dear Comrades

Re: Convening of the Working Class Summit 12 June 2024

We are writing this letter on behalf of the Working Class Summit Steering Committee. We invite you to send at least two representatives to the Working Class Summit on 12 June 2024 at 18h00. The Summit will be held virtually on Zoom. See link details below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85785189386?pwd=B4hEsiJWsPnJs4335tNS9MjRkGaFbd.1>

Meeting ID: 857 8518 9386 Passcode: 609317

The Working Class Summit was first held in July 2018. The SA Federation of Trade Unions convened it in accordance with its 2017 founding congress resolutions. Over 1,000 delegates representing 147 different formations attended the summit.

The 2018 WCS adopted a declaration to unite the struggles of the working class and to end silos between workplace and community struggles.

The parties representing the capitalist class are preparing a coalition government and possibly a Government of National Unity that may renew the offensive against the working class and the poor following the heavy electoral blows suffered by the capitalist ANC in the

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29 May 2024 elections.

The outcomes of the 2024 National General Election represent a resounding vote of no confidence in the ANC and its neoliberal and austerity programmes by the working class.

It will be suicidal for working-class formations to fold their arms whilst the capitalist parties prepare and continue with the same neo-liberal and austerity policies that subjected the working class and poor to the misery of mass unemployment, widening inequality, deepening poverty, crime, corruption, service collapse, environmental degradation and attempts to roll back the gains of women's rights and those of the LGBTIQ community won over the past 30 years.

The impoverishment of the majority has created fertile conditions for the growth of all manner of reactionary politics, such as racism, ethnonationalism, xenophobia, homophobia and misogyny. Opportunistic parties have emerged to take advantage and divide the working class and the poor.

We are therefore inviting all working class formations to this meeting to discuss how to unite in the struggle to challenge these reactionary forces and to launch campaigns to advance the interests of the working class and poor in urban and rural areas.

Proposed Agenda

1. Opening and Welcome
2. Round Call on organisations
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Outcomes of the 2024 National Elections (15 Min) by Steering Committee member
Inputs and Discussions
5. State of Working Class Movement (15 min) by Steering Committee member
Inputs and Discussions
6. Our attitude towards (ANC/DA/IFP or ANC/MK/EF coalition government
Inputs and Discussions
7. How do we take forward the 2018 Working Class Summit resolutions?
Proposed Draft Agenda: **Inputs and Discussions**
8. How can we, as a working-class, end our divisions and forge a principled unity to conquer power?
Inputs and Discussions
9. How do we revive a Working Class Programme of Action to advance the 2018 Working Class Summit and other Summits since 2018?
10. Closure

We look forward to a productive interaction between and within the working class formations.

Comradely yours



Zwelinzima Vavi
General Secretary

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