INTERNATIONAL FARM WORKERS FORUM

PROGRAM
FARM WORKERS FORUM 2018
Program Farm Workers Forum 2018
Venue: Magnifica Room | Protea Hotel Stellenbosch | Western Cape, South Africa

Friday, 5 October 2018

9.00 - 9.30  Welcome and Introduction
            Anja Westberg, KOMMUNAL, Trevor Christians, CSAWU
            Jan Leidecker, Head of Regional Program RLS

9.30 - 10.30  Keynote and Discussion
              Breaking the barriers to trade union organisation in a hostile environment
              Sue Longley, General Secretary IUF

10.30 - 11.00  Coffee Break

Theme 1: Organizing and winning for farm workers (Facilitation: Anja Westberg, Katharina Varelmann)

11.00 - 13.00  Success stories
              How migrant workers get included in the struggles
              Baldemar Velasquez, FLOC
              Occupational health and safety as an organizing tool
              Mopholosi Morokong, IUF
              Struggles for workers’ rights to adequate housing
              Steve Harley, Unite the Union

13.00 - 14.00  Lunch

14.00 - 16.00  Working Groups
              Working Group 1: Organizing migrant farm workers
              Working Group 2: Occupational Health and Safety
              Working Group 3: Struggles for Housing and Land
              Working Group 4: Organizing along supply chains
              Working Group 5: Organizing for women workers’ rights

16.00 - 16.30  Coffee Break

16.30 - 17.00  Report back to plenary from working groups
Saturday, 6 October 2018

**Theme 2: Making farm workers voices heard** *(Facilitation: Federico Tomasone, Trevor Christians)*

**9.00 - 11.00**
- Making farm workers voices heard in society and media
- How SITRAINA makes its voice heard in Honduras
  *Antonio Ramon Gomez (SITRAINA)*
- How tea pluckers make their voices heard in West Bengal / India
  *Anuradha Talwar, PBKMS*
- How CSAAWU makes its voice heard in South Africa
  *Karel Swart, CSAAWU*

**11.00 - 11.30**
- Coffee Break

**11.30 - 13.30**
- Working Groups
  - Working Groups 1 and 2:
    - How to tell the story of farm workers struggles?
  - Working Group 3 and 4:
    - How to use the mainstream and social media?
  - Working Group 5:
    - How to make farm workers voices heard in international policy spaces?

**13.30 - 14.30**
- Lunch

**14.30 - 15.30**
- Keynote and Discussion
  - ILOs approach to farm workers' rights
  *Elvis Beytullayev, ILO*

**15.30 - 16.00**
- Coffee Break

**16.00 - 16.30**
- Report back to plenary from working groups
  - Rapporteurs from the five working groups report back (30 mins)

**16.30 - 17.30**
- Collecting key points for the Farm Workers Rights Declaration
  - Drafting Group

**20.00 - 22.00**
- Optional - Screenings of farm workers struggles film documentaries
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Sunday, 7 October 2018

9.00 - 15.00 Exposure trips
Visits to and exchange with farm workers in the Western Cape
Participants split into seven visitor groups

17.00 - 21.00 Telling farm workers stories
Drama, stories and songs

Monday, 8 October 2018

Theme 3: Follow up (Facilitation: Sue Longley)

9.00 - 11.00 Working Groups
Discussions in the working groups on the follow-up.
Working Group 1: Africa (French speaking)
Working Group 2: Africa (English speaking)
Working Group 3: Latin America and the US
Working Group 4: Asia
Working Group 5: Eastern and Western Europe

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 - 12.00 Report back from working groups in plenary

12.00 - 12.30 Presentation and release of the Farm Workers Forum Declaration
Presented by the Steering Group members

12.30 - 13.00 Closing Ceremony and Farewell

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch