Achieving Decent Work in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities

A dialogue between trade unionists, experts, and representatives of US based international organizations in charge of promoting decent work in Africa¹.

April 5, 2024, 1pm ET

At the AFL-CIO, The Solidarity Room 815 Black Lives Matter Plaza NW, Washington, DC 20006

1:00 - 2:30pm Lunch Discussion: What is the U.S. Global labor strategy in Africa? US-funded work-related approaches and priorities in Africa.

1:00-1:05 Moderator: Luis Mendoza. Center for Global Workers' Rights – Penn State University.

1:05-1:35 Kelly Fay Rodriguez. The Special Representative for International Labor Affairs.

1:35-2:30 Q&A section

3:00 - 4:30pm Public Talk: Promoting labor rights to ensure governance and strengthen democracy in Africa. The speakers will address the following questions:

3:00-3:05pm Moderator: Cathy Feingold. Director of the International Department at AFL-CIO.

Presenters will address the following questions:

- What are some of the structural challenges for achieving Decent Work in Africa?
- o What has been done well? (Some sustainable and successful experiences).
- o What needs to be improved?

3:05-3:20pm Crispin Rigby. International Relations Officer ILAB/DOL.

3:20-3:35pm Jacqueline Wamai. Regional Coordinator for Sub-Saharan Africa of the ILAW- Solidarity Center.

3:35-3:50pm Bashiratu Kamal. Gender, Labour and Safeguarding Specialist. Gender Equality Officer, General Agricultural Workers Union of TUC-Gh.

3:50-4:30pm Q&A section

¹ This activity is part of the Tenth Center for Global Workers' Rights Symposium.