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## ITUC-AFRICA STATEMENT ON WORLD DAY FOR DECENT WORK: **Denouncing CORPORATE GREED !**

The African Regional Organisation of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC-Africa), on the celebration of World Day for Decent Work (WDDW) in 2013, commends the African workers for their continual sacrifices and services for the progress of their family, community and nation.

World Day for decent work is a day where workers, their unions and their supporters around the world are mobilizing to decent jobs for all and respect for the rights of workers.

This year, the day is commemorated under the theme "End corporate greed".

Today, the large companies strongly influence government decisions to maximize their profits to the extent of threatening our democracy. It is clear that Governments defend increasingly capitalist interests at the expense of their populations.

The pressure from large companies result in the multiplicity of free trade agreements without meaningful public consultations. Continual deregulation and liberalization weakens national law, social protection the economy and jobs. Using outsourcing, transfer pricing, relocations to increase their profits, companies cause job losses and accentuate the deterioration of the conditions of life of workers. In addition, several companies take advantage of lax laws to hide their profits from Governments. More than 50 billion US dollars are lost each year by the African continent through the illicit financial flows. Which is greater than the funds intended for public development aid to the continent. The absence of binding legal frameworks, which would impose on the companies respect for human rights, result in serious violations of human rights and large-scale environmental destruction.

We call on our Governments to truly combat tax evasion while imposing legal responsibilities to multinationals.

Finally, ITUC-Africa welcomes all those who mobilized in their countries to commemorate World Day for Decent Work this year. We must continue to organize, mobilize and take collective action to ensure more and better jobs, social security, respect for labor rights and sustainable social dialogue, among other desired changes.

Happy World Day for Decent Work to all workers!

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