

Municipal Workers – PSI Americas

Conclusions of Brasilia

05-07 August 2013

“The municipality is the place where the public policies are really effected.”

Participation:

Argentina, Brasil, Chile,
Colombia, Ecuador, El
Salvador, Honduras,
Nicaragua, Peru,
Mexico, Paraguay, PSI,
Africa and Austria

Reasserting:

- Our permanent struggle against the neoliberal policy and its consequences in terms of privatization, flexibilization of rights and the reduction of the role of the State.
- Our commitment to building quality public services, in which the workplace is conducive to properly meet the entire population.

Considering

- The lack of trade union rights in almost all municipalities of the Americas, where collective bargaining is not regulated and persecution to union leaders still occurs in a large number of cities.

Observing

- That PSI, with the support of FES and GDG-KMSfB Austria, offers the possibility to organize the third Regional Meeting of Municipal Workers in 2014, that will consolidate an organizational model of the sector within our Public Services International

Concluding:

- To create the PSI Confederation of Municipal Workers – CONTRAMA PSI, composed of all unions that are present here and open to the new adhesions of the Municipal sector unions affiliated to PSI.
- To establish an organizing commission of the Founding Congress of CONTRAMA PSI, that will meet on 7-8 November in Buenos Aires, in meeting organized by CTM Argentina.

- Until the meeting on 7-8 November, each sub-region of PSI – Andean, Brasil, Central America and Southern Cone – should debate the organizational proposals presented in the meeting in Buenos Aires (2012)
- Another important issue to debate will be how to guarantee operational and financial structure for the new confederation.

Continuation

- Until the organization of the new confederation, we keep working as PSI Municipal Workers Network, with a plan of work for 2013 that among other points, includes:

UCLG

- Participate in the UCLG Congress in Rabat on 1-4 October, defending the trade union rights as essential point in the promotion of quality public services.
- Brasil and Argentina offer to be represented. Analyze the importance of PSI sponsor two to three representatives.

IACML

Participate in the IACML meeting on 11-12 November in Medellin. The priority will be to inform on the trade union persecution in countries such as Paraguay, Ecuador, Panama, Peru, Guatemala and others, and seek agreements with the governments of these countries in view of the promotion of trade union rights. Brazil, Mexico and Argentina will also participate.

Outsourcing

Answer the ILO survey on informal employment, in order to contribute to a first regional study on the outsourcing in public services.

Collective bargaining

Spread the Manual on Collective Bargaining in the Public Service in each country, together with Governments, ILO, etc.

Missions and Solidarity

- Establish two priority missions: in Paraguay and Ecuador, gathering governments and unions in the defense of trade union rights. Treat the issue of the criminalization of protests.

Paraguay: Federations of Paraná and Santa Catarina (Brasil) and CTM Argentina

Ecuador: Mexico, Chile, Colombia and Brasil

- Support and participate in the PSI/ LabourStart Campaign on the situation in Peru

<http://www.labourstart.org>

Gender

- Gender balance: in the Founding Congress we should guarantee that, if there are two people representing each union, at least one representative should be a woman.
- Support the survey on union leaders and gender promoted by PSI.
- Work in the PSI Campaign to end violence against women.

Young workers

- Sponsor the participation of at least 04 young workers in the Founding Congress: one from each sub-region.

Fair Tax

- Promote a seminar on fair tax as part of the Founding Congress, particularly on the FTT (Financial Transactions Tax).

IAMRECON 2015 in Miami

- Prepare a PSI CONTRAMA meeting with the unions from United States, Canada and the Caribbean, seeking to strengthen the organization all over America.

NEXT MEETING:

- Founding Congress in 2014
- Mexico? Or other place?
- The Commission will decide the place and dates in November.