

FOR PSA MEMBERS: **EASTERN CAPE (MTHATHA AREA)**

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Suspension of Workers' Day event in Mthatha

The PSA has a culture of celebrating Workers' Day to celebrate workers' rights and remind members of the painful journey for the workers to have obtained the rights that they are currently enjoying.

Whilst the planning to celebrate Workers' Day was underway, the occurrence of floods in KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape caused the PSA to amend its plans. Subsequently, the PSA Mthatha Provincial Office and some other provinces called off plans to celebrate the Day in 2022 in favour of mobilising resources for floods victims where 400 people have died and 12 000 homes were destroyed. It was therefore resolved that the commemoration of Workers' Day must take place at KwaZulu-Natal where the PSA will also donate non-perishable food, clothing, and blankets to flood victims. PSA Provincial Offices and the Head Office have embarked on 'Donation Drive' wherein members and employees are urged to donate items to the victims of floods. It must be noted that the donation is voluntary and no one will be forced to donate against their will.

The Mthatha Provincial Office would like to apologise for the inconvenience caused, as it is aware that loyal members were looking forward to celebrate Workers' Day as in the past. It is, however, trusted that Workers' Day celebrations will again take place for Mthatha in 2023. A Local Organising Committee will be established before the end of June 2022 to allow for proper planning and consultation with members in terms of ideas to make the day memorable. The PSA is a mandate-driven organisation and values the inputs of members and structures, hence the establishment of the Local Organising Committee.

The PSA extends condolences to the victims of floods in the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal. Members are also reminded that COVID-19 is still a reality and that related safety protocols should be adhered to at all times.

Members who wish to join the Union of Choice can submit their application forms to Kenneth.qikani@psa.co.za or call the Provincial Office on (047) 501 2500 for assistance.

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