

A brief report on 3rd International Congress of Trade Union International (Energy and Petrochemicals)

The 3rd International Congress of Trade Union International (Energy and Petrochemicals), a wing of World Federation of Trade Unions(WFTU) was held at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India during 11-12 September, 2018. The labour unions from all over the world belonging Energy and Petrochemicals sector gathered in this Congress. There were 160 delegates who participated in this Congress from 27 countries, including India and from almost all the continents which makes it a real Global Summit. WFTU general secretary, George Mavrikos, was present in this conference along with other WFTU leaders. This conference was hosted by CITU, India. General Secretary, Tapan Sen, President K. Hemlata, Swadesh Devroye, Prasanta Nandi Chowdhury and other eminent leaders of CITU were present. A reception committee was formed at Kerala consisting of Central and State level CITU leaders headed by Com E Karim. After the recent devastating flood in Kerala, it was a great challenge to them for hosting this global summit. Needless to mention, that they have done it successfully.

The main document was placed before the conference by Prasanta Nandi Chowdhury, General Secretary, EEFI and Vice President (TUI-ENERGY). Delegates from all the participating countries took part in the discussion regarding their commitment to the revolutionary overtaking of capitalism by the organisation and the unification of the class struggle of all the workers of the energy sectors (electricity, gas, oil, coal, Chemical etc.). They also discussed about the eradication of the domination by the capital and exploitation of working class, which can be achieved only through class struggle, historically, the only proven and effective way to defeat the political choices of the employers and governments representing their interests. This requires uniting the various progressive labour unions, political and popular forces into a single movement in all the countries. The various points which came up during the discussion included unemployment, social security of the working class, minimum wage, health, food, education and inequality of wealth, where 42 rich owns wealth equal to 3.7 billion poor's. The richest 1% grabbed 82% of the wealth produced. 3 Americans own wealth equal to 16 million Americans.

At the end a new committee consisting of 11 members was elected, with Eric Sellini from France as General Secretary and Prasanta Nandi Chowdhury from India as President and others detailed below. The conference ended with a vote of thanks as well one thousand strong workers meeting.

SI	NAME	COUNTRY	ORGANISATION	PORT FOLIO
1	ERIC SELLINI	FRANCE	FNIC/CGT	GENERAL SECRETARY
2	PRASANTA NANDI CHOWDHURY	INDIA	EEFI/CITU	PRESIDENT
3	TAF KOLECU	ALBANIA	FSPISH	EXECUTIVE
4		BRASIL	CTB	EXECUTIVE
5	JOSE CABRERA	CUBA	CTC	EXECUTIVE
6	EMAD HAMDY ALY HEMDAN	EGYPT	AFPMCWF	EXECUTIVE
7	CHRISTIDIS STAVROS	GREECE	PAME	EXECUTIVE
8	MOHAN SHARMA	INDIA	AIFEE/AITUC	EXECUTIVE
9	BOUSHABI SANAA	MOROCCO	OASMMECA	EXECUTIVE
10		S AFRICA	CEPPAWAWU	EXECUTIVE
11	TOUAHRIA HAMOU	ALGERIA		EXECUTIVE