

WORKERS' DAY GOES BEYOND A ONE-TIME YEARLY RECOGNITION OF WORKERS' RIGHTS.

Workers' Day is more than just a single day observed annually on which the working class's welfare and fundamental rights are brought to light; it is about a system of laws supported by a large array of human rights that protects workers' rights and maintains employment standards for all workers, regardless of their gender, race, or union membership.

In this regard, the municipal workforce, which ensures that our homes are electrified, that the streets, sidewalks, and pedestrian areas in our cities are clean, and that we have access to basic services like water supply and sanitation, is the backbone of the local government sector; without them, the services that municipalities provide would cease, and society as a whole would collapse.

In line with its mandate to promote labour stability in the local government sector through the representation of municipalities in the South African Local Government Bargaining Council (SALGBC), in 2021, SALGA concluded its fifth multi-year condition of service agreement with unions representing the municipal workforce.

This successful collaboration between unions and municipalities, which was completed without any incidents or compromises to service delivery, is evidence of the effectiveness of collection action and the defense of workers' rights.

Therefore, Workers' Day ought to be more than just a yearly recognition of these fundamental rights issues; rather, it ought to be a daily commitment to making these rights a reality for all workers in every sector of the economy.

MAY 29 NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS

SALGA would like to implore every South African to vote in the national and provincial elections set for May 29 in order to contribute to the development of our cherished democracy.

These elections occur in the same year that South Africa marks the 30th anniversary of its first democratic elections, and citizens should value their right to vote because it will ultimately determine the path not only of their own lives but also of the nation.

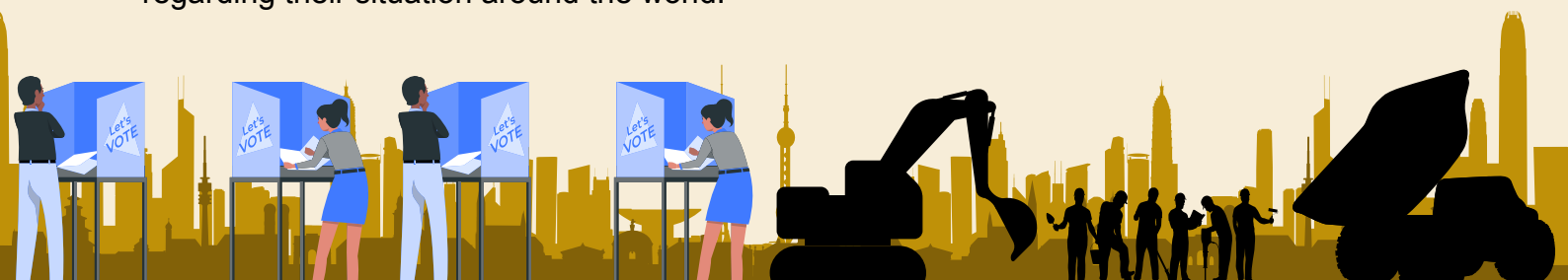


SALGA PROVINCIAL WORKING GROUPS

SALGA Provincial Working Groups will meet from May 6-16. These help the organisation and its provincial governance structures, and municipal members coordinate, consult, and make inclusive decisions.

COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

- The month of May is recognised as Africa month – a time when the continent of Africa commemorates the founding of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU). The establishing the Organisation of Africa Unity (OAU) in 1963, the African continent became a pioneer in being the first continent to focus on continental unity and to encourage nation building through unity and freedom from oppression.
- It is in celebration of this milestone of the OAU and its successor, the African Union, that the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture will host a series of events to celebrate Africa Day on 25th May and throughout May for Africa Month.
- Energy Month is about the reduction of energy consumption in your everyday life. Over this period, government organisations will partner with businesses, organisations and concerned citizens to promote energy saving and spread awareness of South Africa's energy needs.
- National Child Protection Week (28 May- 4 June) is commemorated in the country annually to raise awareness of the rights of children as articulated in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and Children's Act (Act No. 38 of 2005). The campaign is led by the Department of Social Development in partnership with key government departments and civil society organisations rendering child protection services.
- Held every year on 21 May, the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development celebrates not only the richness of the world's cultures, but also the essential role of intercultural dialogue for achieving peace and sustainable development.
- The purpose of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) is to help raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT) can bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide.
- International Day of Families falls on 15 May every year and highlights the importance of families as basic units of society. The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed that 15 May of every year shall be observed as the International Day of Families. The day reflects the importance that the international community attaches to families as basic units of society as well as its concern regarding their situation around the world.





- World Press Freedom Day (May 3) is about the connection made between the freedom to seek, impart and receive information. The day also acts as a reminder to governments of the need to respect their commitment to press freedom. It is also a day of reflection among media professionals about issues of press freedom and professional ethics.

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