



WOMEN OF STEEL NEWS

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FROM THE UNION

Registration open for International Women's Conference

The call letter for this year's USW International Women's Conference "Women of Steel – Know Your Power" has officially been mailed to your local unions. The event takes place Oct. 23-26 at the Wyndham Hotel in Pittsburgh.

A graphic with a background image of a woman shouting and holding a flag at a protest. The text is overlaid on the image. The background image shows a woman in the foreground shouting with her mouth open, wearing sunglasses and a dark jacket. Behind her, other people are visible, some holding flags and signs. One sign says "HANDS OFF" and another says "scheduling times". The background is a city street with buildings.

Save the
DATE!

**USW INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

OCT. 23-26, 2023

**WYNDHAM HOTEL
PITTSBURGH**

The logo for the Women of Steel organization, featuring the text "UNITED STEELWORKERS" above the stylized letters "USW" and a female symbol, with "WOMEN OF STEEL" below.

This conference will focus on building and enhancing members' skills and global solidarity, as well as strengthening the labor movement. All this material contributes to your local union's ability to better serve the membership.

The program will include high profile motivational speakers from the U.S. and Canada, along with women from countries and unions where the USW is forming global alliances. Participants will also have the opportunity to choose among many skill-building workshops.

This conference is open to all members; however, local unions are encouraged to seek out female-identifying members who reflect the diversity of our union. There is no limit to the number of delegates a local union can send.

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Global trade union and women's activists plan for a just future in Cape Town



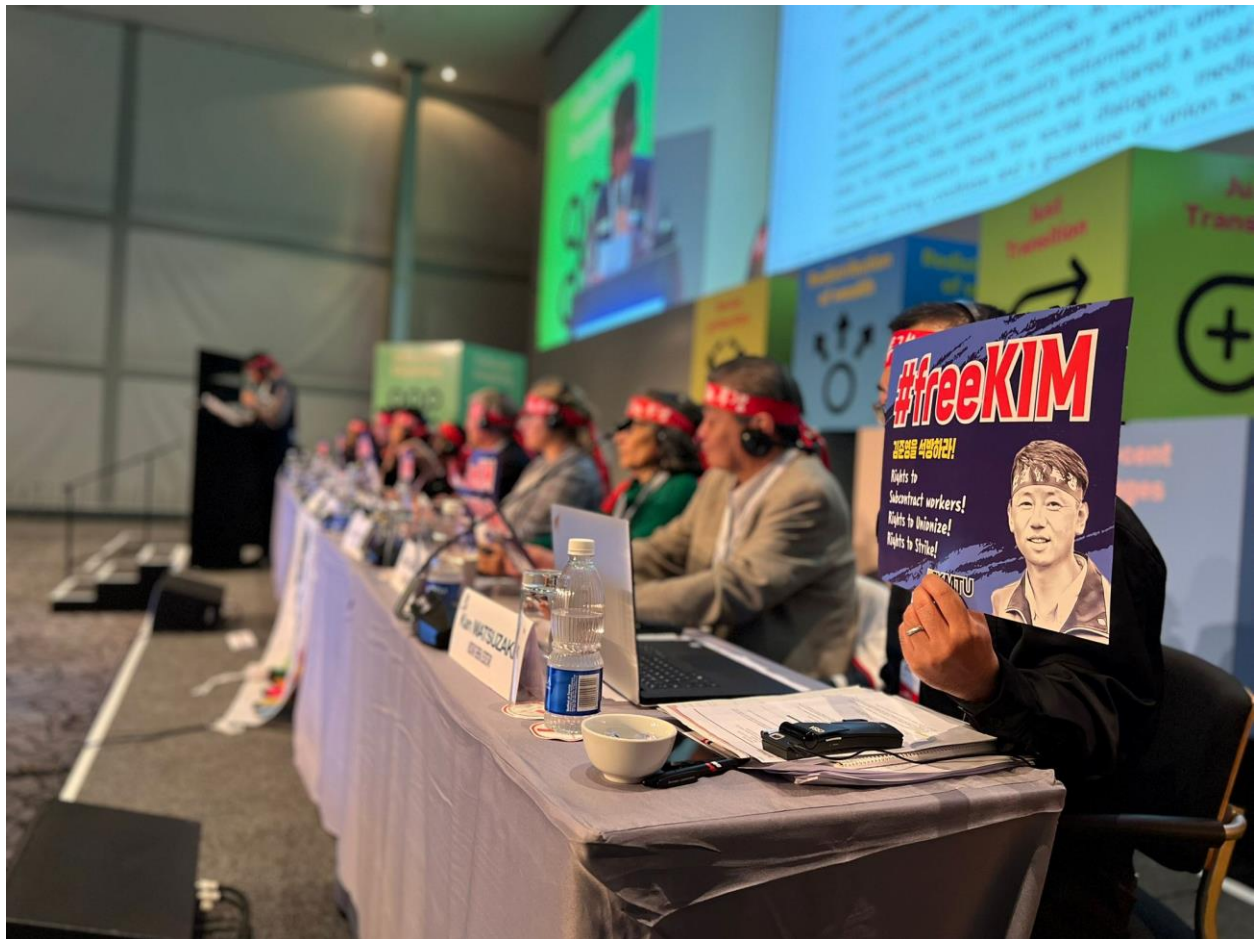
IndustriALL's Mid-Term Policy Conference kicked off on June 20-22 in Cape Town, South Africa, where more than 600 union members from around the world gathered to share the effects of growing inequality and how to take coordinated global action to demand a better future.

Over 100 women also participated in a meeting on June 19 ahead of the main conference for a discussion on feminism in trade unions and how to approach all conference topics with a gender transformative approach.

“We are here to determine how we include women in building strong unions and how we make sure that women’s needs are attended to in all sectors and companies,” said IndustriALL Assistant General Secretary Christine Olivier.

A session on how feminism can change trade unions was chaired by IndustriALL Vice President Rose Omamo, who said, “When we mention feminism people think people we want to take over from men and this is not the case. Feminism is a word that means to fight domination and inequality.”

IndustriALL's Executive Committee also adopted a resolution on Korea, strongly condemning the violent suppression by the Korean government and use of police force against workers, the government's anti-union and pro-corporate behavior, and POSCO for violating union rights.



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SOLIDARITY IN ACTION

Michigan Women of steel tour mine, give back to children in community

Women of Steel activists met in Negaunee, Mich., at the end of June for their area meeting. The USW members collected snacks and other lunch items for [Hematite Power Packs](#), a local organization that provides weekend and summer lunches for school-aged children in the community.

The women were also able to get a tour of the nearby mine where members of Locals 4950 and 4974 move iron ore on a daily basis.



“It was great seeing everyone after a long time away,” said Tonya DeVore. “We learned a great deal of union history thanks to our retired miner tour guide.”

Women of Steel march to end hunger in Indiana

Local 4863 Women of Steel, along with friends and family, participated in the Color Walk for Emmaus on June 24. With their registration fees and 50/50 raffle, they were able to donate more than \$400 to the [Emmaus Mission Center](#).

The center works to end poverty, homelessness and hunger in Indiana.

