

IN DEFENSE OF JOBS, COMPANIES AND QUALITY PUBLIC SERVICES

With the aim of organizing regional unions in defense of public companies, quality public services, decent work for public workers, and start organizing a movement against the privatization of companies in different sectors, the International Federations together with the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (TUCA), convene the **Union Forum of the Americas in Defense of Jobs, Companies and Quality Public Services to be held on Wednesday, October 7, at 11 am** (Montevideo time), as part of the World Day for Decent Work and the Continental Day for Democracy and Against Neoliberalism.

Although the failures involving privatization processes in our countries are very clear, proposals to privatize are still strong in our region. There are concrete examples of services and companies that had been privatized and later had to be returned to state control in more than 50 countries, due to high prices and poor quality services for the people. We must learn from those failed experiences and defend our most valuable assets: our public companies and natural resources.

We convene this forum because public companies and services are essential for the people and the development of their countries; because they ensure more democratic States with equal access to essential services for all citizens; because private services do not prioritize the poorest and most vulnerable population, and because privatization has failed in many countries.

We hope you join us on October 7 for the Forum against privatization and to defend jobs, companies and quality public services. What's public stays public!

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What's public stays public: Union Forum of the Americas in Defense of Jobs, Companies and Quality Public Services

- For a New Social Contract with decent work and universal access to public goods and services.
- For a democratic State, a public budget at the service of society and for tax justice.
- Against the privatization of the State and corporations assuming control of public companies if it is public, it belongs to all of us.

Date and time: Wednesday, October 7, at 11am Montevideo time (GMT -3)

Registration: <u>https://uniglobalunion-</u> org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Z9ZV3bOkRqmz3S2Qoojqbg

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