



Communist Party of Swaziland (CPS) Statement on World Teachers' Day 2025

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The Communist Party of Swaziland (CPS) salutes all teachers of Swaziland, led by the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT), as they commemorate World Teachers' Day under the theme "*Recasting Teaching as a Collaborative Profession.*"

This day arrives at a time when teachers, like all workers in Swaziland, continue to bear the brunt of the Tinkhundla regime's anti-worker policies, stagnating salaries, collapsing public education system, and deepening social inequality. Yet, despite these harsh conditions, teachers remain at the forefront of defending the right to education and shaping the consciousness of a new generation that will liberate our country from tyranny and exploitation.

The CPS recognizes that teaching is not an isolated act of service but a collective mission of struggle for knowledge, freedom, and social transformation. According to the Party, recasting teaching as a collaborative profession means reclaiming education from the grip of elitism and repression and placing it firmly in the hands of the oppressed people. It means uniting teachers, students, parents, and communities in a shared commitment to build an education system that serves the interests of the working class.

In Swaziland, collaboration can not thrive under dictatorship. The regime has destroyed democratic structures in schools, suppressed trade unions, and criminalized free expression. Therefore, the struggle for collaborative education is inseparable from the struggle for democracy and socialism. Teachers can not teach freely where there is no freedom.

The CPS stands in full solidarity with SNAT and all teachers who continue to demand:

- A living wage that reflects their dignity and contribution to society.
- Safe and democratic schools free from external interference.
- Public funding of education to replace the corruption and neglect of the Tinkhundla system.

- Respect for union rights and protection of teachers from harassment and victimization.

We urge all progressive forces, including students, parents, workers, peasants, and communities, to unite with teachers in building a people's education for people's power. The classroom must become a site of liberation struggle, not oppression.

As the teachers celebrate this day, the CPS reaffirms that their struggle is not only for better working conditions but for a new society, a socialist Swaziland where education, health, and work are rights, not privileges.

Long live SNAT!

Long live the unity of teachers and workers!

Down with the Tinkhundla regime!

Forward to People's Power!

Forward to Socialism!

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