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## **CELEBRATE WITH SOLIDARITY CENTER!**

20th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE AND BOOK LAUNCH  
BUILDING POWER FOR WORKERS IN INFORMAL EMPLOYMENT

**NOVEMBER 15, 2017**

Please join the Solidarity Center, Rutgers University, the AFL-CIO and international worker rights advocates November 15, 2017, to discuss a global perspective on worker organizing highlighted in the new book, **Informal Workers and Collective Action: A Global Perspective**.

The half-day conference and book launch is part of a daylong celebration in honor of the Solidarity Center's 20th anniversary. Panelists will explore how workers around the world are staking a moral claim for social and economic justice: organizing, fighting for dignity at work, seeking justice in their communities and building greater equality in the global economy.

Edited by Adrienne E. Eaton, Susan J. Schurman and Martha A. Chen, **Informal Workers** was produced by Rutgers and WIEGO with support from the Solidarity Center.

**November 15, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**  
**AFL-CIO**  
**815 16th Street, N.W.**  
**Washington, D.C.**

*A light lunch will be served*

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*The conference is supported by WIEGO and the Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations.*

## **PROGRAM**

### **Informal Workers and Collective Action: A Global Perspective**

**10:00 - 10:15**

**Welcoming remarks**

- **Tefere Gebre, Executive Vice President, AFL-CIO**
- **Shawna Bader-Blau, Solidarity Center Executive Director**

**10:15 - 10:30**

**Sue Schurman, Distinguished Professor, Labor Studies and Employment Relations, Rutgers University**

*Overview, Informal Workers and Collective Action: A Global Perspective*

**10:30 - 12:00**

**Panel 1: Perspectives on Fighting for Social and Economic Justice for all Workers**

- **Facilitator: Wim Conklin, Cambodia Country Program Director, Solidarity Center**

**Panelists:**

- **Janice Fine, Associate Professor of Labor Studies and Employment Relations, Rutgers University**  
Defending equal labor rights for Haitian migrant workers in the Dominican Republic
- **Miguel Conde, Vice-President, Sintrainagro, Puerto Wilches**  
Fighting for formal employment for palm workers in Colombia
- **Mary Evans, Labor Studies professor, Rutgers University**  
Formalizing employment for women beer promoters in Cambodia
- **Sahra Ryklief, Secretary General of the International Federation of Workers' Education Association, Rutgers University**  
Organizing informal retail and hospitality workers in South Africa

**12:00 - 12:30: Lunch**

## PROGRAM

### Informal Workers and Collective Action: A Global Perspective

**12:30 - 2:00**

#### **Panel 2: The Impacts of Successful Organizing on Communities, Societies and Countries**

- **Facilitator: Gladys Cisneros, Solidarity Center Mexico Country Program Director**

##### **Panelists:**

- **Dan Hawkins, Research Director, Escuela Nacional Sindical, Colombia**  
Organizing, Afro-Colombian worker rights, and building sustainable peace in Colombia
- **Evangelina Chinchilla Argüeta, National Coordinator, CGT Honduras**  
Empowering women garment workers through union organizing in Honduras
- **Shawna Bader-Blau, Solidarity Center Executive Director**  
The struggle for economic inclusion and democracy in Tunisia
- **Bama Athreya, Senior Technical Specialist, Center for Democracy, Human Rights and Governance, USAID**  
Supporting worker rights to foster inclusive democratic development

**2:00 - 2:45**

#### **Looking forward: The Future of Organizing for Worker Rights and Economic Justice**

**Facilitator, Molly McCoy, Solidarity Center Policy Director**

##### **Speakers:**

- **Cathy Feingold, Director, AFL-CIO International Department**
- **Adrienne Eaton, Acting Dean, School of Management and Labor Relations, Rutgers University**
- **Pramila Jayapal, U.S. Representative, Washington 7th District**