

TUC

Trade Union Confederation (Sri Lanka)

For the first time in the history of Sri Lanka, independent trade unions transcending legal restrictions, private and public sector unions are joining hands to form the country's genuine national trade unions centre under the banner: Trade Union Confederation (TUC), launched on 20th Dec 2007.

Private and public sector unions that have decided to join hands have been active in the struggle for the defence of workers rights and are part of many campaigns and initiatives at local and international levels. Some of them are affiliates of international Global Union Federations (see the list of unions and their international affiliations).

The national centre seeks to represent the true concerns of workers and be a voice to the voiceless millions of organised and unorganised workers of Sri Lanka. In view of the politicized, weak and petty-agenda oriented trade union culture of Sri Lanka this is certainly a significant turning point that has immense potential to reengineer the destiny of Sri Lankan workers.

It will function independent from party-political influences and solely on a workers agenda. It will be a sustainable organisation directly dependent on contributions of members of its affiliated unions.

Yours
In solidarity

Anton Marcus

On behalf of member unions of the Trade Union Confederation (TUC)

<u>Name of the Union</u>	<u>Affiliated to</u>
1. Health Services Trade Union Alliance	
2. Free Trade Zones & General Services Employees Union	ITGLWF
3. Government Nursing Officials Association	
4. Postal and Telecommunication Officers Union	UNI
5. Ceylon Teachers Union	
6. Sri Lanka Janaraja Health Services Union	
7. The Public Health inspectors' Union of Sri Lanka	
8. Railway Front Trade Union	
9. Association of Government Entomological Assistants	
10. Suhada Varaya Sewaka Sangamaya	ITF
11. Government printers Union	UNI
12. Public Provincial Management Assistants Services Union	
13. All Ceylon United Fisheries Trade Union	