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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

Public Services International (PSI) is a global union federation for public sector trade unions and focuses on the protection and advancement of labour rights of public sector workers globally. It represents 700 affiliated trade unions in 163 countries, bringing together more than 20 million workers. PSI works closely with international organisations, national governments, consumer lobbies, community organisations and NGOs. Members work in health care, municipal and community services, social services, central government and public utilities.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Social justice
- Quality public services for all
- Poverty reduction and debt relief
- Gender equality and employment equity
- Free collective bargaining
- A strong and united union movement

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

PSI places health sector support as one of its core areas of activity. Health workers account for the largest single group, over 40% of PSI members, including 230 affiliated unions representing health workers. The underlying purpose is that for the best public health outcomes in all countries, the health workforce needs to be well trained and well paid, and PSI works to secure that this premise is held through. Other health-related activities include topics such as migration of health workers, women health workers, HIV/AIDS, nursing, and the privatisation and restructuring of health care. PSI's work on health is conducted through the Health Services Task Force (HSTF), made up of health union representatives from four regions. The HSTF advises the PSI executive board on all health-related matters. In 2018, PSI was admitted into official relations with the WHO with the goal of helping the WHO implement the "Working for Health: 5-Year Action Plan for Health Employment and Inclusive Economic Growth".

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

The PSI affiliates meet at a congress every five years to develop a programme of action. The congress also elects an executive board. The current president is Dave Prentis. Rosa Pavanelli is the General Secretary of PSI, and the head office maintains approximately 30

staff members. PSI has regional and sub-regional offices in Africa and Middle East, Asia and Pacific, the Americas, as well as in Europe.

PUBLICATIONS

See: <http://www.world-psi.org/en/publications-research>

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