



Cosatu threatens to protest against labour brokers
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The Congress of the South African Trade Union (Cosatu) has warned government that it will take to the streets if labour brokers are not banned.

Speaking at the federation's 10th national congress at the Gallagher Estate in Midrand today, the federation's President Sdumo Dlamini says labour brokers and creating decent jobs do not mix. "Our view is that decent jobs and labour brokers cannot co-exist, if this does not happen the country will come to standstill because all the key motive forces agree on this matter," says Sdumo.

The federation says that it is disappointed at government for not implementing the ANC's Polokwane resolution banning labour brokers. This amid South Africa's first recession in 17 years and the loss of jobs in the formal economy.

Cosatu says it wants government and business to commit to the economic rescue package negotiated. Turning to corruption, Dlamini said the federation and its alliance partners needed to rid themselves of this. And that it was time for self-criticism, as some members were caught with their hands in the cookie jar.

The Reserve Bank also was also criticized, for its inflation targeting. Also at the Congress, the South African Communist Party (SAPC) general-secretary Blade Nzimande welcomed the national framework agreement as agreed to at National Economic Development and Labour Council (Nedlac). "In implementing this agreement we need to ensure that it is not workers who are made to pay for a crisis brought about by capitalist greed," says Nzimande.

Earlier on, Zuma addressed the congress.

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