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## Solidarity message to NEHAWU.

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The Amalgamated Rural Teachers Union of Zimbabwe, ARTUZ congratulates the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union, NEHAWU on the occasion of its 12<sup>th</sup> National Congress.

The theme of the Congress, "Strengthen workplace organisation to defend collective bargaining, deepen class consciousness and advance internationalism", clearly speaks to the urgency of now for the working people of the world.

The Congress comes at a time when neo liberalism is taking root not only in South Africa's ruling party the African National Congress, ANC but in the majority of our African governments including our ZANU PF led government. The entrenched neoliberalism has led to deterioration of working conditions for the workers, inequality and economic decline for most developing countries. ARTUZ will be keen to learn from the NEHAWU congress on how to tackle the crisis of neoliberalism and imperialism.

NEHAWU has demonstrated Resilience and Consistency since its launch in 1987 after the merger of 4 Unions. We celebrate the milestone of hosting a 12<sup>th</sup> Congress with you.

On behalf of ARTUZ, we wish you a successful Congress.

Obert Masaraure

ARTUZ National President.