The Federation of Workers' Councils and Unions in Iraq - FWCUI

The federation was founded after its first conference on December 8, 2003 which had included representatives of several syndicates, elected councils, and preparatory committees in several plants, enterprises, and factories.
Before the conference, the federation was called "the Preparatory Committee for the Foundation of Workers' Councils and Unions in Iraq", which had supervised the elections in many of the factories and enterprises.
The union's slogan is (the Power of the Working Class is in its Unity and Organization)
The main goal of the union is the formation of labor organizations that the workers elect by themselves, without the guardianship or domination from any authority whether governmental or party.

The workers themselves carry out the election of its leading organizations without discrimination based of language, religion, or political affiliation.
The union adopts the workers' demands and defends their interests whether in eliminating injustices laid upon the workers who are exposed to maltreatment or blackmail, or demanding raising the standard of living and the improvement of life and social circumstances for them and leading their protests calling for the fulfillment of their demands.

The union calls for the freedom of organization, unconditional political freedom, and the freedom of strike and demonstration.
The union demands a modern labor law that is in harmony with civilized living standards, and in conformity with the latest modern achievements of the civilized world.

The union calls for the continuous improvement of wages.
The union considers the unity of the working class in Iraq as one of the most important priorities, and it refuses any division on the basis of language, religion, doctrine, or on the basis of administrative or regional divisions.
The union maintains good and strong relations with many international trade unions, and many other labor and humanitarian organizations. It was invited to many international and regional meetings such as Amman meeting in December 2003, Geneva meeting in March 2004, Japan Conference in May 2004, and the invitation to the annual conference of the International Labor Organization in June 2004, as well as Missouri state conference held in the U.S. in April 2004.

Several delegations and international labor organizations have visited the union headquarters, and several international agencies held meetings with the officials of the union.

The union publishes a newspaper in Arabic "Labor Councils".
With the exceptional situation in Iraq, the union holds its conference every six months to be updated with the latest developments on the political arena inside and outside of Iraq.

The union is now preparing itself to hold the second conference which would include representatives of councils and syndicates from all governorates of Iraq.
The union headquarters is currently located at the entrance of Al-Rasheed Street, close to Al-tahreer square in Baghdad.

Federation of Workers' Councils and Unions in Iraq – FWCUI

The Constitution of the Federation of Workers' Councils and Unions in Iraq – FWCUI

Article 1:
Name of organization: Federation of Workers' Councils and Unions in Iraq - FWCUI

Article 2:
Slogan of organization: the power of the working class is in its unity and organization

Article 3:

Goal of the organization:

3-1
Establish councils and directly elected labor unions inside the factories, workshops, and enterprises by the workers themselves.

3-2:
Defend workers' interests and their main rights and to demand the expansion of their freedoms and raise their living standard and participation in the control of their lives and political destiny.

3-3:
Safe guard working women's rights and their complete equality with men in wage and civil rights as well as in all legislations that relate to unemployment and pension insurances.

3-4
Help workers reach the living standard and prosperity of workers in the civilized countries.

Article 4

Methods of organization adopted by the Federation:

4-1
Continue presence inside workers' factories, workshops, and to manage seminars and lectures for workers.

4-2
Establish workers' councils and unions in their work places.

4-3
Participate in conferences and activities that bestowed the raising of the theoretical readiness of the workers through notifying them of the union political viewpoints, analyses, and aspirations.

Article 5

The federation geographic limit of activity is Iraq.

Article 6
The newspaper of the federation is "the labor councils"
(Al majaalis al ummaliyah)

Article 7
Membership:
Any worker working inside Iraq is eligible to become a member in the councils and unions comprising the federation regardless of his/her nationality.

Article 8

The General Conference is the highest authority in the federation and is called for assembly every 6 months.

Article 9
The leading committee of the federation which is elected in the conference in secret, free, and direct elections is the highest authority for the federation between two conferences

Article 10
The name of the committee is: the Presidency Committee of the Federation of Workers' Councils and Unions in Iraq.

Article 11
The committee abides by all resolutions and recommendations of the conference and work for their implementation.

Article 12:
Responsibilities of Presidency Committee:

12-1
Represent the federation with all official organizations, international workers unions, and all organizations and political parties in national and international relations.

12-2
Form specialized committees and appoint consultative members with limited validities.

12-3
Supervise the formation of subsidiary unions from council's representatives and union comprising the federation.

12-4
Appointing representatives abroad and assigning their validities.

Contacts:

Falah Alwan , President of FWCUI
Tel: 00964 79 01 38 00 36
Email:falahalwan@yahoo.com

Aso Jabbar, Rep. of FWCUI abroad
Tel:0041 78 882 55 89
Email:asojabbar@yahoo.com
Homepage:www.uuiraq.org