



INTERNATIONAL GUEST



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Name:

Agricultural Agro-Processing and Industrial Workers Union of Liberia

Union:

8500

Number of members:

Bopulu, Liberia

Hometown:

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What is unusual about your hometown, place of work or job?

"I come from Bopulu, a small city of 3,000 inhabitants in Gbarpolu County, located about a hundred kilometres north of the capital, Monrovia. The cultivation of rice and cassava is the primary activity in my native region. Today I am representing agricultural workers, particularly those employed in the cultivation of the rubber used to manufacture tires in North American processing plants.."

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What does this year's theme, "The Power of Unity," mean to you? How has your local benefited from putting unity into action?

"It means a lot to me. Solidarity gives us the power to do more to change people's lives and to improve the working conditions of our members and communities. When solidarity is missing, the community is diminished."

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What's the best thing about the convention so far?

"This is the first one I attend. It's amazing how strong and united the Steelworkers are. That gives me a lot of hope as well as ideas I can use back home to continue the efforts to improve the working conditions of my members. We must work together more often."

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What things do you hope to do while you're here?

"I hope that the people I come into contact with will support a sustainable development project aimed at women who are working on the rubber plantations."

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What ideas from the convention will you take home?

I have seen people who are extremely committed and united and who are aware of their strength and power. When I return to my country, I intend to forge alliances to make the union movement even stronger.