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27th September**JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT BUSA AND FEDUSA****BUSA AND FEDUSA ON LAYING BUILDING BLOCKS
OF A NEW GROWTH PATH**

Business Unity SA (BUSA) and the Federation of Unions of South Africa (Fedusa) had a bilateral on September 27th at Nedlac. The meeting discussed measures to create employment, skills development, education, corruption, improving the collective bargaining system and section 77 notices on acid mine drainage and toll roads. The Busa delegation was led by the overall business convenor in Nedlac, Dr Laurraine Lotter and the Fedusa delegation was led by its general secretary Dennis George.

In view of the worsening unemployment problem, Busa and Fedusa agreed to find urgent short term measures that would assist to retain and enhance employment in a bid to stem job losses.

The social partners also shared a deep concern for the plight of unemployed youth and identified possible measures to create employment and to give adequate support to job seekers by offering them appropriate subsidies, particularly in the short term.

Business proposed three potential areas of joint action with Fedusa which could be explored - a transitional worker registry and to source technology to track and register the unemployed.





In general there was consensus between Fedusa and Busa to expedite wherever possible agreed steps flowing from the New Growth Path process to maximise job creation. On the education front, Busa and Fedusa agreed to actively work together on a pragmatic and provincial basis to work out proper programmes to support dysfunctional schools and some FETs.

Busa and Fedusa discussed ways in which to strengthen peaceful collective bargaining processes. A decision was taken that Busa and Fedusa's key players meet to discuss a way forward.

Busa and Fedusa reiterated they would work together to forge a greater consensus on how to create an inclusive job rich economy and to establish better channels of communication and information sharing between the two organisations.

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