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NAMIBIA CONFERENCE

NAMIBIAN LABOR LEADERS

John Pandeni: General Secretary, Namibian Food and Allied Workers Union

Spent eight years as a political prisoner on South Africa's notorious Robben Island along with Nelson Mandela.

After his release in 1985 he became a union organizer. He was elected General Secretary of the Food and Allied Workers Union at the union's founding convention on September 20, 1986. In less than a year they have organized 14,000 workers out of a potential membership of 22,000.

Barnabus Tjizu: General Secretary, Metal and Allied Workers Union
Chairman, National Union of Namibian Workers
(Namibian Labor Federation)

Spent six years as a uranium miner before becoming an organizer for the National Union of Namibian Workers. On May 24, 1987, at the founding convention of the Metal and Allied Workers Union, he became the union's first General Secretary. The union is organizing a wide range of workers, including people in the building trades, vehicle maintenance, the fiberglass industry and retailing. The union estimates its potential membership at 30,000.

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