

Invitation to the 3rd International Automotive Workers Conference

Dear colleagues,
From November 20 to 24, 2025, the 3rd International Automotive Workers Conference will take place in Pune, India. We cordially invite all militant automotive workers and their families, all interested parties and supporters of our global automotive workers' movement. Get involved, mobilize, and come to Pune!
The **International Automotive Workers' Coordination** is a **self-organized, self-financed, non-partisan** movement. Our motto is **"No struggle should stand alone anymore."** We organize international solidarity. Our goal is a world without exploitation and oppression.



January 2025: Working meeting of International Coordinating Group (ICOG) with SEM and TUC India

The conference offers an international platform for discussing developments in the auto and auto parts industry. It serves as a forum for the international exchange of experiences. In solidarity and as equals, we discuss the burning issues in workplaces and society. We consult on the further development of cooperation and coordination of our struggles. Many of us are increasingly concerned with finding solutions to the questions of the future.

Your International Coordination Group

Further information on the 3rd International Automotive Workers Conference:
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Automotive workers of the world, let us cross borders, strengthen international worker unity!

The global crises, wars, arms buildup, right-wing developments, and fascism in many countries, as well as the ongoing destruction of the environment, present us automotive workers with new challenges. The auto and supplier industry is in the midst of a major structural upheaval. The fierce competition between international corporations is intensifying. A murderous battle of destruction has begun. The crisis of overproduction and the transition to electric mobility and digitalization are accompanied by increasing work pressure, the pitting of workers against each other, and the destruction of thousands of jobs.

Whether at Ford, Mercedes, GM, VW or Stellantis, we will not allow ourselves to be divided along lines of workforce or nation, à la "America first."

Automobile workers around the world are fighting against layoffs, the expansion of temporary work, increased exploitation and wage theft, and are participating in anti-fascist actions, among other things. These struggles are often still fragmented.

We stand for a transnational struggle across countries and corporations, for international worker and trade union unity. There is no place for racist, religious fanaticism, nationalist-fascist agitation, or anti-communist divisiveness in our ranks. Our conference combines getting to know each other personally, building new friendships, the creative power of our different cultures, and celebrating together.



Protest at Opel / Stellantis Rüsselsheim Germany against racism and division

What can we expect at the 3rd International Automotive Workers Conference?

We are proud to be preparing and holding our conference together with our hosts, the trade union federations **Shramik Ekta Mahasangh (SEM)** and **Trade Union Center of India (TUCI)**. Our meeting in Pune, India, will be structured around four pillars.

* The **delegates' assembly** for focused discussion, consultation, and decision-making. A maximum of five delegates per country, elected in the countries of the participants, will have voting rights.

* **Thematic forums and workshops:** for example on the struggle for workers' rights, on temporary work, on women's liberation, on the question of mobility in the future, against racist agitation, fascism, on the role of automotive workers in the struggle for peace and a world without exploitation and oppression, on cooperation with the environmental movement

* **Forums for international exchange and cooperation** at VW, Ford, Mercedes, GM, Stellantis, Bosch, and others

* **Mass and cultural program** to strengthen friendship between peoples. Large demonstration, cultural events in the evening, international solidarity celebrations. (**Application** for further **initiatives, forums, and workshops until September 15, 2025** via **contact@iawc.info**)

Conference fee: 120 euros for participants from Europe, North America, Australia; reduced price for brigadists 60 euros, 40 euros/3,500 Indian rupees for participants from India, Africa, Latin America; reduced price 25 euros/2,000 Indian rupees (includes participation and basic meals)

We look forward to seeing you in India.
Registration via: registration@iawc.info
If you would like to support the preparations or have any questions or suggestions, please contact: **contact@iawc.info**

Schedule and program:

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

- * 3 p.m. Registration and accreditation

Thursday, November 20, 2025

- * Opening and welcoming remarks
- * Country reports with discussion

Friday, November 21, 2025

- * Delegates' meeting with report of the International Coordination Group, financial report, and audit report

* Theme forums and workshops

* International cultural evening

Saturday, November 22, 2025

* Demonstration

* Corporate forums

* Indian cultural evening

Sunday, November 23, 2025

- * Thematic forums and workshops

* Delegates' meeting

* International closing party

Monday, November 24, 2025

* Closing plenary session with resolutions

* Final resolution

Automotive workers travel around the world

We ask all delegations to give a presentation with pictures about the situation and struggle of automotive workers and their families in their countries. (max. 8 minutes long, to be submitted for translation by November 1, 2025) Many people are eagerly awaiting this glimpse into the world.

Travel advice: Plan to arrive in Pune by 3 p.m. on November 19, via Mumbai Airport. A conference visa is usually required. Information on transfers and accommodation: contact@iawc.info



Pune in India, vibrant center of the automotive and supplier industry

With 9 million inhabitants, Pune is a rapidly growing modern megacity. Life in the Indian state of Maharashtra in western India is colorful and lively. In 1975, the twin city of Pimpri Chindwad was created with the establishment of industry, including many international corporations. This is where our 3rd International Automotive Workers Conference will take place in the G.D. Madgulkar Auditorium PCMC Pune. Many vehicle manufacturers and suppliers are based in Pune, including Tata Motors, Mahindra&Mahindra, Bajaj Auto, Skoda/VW, Mercedes-Benz, Hyundai, etc. The workforce here is experienced and battle-hardened, and has been able to strengthen its union organization in recent years. Pune is a cultural center of ancient India with numerous temples, historic buildings, and memorials. State-of-the-art buildings and transportation routes are being built here, but at the same time, many people live in extreme poverty. India is a rapidly growing country that is playing an increasingly important role internationally.

Donate and collect funds for the 3rd International Automotive Workers Conference

We call on all colleagues in solidarity to support this conference with a financial donation. Our goal is to raise 50,000 euros worldwide.

Every euro will strengthen the International Automotive Workers' Unity!

We all work unpaid, solely out of conviction. Upon request, we also support delegations of automotive workers from countries with very low wage levels.

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May 2022 strike against the closure of Ford India

Automotive Workers International - cross-border, ready to struggle and united

From November 20 to 24, 2025

Conference venue: G.D. Madgulkar Auditorium, Sector 26, Nigdi Pradhikaran, PCMC, Pune

