

TRIBUTES TO THE LATE **EMANUEL ACRISINE FATOMA**



Condolence Message from Education International General Secretary

On behalf of the Executive Board and the staff of Education International we express our most heartfelt condolences on the loss of Emanuel Fatoma – a dear colleague, a wonderful friend, a soulmate gone much too soon.

I met Emanuel for the first time 13 years ago when I represented my organization, National Education Association/United States, at a small development cooperation meeting in Liberia. I remember being most impressed by the respect he commanded from all the participants. Over time, as he and I learned to know about each other, we discovered we shared the same ideals, the same vision of the role of education and trade unions, of democracy and social justice.

It is impossible to count the numbers of teachers who admired him, of trade unionists from all over the world who looked up to him, of the souls he touched. He was a stabilizing force, a mentor, a go-to person. Above and beyond all, he was human in every sense of the word.

Emanuel worked for the International Federation of Free Teachers' Unions (IFFTU) from September 1990 and then for Education International at its foundation in 1993 until his retirement in 2017. He distinguished himself as a dedicated and selfless EI Coordinator, and then Senior Coordinator for the African Region. Emanuel devoted all his working life to the service of teachers and students. He was the first Coordinator of the Global Campaign for Education.

We express our deepest condolences to Emanuel's wife and children, to all his friends and former colleagues, and to everyone in the education community in Sierra Leone who mourns his loss. We wish you a lot of strength and fortitude in coping with his untimely demise.

— May Emanuel's soul rest in eternal peace!



David Edwards,
General Secretary
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Condolence Message from Education International Africa Region

Education International Africa region and staff join the Fatoma family, trade union colleagues and friends in mourning the demise of a great friend and colleague, Emanuel Acrisine Fatoma.

We were deeply shocked and saddened to hear about Fatoma's sudden passing on Monday, 6 July 2020 in Freetown. Fatoma touched the lives of many, both within the Secretariat and among EI member organisations in the region. Fatoma will be remembered as a great teacher, trade unionist and education advocate who incessantly pursued social justice for all, particularly for the teaching fraternity.

Fatoma inspired many and worked tirelessly to establish strong education unions on the African continent. Many will recall his visits that encouraged trade union leaders through practical examples of good leadership. His rallying quotes were "Unite or Perish". Teacher unions in Africa will miss a very articulate and knowledgeable person. Meeting and talking to Fatoma reminded anyone of the history and politics of one's own country. He had Africa at the back of his hand, having also served as a Member of Parliament in Sierra Leone for ten years, representing teachers.

He had a sense of humour that reverberated among teachers and union leaders in the countries he visited across the African continent.

Popularly referred to as the doyen, he was a leading figure who stood tall in advocating for education through Education International's development cooperation programmes.

We have lost a great teacher, trade unionist, politician, activist, mentor, and father —May his soul rest in eternal peace!

Dennis Sinyolo
Chief Regional Coordinator, Africa



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C'est avec surprise que nous avons appris le décès de notre camarade et ami Emmanuel FATOMA, un grand syndicaliste, militant engagé pour la cause des droits humains et syndicaux. Généreux, disponible et serviable, FATOMA était un grand Monsieur. Nous présentons nos sincères condoléances à sa famille, au mouvement syndical africain et mondial. Qu'il repose en paix au Paradis Eternel. Fraternellement !

Marième SAKHO DANSOKHO – SG, SYPROS

Au nom du Syndicat du Personnel de l'Education au Rwanda (SYPERWA) nous adressons nos condoléances les plus attristées à la famille de notre regretté Emmanuel Fatoma. Nos condoléances sont aussi adressées à la famille de l'IERAF. Que l'âme de notre cher Fatoma repose en paix

SYLVESTRE VUGUZIGA – President du SYPERWA

Le Secrétaire général de la FETRASSEIC, ainsi que le bureau syndical viennent d'apprendre avec beaucoup de tristesse le décès du camarade FANTOMA. Nous le revoyons dans notre mémoire au cours de nos différentes rencontres dans les activités de l'IE et de l'IERAF.

L'annonce du décès de notre frère Fatoma nous plonge dans une grande tristesse. Tu nous as certes quitté mais tes bonnes œuvres resteront à jamais gravées dans les annales de l'Internationale de l'Education Région Afrique. Repose en paix mon frère Fatoma.

Mariama CHIPKAOU – Vice-présidente du CRAIE



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Au nom de tous les adhérents de la FETRASSEIC, de son bureau, le Secrétaire général, le camarade Basile NGOLI, présente ses condoléances les plus attristées, à sa famille, à ses collègues de l'IE et de l'IERAF.

Basile NGOLI – SGN, FETRASSEIC

My deepest condolences to the family of our dear Brother Emmanuel Fatoma. We lost a great unionist and an educator. May his soul rest in peace!

Pathma Krishnan, EIAP

Nos sincères condoléances camarades de Sierra Leone, à sa famille biologique ainsi que l'IERAF. SG du STEB, Burundi

Comme une trainée de poudre, la nouvelle de la disparition de notre cher collègue Fatoma nous est parvenue. En ces moments difficiles pour la famille de l'illustre disparu, pour ses collaborateurs à l'IERAF et surtout pour la communauté syndicale enseignante africaine qu'il a servie, le Syndicat National des Professeurs des Lycées et Collèges (SYNAPROLYC) du Bénin passe par ce canal pour présenter ses vives et sincères condoléances à sa famille et à l'IERAF. Puisse Dieu lui accorder le repos éternel. Cher frère Emmanuel A. FATOMA, que tes œuvres t'accompagnent.

Thomas Kossi CAKPO, SG/SYNAPROLYC.



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Toutes les condoléances de la FESER/ Cameroun à la famille du regretté camarade Fatoma. Là où il s'en va, son œuvre syndicale parlera pour lui avec autant de force que nos prières.

Roger Kaffo, FESER/Cameroun

C'est avec une grande émotion que nous avons appris la mort du camarade Fatoma. Par ma voix, la FECASE vous prie de transmettre à sa famille nos sincères condoléances. Que la terre de ses ancêtres lui soit légère.

Thobie Emanuel Mbassi Ondoa
Secrétaire national exécutif, FECASE

C'est avec une grande tristesse que j'ai appris le décès de notre cher collègue Emmanuel Que dieu ait son âme.

Nahhass Hmida, Maroc

É com grande emoção que recebemos esta triste notícia do passamento do Sr. Emanuel Fatoma. Em meu nome pessoal e do nosso Sindicato Nacional dos Professores de Cabo Verde aproveitamos a oportunidade para endereçar à familia enlutada e amigos as nossas sinceras condolências e que a alma do extinto repouse em paz na glória eterna.

Nicolau Furtado, Presidente do SINDEP - Cabo Verde

Que son âme repose en paix –
Agnès – Coordinatrice du COCAFE- Cameroun et du RESAC



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À mon nom personnel, au nom du syndicat national de l'enseignement fondamental, et au nom de la CGTM, tous les syndicalistes de la Mauritanie vous présentent les condoléances les plus attristées. Que son âme repose en paix.

Amine, Chargée de la jeunesse féminine –
Syndicat National Enseignement Fondamental – SNEF

This announcement is received with sadness at KUPPET. Brother Fatoma was instrumental in the quest for trade Union unity in the region.
May his soul rest in peace.

Akelo M T Misori – GS, KUPPET

Au nom de la Fédération Nationale des Enseignants et Éducateurs sociaux du Congo, FENECO-UNTC de la RDC, nous présentons à la famille biologique de notre frère FATOMA ainsi qu'à toute la coordination de L'IERAF, nos condoléances les plus attristées. Que son âme repose en paix.

Augustin Tumba – FENECO-UNTC

Paix à l'âme de notre frère Emanuel A. FOTAMA.
Recevez les condoléances du Syndicat National des Enseignants des Écoles Maternelles du Bénin.

Gaétan, SG, SYNAEM



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Ayant appris avec tristesse le décès de notre frère Fatoma, le Comité des femmes du SET adresse ses condoléances les plus attristées à l'IERAF, à sa famille biologique ainsi qu'à tous ses camarades. Camarade Fatoma, repose en paix.

– Hélène, SET Tchad

Our deepest condolences to Cde Fatoma family and EI family for the loss of such a selfless son of the soil. We will celebrate and pursue his legacy and the indelible marks he has left for Africa and the whole world.

Lesotho Association of Teachers, LAT

Le Syndicat des Enseignants du Congo SYECO présente les condoléances les plus attristées à la famille biologique de l'illustre disparu et à la grande famille syndicale IE. Que son âme repose en paix.

Cécile TSHIYOMBO, SG /SYECO

UASU fraternity has conveyed their sincere condolences to the passing on of Br. Emmanuel A. Fatoma. Our deepest sympathy to his family and relatives. We deeply regret his passing on.

Dr. Constantine Wasonga Opiyo, PhD
UASU Secretary General



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Nous saisissions cette occasion pour présenter nos condoléances les plus émues à toute la famille de l'Internationale de l'Education et à la famille du défunt.

Paix à son âme.

Almoustapha Moussa, SG, SYNAFEN, NIGER.

C'est avec une grande amertume que nous acceptons ce coup du destin. En tant que membre du CRAIE et pour l'avoir personnellement côtoyé, je confirme que Emmanuel Fatoma fut un syndicaliste exemplaire. Le syndicalisme mondial et africain, en particulier, perdre un homme de valeur et de conviction. En cette douloureuse occasion, je présente mes sincères condoléances à sa famille et à toute la communauté syndicale. Paix à son

Sow Abdoulaye, délégué Zone I



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Oh! Death, how wicked thou are? You have done me injustice with out any regret.

Leaving me in tears over the death of my motivational hero.

Death, you couldn't allow him to see days he wanted to see, why? You never had the second thought to understand that my father had some unfinish businesses left and you took him away.

Death, you betrayed me. The unforgettable memories you death have brought to me, I Alfreda G. Sleweon will never forget it.

Mr. Fatoma you was my hero, my inspirational friend, my counselor in education, my advocate and my mentor.

I remembered those educational experiences we had with each other, and lastly the word you said to me on October 5th, 2019, in Ganta City, Nimba County, Oh! Death, what a pity?

Mr. Fatoma, Mr. Fatoma, Mr. Fatoma, can you hear me? This is Alfreda your daughter,

Have you forgotten? You said to me be focus and don't allow anything to tie you down. Now that I am focus you are no longer around daddy.

I miss and love you but God loves you the best, Rest in peace and let life perpetual shine on you.

Alfreda Gbalee Sleweon of NTAL.



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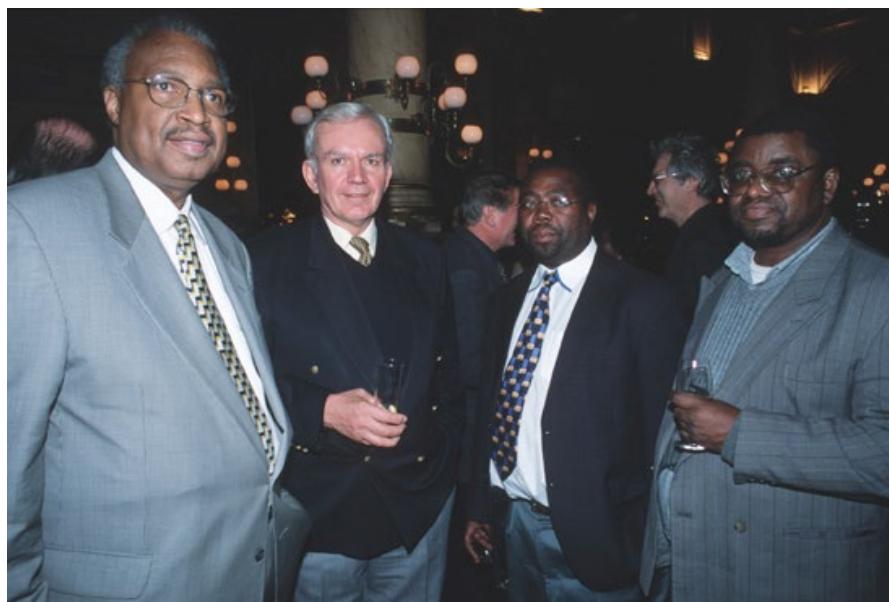
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