CUPE NB GLOBAL JUSTICE REPORT (2025-2026)

The very first forum for new Canadians was held in Fredericton on February 4th and 5th, 2026. We had the privilege of being panelists and were asked to share our union experience to all delegates present with the objective of boosting their activism for them to recognize their "from-now-on" ambassador role within the union.

This will certainly balance the power relationship between employer and employee within an array of services for workplaces free of any unfairness. Let us express special thanks to Norma Robinson and her whole team for coming up with this brilliant idea and organizing this event, which turned out to be a great success.

We attended the all-committees' meeting at CUPE National in Ottawa held from February 23rd – 26th, 2026. The second day was dedicated as the day of lobbying, the first of its kind organized by CUPE. Its' objective was to meet MLA's and senators to remind them that they are working for Canadians and all members of CUPE.

For this purpose, many topics were addressed such as health care, immigration, AI, childcare, housing, cost of living, access to education, etc. With all delegates from across the country, 93 meetings were held - 89 with MLAs and 11 with senators. All parliamentarians we met were open, receptive and promised to bring forth our demands within their caucus for some, and directly to Parliament for others.

Most of them reminded us of the importance of organizing such events since they often face lobbying campaigns; and if CUPE is not there for the power relationship, the balance will tip to one side, and we will be forgotten in relation to many files. A few hours after various meetings, some parliamentarians made posts on various social media with some of our delegates, such as Norma Robinson and Iris Lloyd.

Considering the above, this trial run was a masterpiece orchestrated by our national president Mark Hancock and secretary-treasurer Candace Rennick, as well as all CUPE staff, who worked relentlessly for this event to take place – heartfelt thanks!

On the third day, it was time for our global justice committee to review the previous year's report, to perform a strategic and tactical analysis of perspectives and issues relating to the current state of global justice. We still questioned the support and financial criteria of various international allies while underlining the fact that some parts of the world, such as the African continent, have been forgotten for some time.

Kelti Cameron will be pleased to provide us with more details with reference to arrangements and conditions for support and funding. She will also note comments and suggestions from all with the objective of CUPE being proudly heard of beyond our frontiers.

Afterwards, we will have the pleasure of welcoming two representatives from the Cuba embassy in Canada, who will brief us on the current situation in Cuba. It was quite an emotional moment. As for what kind of support is expected from us, they will tell you to continue to denounce, to continually denounce this unfairness by which the whole country suffers unprecedented poverty. Update…

For now, we made a video with all members of the committee with the following message: CUPE, with its over 800,000 members, remains strong with all its friends in Cuba. For support and solidarity, il will also be recommended to make donations through fundraising organizations.

Those were the major events within our committee over the last few months.

Submitted in solidarity by committee members