

CBTU President Terry Melvin Discusses Racial Justice and Labor Rights with Partners in Brazil



Terry Melvin talks to members of Brazil's largest teacher union. Photo: Solidarity Center

Between June 19-24, Terrence (Terry) L. Melvin, Secretary-Treasurer of the New York State AFL-CIO, President of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU), and member of the Solidarity Center Board of Trustees, visited the Solidarity Center Brazil office. On his visit, President Melvin met with several unions and civil society partners, including the ABC Metal Workers' Union, São Paulo Teachers' Union, São Paulo Domestic Workers' Union, and the Unified Black Movement (MNU).

During the meetings, participants exchanged experiences on combating inequality and advancing racial justice in the workplace. Discussions focused on strategies to address structural racism in Brazil and the United States, sharing insights on promoting a more equitable work environment for Black workers and other underrepresented groups, and promoting racial justice within union structures and public policies.



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