## Assessing social and economic impact: Trade Union Perspective

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## Trade Union Issues

- Entrenched paternalistic employment relations system
- Lacked of unified labour voice
- Acute wage issues
- Paradox in skills gap
- Discrimination in recruitment practices
- Snail progress in localisation
- Families, intra-household dynamics and nature of mining employment
- Need for more proactive relationship between industry and government

## Challenges

- Diminishing of labour rights in an atmosphere of liberal employment relations practices
- Challenge if productive use of proceeds of employment
- Challenge of better utilisation of labour, particularly youth
- Employment participation equitable?
- Challenges to labour market job creation
- Challenges to creating conducive environment