## African unions, global economy: Precariousness and power

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*"despite their smallness, African trade unions are centrally placed in providing basis for popular representation due to the centrality of wage labour in the resuscitations of the 'national project [...]* 

Unions have a special place in the defence and promotion of national development policies because of the way in which labour is located at the very cutting edge of the technological transformation of society. They are capable [...] of defending a national development project in opposition to neo-liberal globalisation"

Beckman 2009: 180

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