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The COSATU-affiliated Southern Africa Clothing & Textile Workers Union (SACTWU) has called for the clothing industry to develop a report on what has been done to implement the labour- an employer commitments made in the Youth Employment Accord (YEA).

This follows on the recently concluded COSATU Congress' decision that the federation's affiliates must step up the fight against youth unemployment.

SACTWU tabled the matter at the final executive meeting of the Clothing Industry Bargaining Council, held yesterday in Cape Town.

It was agreed to use the period between now and the next meeting, scheduled for February next year, to develop such a report.

The report is expected to indicate what the trade union and employers in the industry have respectively done to implement the commitments made in the YEA.

The YEA was signed in on 18 April 2013, at the historic Hector Pieterse Memorial in Soweto, by representatives of government and social partners.

SACTWU is of the view that instead of just complaining about the problem of youth unemployment, it is time that every signatory of the YEA must now account for what they have done to meet their commitments.

The COSATU 12th National Congress held last week has called on its affiliates to audit what we have done to implement the YEA. SACTWU now takes the first step in this direction.

To see the commitments which had been made by government and the social partners, a copy of the YEA can be found at this link:

[http://www.gov.za/sites/www.gov.za/files/youth\\_employment\\_accord\\_NGP\\_Social\\_Accord6\\_a.pdf](http://www.gov.za/sites/www.gov.za/files/youth_employment_accord_NGP_Social_Accord6_a.pdf)

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