



IT'S TIME TO FIX CANADA'S PENSION CRISIS

All Canadians should have the right to a secure retirement income.

But 11 million workers have no workplace pension plan. Few people can afford RSP contributions. And while Canada's government pension plans are financially sound, they aren't very generous.

This week, government officials from across Canada are meeting in PEI. Fixing Canada's pension and retirement income crisis should be on their agenda.

Here's how to fix it

Unions like CUPE and the Canadian Labour Congress have a proud tradition fighting for decent pensions for all Canadians.

Our solutions combine strong workplace pensions with government plans that cover everyone:

- double Canada Pension Plan (CPP) benefits over a period of time to a maximum of \$23,000 a year;
- raise the guaranteed income supplement (GIS) to lift hundreds of thousands of poor pensioners out of poverty;
- toughen laws to protect workers' pensions and retirement incomes; and
- unions, employers and governments must work together to ensure more workers are covered by decent workplace pension plans.

CPP admin fees are a fraction of those charged by mutual fund companies, which means expanding CPP benefits can be achieved with small added costs for workers and employers.

BETTER PENSIONS – A MORE SECURE FUTURE

Add your voice – many are calling for urgent government action

- Go to cupe.ca/pensions/campaign to send a postcard to Prime Minister Harper;
- Talk to friends, family and leaders in your community about the need for change.