



ILO calls for deliberate steps by CSD governments
**Make Green Jobs Deliver On
Challenges for Development**

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The ILO is working with governments, employers and workers to promote effective, renewable and cleaner energy to create decent jobs, boost industrialization, reduce air pollution and mitigate climate change.



Mr. Peter Poschen-Eiche of the International Labour Organisation (ILO)' s Integration Department told governments today at the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) that climate change could become an engine for development.

Current climate change investment does little to tackle the world's poverty and job crisis, he said, yet huge opportunities exist to create green jobs through energy and industrialization policies that also reduce emissions.

“Investments in energy efficiency, clean energy technology and renewable energy have enormous potential to create productive and gainful employment for the over two million working poor in the developing world and for the tens of millions of unemployed in industrialized countries.”

Poschen said that *Decent*, green jobs can contribute to sustainable economic growth and can lift people out poverty. “The opportunities for win-win and co-benefits for growth with employment and poverty reduction are most obvious in climate change mitigation and must be applied to adaptation”.

He warned that deliberate steps and policies for energy, industrialization and climate change should explicitly include green jobs as a goal and as a way of delivering development.

The active participation of employers, workers and farmers from the national level down to the ground on farms and factory floors would be needed to fashion a consensus for integrated action, he said.

The ILO is working with its own constituents -governments and the organizations of employers and workers- to document and promote the good practices that have been emerging in industrialized and developing countries alike, he said.

It also supports the initiative of Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to draw up plans for the effective use of energy, the development of renewable energy sources and cleaner energy

techniques which can create decent jobs, boost industrialization, reduce air pollution and mitigate climate change.

Pochen's comments to Governments from throughout the world today came during the closing session of protracted CSD negotiations for policy on industrial development, energy and climate change.

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