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CO12/MOP2 Trade Union Statement



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Thank you Chair and honourable delegates. I am pleased to address you today on behalf of global unions¹ and our 168 million members. Workers in all parts of the world support the measures resulting from the work done at COP12 and afterward.

A trade union delegation from 16 countries joined the proceedings of the last two weeks & undertook:

- A *country-by-country lobby* information sharing with delegations, which translated into meetings with individual governments or regional bodies to build support for workers & trade union involvement in climate change measures;
- With the support of Sustainlabour – an international trade union Foundation - a one day orientation meeting with *trade unions from Kenya, Nigeria, and South Africa* to clarify our climate change priorities, and
- A news briefing to highlight the solidarity of global unions for a '*Nairobi Climate Action Plan for Africa*';
- A Side-Event on "*Unions, Climate Change & Employment*" to highlight how ambitious climate policies could be implemented with overall positive employment benefits, according to an 11 EU-nation study;
- An application to UNFCCC for trade unions to obtain formal *constituency*' status with the COP.

COP/MOP must integrate employment & social transition in future negotiations. Trade unions have:

- Shown how governments, employers and trade unions can work together at the national level to implement strong targets, e.g. the Spanish tripartite agreement.
- Shown how workers & trade unions can become involved with employers and governments in setting *workplace targets & be engaged in monitoring, reporting and making change*, e.g. the UK's '*Greening the Workplace*' project,
- Highlighted how '**Just Employment Transition**' can help address employment displacement & livelihood loss as a precursor to worker engagement.

The trade union statement for COP12 is available:
http://www.global-unions.org/pdf/ohsewpP_8Bh.EN.pdf .

A compilation of COP12 trade union news statements:
http://www.global-unions.org/pdf/ohsewpP_8Aa.EN.pdf

In preparation for COP13/MOP2 we and our members at the national level will:

- Provide input to national governments within the framework of national communications for sustainable development, employment, training & education, public awareness, and capacity building;
- Continue to be involved in the SBSTA five-year work programme and upcoming workshops by bringing into scope the results of a 11-EU government/trade union research undertaking on the employment implications of climate change;
- Provide input into the New Delhi work programme concerning the skills and activities of trade unions related to training, education and public awareness and show how the flexibility mechanisms can support such actions, e.g. Belgium's inclusion of social indicators within its CDM;
- Participate in any Article 9 review of the Kyoto Protocol by providing input to national governments and the Secretariat, as they compile relevant scientific, social and economic information;
- Build on trade union country-by-country profiles on the UNFCCC's CCI:Net, to participate in the process to enhance the system, under article 6.

We trade unions call on governments to:

- ***Develop & support a 'Nairobi Action Plan for Africa',***
- ***Incorporate social & employment provisions in climate change measures,***
- ***Foster worker & trade union participation,***
- ***Agree on strong climate change targets and develop workplace strategies for implementing them.***

¹ At COP12 trade unions are represented by the Trade Union Confederation of Trade Unions (ICTU), Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC) and European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC).