



Promoting Jobs, Protecting People

DIALOGUE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND JOBS

Shaping the COP21 Agenda of Solutions

Tuesday 12 May, 10.00-12.00

Venue: ILO, Room II, R3 South

Event languages: English and French, with simultaneous interpretation provided.

The forthcoming 21st UN climate change conference (COP21) in Paris this year will be a critical and historic moment to reach a universal new climate agreement that enables the international community to act with a long-term vision of a climate neutral world in the second half of the century.

Given the scale, complexity and urgency of the challenge of climate change, on the one hand inclusion and decent work, on the other, it is clear that the world will neither have the resources nor the time to tackle them separately or consecutively. Taking a holistic approach to confront these challenges is not an option, but a necessity. Actors in the World of Work - governments, employers and workers' organizations have a key contribution to make for the global community to secure a meaningful and universal climate change agreement this year in Paris. More importantly, they will be indispensable to ensure its implementation. (See Conclusions of the International Labour Conference 2013 and the report on Sustainable development, decent work and green jobs).

By addressing climate change and putting the planet on a deep de-carbonization path, we have a unique opportunity to deliver a safer, healthier and more prosperous world by creating decent, sustainable jobs for tens of millions of people and making social inclusion a reality around the globe.

You are cordially invited to a dialogue organised by the ILO in collaboration with the Geneva Environment Network Secretariat. This event aims at providing a platform for sharing views and perspectives on ways in which the climate change and decent work agendas can be made mutually supportive, looking towards the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change COP21 (Paris, 30 November – 11 December 2015). Participants, who will include experts in environmental issues and climate change as well as tripartite representatives from the world of work, will discuss **means for contributing to the COP21 "Agenda of Solutions"**.

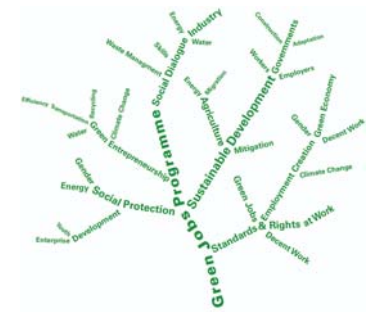
The dialogue will also serve as a stepping stone in the approach to the 104th Session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 1-13 June 2015), at which the World of Work Summit (Thursday, 11 June 2015) will be on Climate Change and the World of Work.

REGISTRATION

<http://www.genevaenvironmentnetwork.org/?q=en/registration-cop21jobs>
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AGENDA

10:00

Welcome and introductory remarks

- > Gilbert HOUNGBO, Deputy Director-General for Field Operations & Partnerships, ILO
- > H.E. Luis Enrique CHÁVEZ BASAGOITIA, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Peru in Geneva
- > H.E. Nicolas NIEMTCHINOW, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of France in Geneva

Scene setting: Climate change and the world of work (a short video)

10:25

Climate opportunities and challenges for decent work

Climate change implications for jobs: vital role to play to protect jobs in existing workplaces and industries by fostering industrial transformation, to organise new quality jobs in the emerging green economy.

- > Jeremiah LENGOASA, Deputy Secretary-General, WMO
- > H.E. Marion WILLIAMS, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Barbados in Geneva
- > Youba SOKONA, Special Advisor on Sustainable Development, South Centre

Moderator: Karin ISAKSSON, Senior Policy Specialist, Green Jobs Programme, ILO

Scene setting: Climate change and the world of work (a short video)

11:15

Decent work solutions for climate action

Acting today to secure jobs for tomorrow: Just transition for workers and communities to ensure we are all part of a sustainable, low-carbon economy and benefit from decent and green jobs.

- > H.E. Boujemâa DELMI, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Algeria in Geneva
- > Anabella ROSEMBERG, International Trade Union Confederation

Moderator: Kees VAN DER REE, Coordinator, Green Jobs Programme, ILO

12:00

Wrap-up and closing

- > Peter POSCHEN, Director, ILO Enterprises Department

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