The Paris Agreement on Climate Change: Implications for the World of Work

Organized by the International Labour Organization and the Geneva Environment Network

On the occasion of the celebration of Earth Day 2016 and the Paris Agreement signing ceremony

Date: Friday 22 April 2016, 10:00 - 12:00
Venue: ILO Geneva, Room V, R3 South

The Paris Agreement on climate change adopted by 195 countries highlights “the imperative of a just transition of the workforce and the creation of decent work and quality jobs in accordance with nationally defined development priorities”. The recognition that climate change and the promotion of job creation and social inclusion present interrelated challenges requiring coordinated responses places an important responsibility on the world of work to contribute to climate action in ways that promote both job creation and social justice.

This dialogue is convened as part of the Green Centenary Initiative on the occasion of Earth Day 2016, and coincides with the signing ceremony of the Paris Agreement. Its objective is to consider the implications of the Paris Agreement for the world of work and to discuss ways in which the ILO can support its constituents in the implementation of their commitments.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA (English-French interpretation provided)

Opening remarks

Moussa OUMAROU, Acting Deputy Director-General for Policy, ILO
H.E. Amb. Elisabeth LAURIN, Permanent Representative of France (COP 21 Presidency)
H.E. Amb. Mohamed AUAIJAR, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco (COP22 Presidency) (tbc)

Panel discussion

H.E. Amb. Sammie EDDICO, Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations in Geneva
Dongwen DUAN, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations
Victor VAN VUUREN, Director, Enterprises Department, ILO
Anabella ROSEMBERG, Policy Officer Occupational Health & Environment, International Trade Union Confederation
Valérie SCHMITT, Chief, Social Policy, Governance and Standards Branch, Social Protection Department, ILO
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