

## **Call For Trade Union Nominations - Bonn UNFCCC meeting 6-17 June**

NOTE: In this message to all ITUC affiliates, General Secretary Guy Ryder has *released a report detailing the trade union activities* during the recent global climate change meeting in Kenya, Nairobi and issues *a call for trade union nominations* for the upcoming working meeting of the UNFCCC to be held next June in Bonn, Germany

### **Trade Unions & Climate Change The 2006 Conference of the Parties (COP) and Preparations for 2007**

A 32-member trade union delegation from 12 countries participated in labour activities associated with the recent 12<sup>th</sup> annual Conference of the Parties (COP12) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Nairobi, Kenya 6-17 November 2006. A full report of the delegation's activities is available at:

[http://www.global-unions.org/pdf/ohsewpP\\_8Bb.EN.pdf](http://www.global-unions.org/pdf/ohsewpP_8Bb.EN.pdf)

The trade union team at COP12 created a clear pathway for trade union work on climate change for the years to come. It is critically important for trade unions to become involved in climate change issues in their country or sector, particularly with respect to the activities of national governments within the UNFCCC process. Climate change, and the efforts to mitigate its effects, will have tremendous impact on workers, workplaces and the world of work everywhere. Trade unions need to offer positive solutions to our members, particularly on matters that relate to employment transition, livelihood security and environmental protection.

Early in 2007, another circular will propose some guidance for communicating with national governments and particularly to give effect to the paper described in Part D of our COP12 report about UNFCCC 'national communications'. See [http://www.global-unions.org/pdf/ohsewpP\\_8Bv1.EN.pdf](http://www.global-unions.org/pdf/ohsewpP_8Bv1.EN.pdf)

In the meantime I urge you to consider the recommendations of our COP12 Report that are identified in Part F and to provide further suggestions for strengthening our work in the area of climate change.

More specifically we would like to follow up by inviting you to:

**Be involved in the upcoming UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies 6-17 June in Bonn, Germany,** and the next UNFCCC COP13, 3-14 December in Bali, Indonesia. Nominating organizations normally cover the full costs of their nominees, who will be expected to join specific trade union working groups (describe under Section D of our report) and engage in preparatory work.

- **Designate a contact person** to participate in our climate change electronic forums by providing full details of the person's postal, telephone and e-mail information
- **Become involved in the ongoing work** of the current ad-hoc trade union Climate Change Working Group, described in Section E.1 of our report.

On any of these three points, please contact Lucien Royer at [royer@tuac.org](mailto:royer@tuac.org).

Yours sincerely,