

If you think that we in the world we have 1.4. billion people leaving with less than 1.25 dollars a day, inequalities and unemployment growing in many regions, 60% of workers without secure employment or 75% of workers without social protection, you will wonder why unions are here to be part of a strengthened international environmental governance, to help you to shape a strengthened UNEP.

But the labour movement confirmed in its Second Assembly in Rio + 20 that it was not going to be possible to achieve our objectives of decent work for all and social justice if we were not able to live within our planetary boundaries.

☐ Science-policy interface

Sound information on the state of environment must guide decision making and the management of the transition towards building sustainable societies, we support efforts at aiming at enlarging and integrating it. At the same time we remind governments that on certain challenges information is available right now to start taking action, such as climate change. Together with the need to enlarge and integrate environmental information, a coherent and consistent integration of socio-economic impacts on livelihoods, incomes and jobs is crucial to facilitate sound decision-making, and most important, help a smooth translation of those decisions into public policies.

☐ Secure, stable, adequate and increased financial resources to fulfill UNEP's mandate

UNEP needs to be funded on a basis which corresponds to the challenge of its mandate and function, no less. We call for a substantial increase of UNEP's Environment Fund - which involves increasing UNEP's share in the UN's regular budget and substantively raising the funding commitment of donor-countries - to support the operationalization of para 88 of the Rio+20 outcome document, in particular para 88(h).

☐ Stakeholders' participation

Together with promoting strengthen international environmental we are also calling for improving our ability as representatives of workers to intervene and shape the decisions being made.

We want to join you, all governments from the world in this task, all stakeholders, all 9 major groups want to join you to help you and we want to do it in a full and a meaningful way being able to set the agenda with you, to bring urgent or emerging issues to the table, we want to share with you the implementation, in our case to address environmental and social challenges, we want to bring inside the voices of those that have not many times the option to participate in decision making, but due to that many policies are unsuccessful or incomplete or unfair. We are ready for co-bearing the responsibility, we represent 175 million workers, and we hope that you are also ready to set up a short term process to decide on how our involment can became strengthened.