



# TRADE UNION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CANCUN'S DELIBERATIONS OF THE AWG-LCA

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COP16 represents an opportunity for rebuilding trust in the UNFCCC process. The international trade union movement believes that governments can and must take decisions which will put us on the right track for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, lowering vulnerability to climate change and ensuring a Just Transition to a low emission and climate resilient society.

Current pledges for reducing emissions and financing climate change policies are outrageously insufficient, and put the whole humanity at risk, above all the most vulnerable.

Trade unions will work hard for governments to strengthen them on the basis of our climate change statement (available at: [http://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/pdf/climat\\_EN\\_Final.pdf](http://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/pdf/climat_EN_Final.pdf))

Trade unions believe that a balanced Cancun outcome requires not only ensuring a balance between progress in the Kyoto Protocol (KP) and the Long-Term Cooperative Action (LCA) working groups, or inside the LCA. A balanced outcome is also one which incorporates social and economic aspects of climate change as an integral part of each decision taken. Trade unions urge governments to send a message of hope to the world's workers and communities by adopting in Cancun the Just Transition language included in the Shared Vision section.

We call on governments to:

**1** Incorporate references to the need for a « just transition which creates decent work and good quality jobs » in Cancun decisions<sup>1</sup>.

- › **INCLUDE** paragraph 4 (page 5) in 'Chapter One' of LCA/14 to the decision for para 1-12 of the Shared Vision (recalling that all regional groups and Parties agreed to remove brackets to this paragraph in Copenhagen in its current wording)

*Agrees that*

*“~~Realizing that~~ addressing climate change requires a paradigm shift towards building a low-emission society that offers substantial opportunities and ensures continued high growth*

*and sustainable development, based on innovative technologies and more sustainable production and consumption and lifestyles, while ensuring a just transition of the workforce that creates decent work and quality jobs”*

- › **SUPPORT** the inclusion in Cancun decisions of the preambular paragraph to the section on economic and social consequences of response measures of LCA/14 (page 60)

*“Recognising the importance of avoiding and minimising negative impacts of response measures on social and economic sectors, promoting a just transition of the workforce, the creation of decent work and quality jobs, and contributing to building new capacities for both production and service-related jobs in all sectors, promoting economic growth and sustainable development”*

1. All references to the 'negotiating text' in this document apply to AWGLCA/2010/14

## ON ADAPTATION (FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/INF.1)

**2** Create an adaptation framework which considers social protection as a means for reducing vulnerability and enables stakeholders, including trade unions, to become adaptation actors.

- › **ADD A REFERENCE** TO SOCIAL PROTECTION as a policy able to build resilience of socio-economic systems, under para 4 (d) (Page 31 of LCA/14), or Page 11 of inf.:

*(d) building resilience of socio-economic and ecological systems, including through economic diversification, **creating and/or reinforcing existing social protection measures**<sup>1</sup> and sustainable management of natural resources*

**3** Support a reference to the need to enhance engagement of stakeholders.

- › **SUPPORT AND STRENGTHEN** LANGUAGE ON STAKEHOLDERS' INVOLVEMENT ON ADAPTATION in Paragraph 14 (page 36 of the Negotiating Text, or Page 6 of the draft text on adaptation)

*13. Invites relevant multilateral, international, regional and national organizations, the public and private sectors, civil society and other relevant stakeholders to undertake and support enhanced action on adaptation at all levels, as appropriate, in a coherent and integrated manner, building on synergies among activities and processes, and to assist in the implementation of the Adaptation Framework [for Implementation];*

## ON MITIGATION

**4** Recognise the gap between pledges being made by developed countries and the emission reduction commitments needed to remain below a 2°C increase in average global temperature and maintain a top-down approach to agree on emission reduction targets, recognising the need for a 25-40% reduction in GHG emissions from developed countries by 2020, based on 1990 levels.

## ON MRV

**5** Establish a mechanism for measuring, reporting and verifying support from developed countries' Parties to developing countries' Parties.

**6** Align mitigation MRV procedures for Annex I countries under the KP with those for developed countries under the LCA.

**7** Establish a better mechanism for measuring, reporting and verifying supported national mitigation actions in developing countries, including through the identification of 'core aspects' to be reported in be-

1. Recommendation coming from the workshop organised under the Nairobi Work Programme on "Increasing Economic Resilience to climate change and reducing reliance on vulnerable economic sectors, including through economic diversification", held in Cairo, April 2009

tween national communications, which should become more regular.

**8** Recognise the role of trade unions and workers' rights in the REDD-readiness phase

- › **INSERT** in the 'safeguards' section, under Paragraph 2 (Page 53)

*Ensure the full and effective participation of forest workers and trade unions in the design and implementation of REDD and actions identified in paragraph 3.*

**9** Focus work on consequences of response measures on vulnerable communities

- › **INSERT A REFERENCE** TO CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION, including trade unions, if a forum was to be created

*[In para 4, option 1] Invite Parties, and relevant intergovernmental organisations, and civil society organisations to submit (...) their views...*

*[In para 4, option 3] Decides to establish a forum (...) for Parties and representatives of relevant intergovernmental and non governmental organisations, with participation from the scientific, financial and insurance private sector (...).*

## ON FINANCE, TECHNOLOGY & CAPACITY BUILDING

**10** Create a new fund which will facilitate sufficient funds to ensure climate justice – between developed and development countries, within countries and between generations. The fund should encompass existing initiatives and provide new, additional, adequate, predictable and sustainable financial resources, and ensure these will be channelled through the UNFCCC. The fund should facilitate innovation, research and development of green technologies, technology transfer to developing countries and promote the development of social protection schemes and public services.

**11** Ensure this new fund contains provisions for guaranteeing transparency and civil society organisations' involvement

**12** Decide on a mechanism to implement innovative and traditional sources of public finance, including options identified by the UN Advisory Group on Climate Finance (AGF)

**13** Ensure the representation of civil society and trade unions as experts in the Technology Executive Committee (Ref: FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/INF.1)

- › **INSERT A REFERENCE** TO TRADE UNIONS (in bold below) under para 3 on the section on "Expert advice" (page 16)

*12 Decides that the Technology Executive Committee will proactively engage with intergovernmental and international organisations, as well as the private sector, **trade unions** and civil society and may invite advisors drawn from relevant intergovernmental and international organisations, as well as the private sector, **trade unions** and civil society, to participate as expert advisors to advise on specific issues as they arise.*

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