

## **Resolution No.2**

### **CAMPAIGN FOR GREEN JOBS AND DECENT WORK**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> ITUC-AP General Council Meeting in Cebu, Philippines, on 10 - 12 November 2009:

- RECOGNISES** that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fourth Assessment Report released in 2007 has drawn attention to the dangerous and irreversible consequences of climate change if ambitious and effective measures are not put in place to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions;
- FURTHER RECOGNISES** that the way forward in transforming the present unsustainable carbon – intensive production and consumption patterns through a green sustainable development strategy is inevitable with the creation of green jobs and decent work;
- EMPHASISES** that the creation of green jobs alone without decent work will not lead to sustainable development. Democratic decision making and practices with respect for human including trade union rights are essential for fair distribution of national income and the attainment of social justice. These are principles embedded in decent work with its four elements of respect for rights; full and productive employment; social protection; and social dialogue;
- CALLS UPON** governments to ensure that there is no net loss of employment due to climate change policies, and to address with the involvement and participation of trade unions, effects on employment from any climate change – related disruptions such as displacements and migration, as well as from any adaptation and mitigation measures;
- FURTHER CALLS FOR** the full support of ILO Global Job Pact, especially:
- implementing a supportive regulatory environment conducive to job creation through sustainable enterprise creation and development;
  - increasing investment infrastructure, research and development, public services and “green” production and services as important tools for creating jobs and stimulating sustained economic activity;
- STRESSES** that there should be just transition in the transformation of jobs into environmentally-friendly employment or green jobs. Training and just compensations should be provided for affected workers;
- NOTES** that the changes in the Governments of Australia and Japan have brought about a positive contribution in the climate change debate at the international level;
- FURTHER NOTES** that some unions and the ITUC have approached the major developing countries whose greenhouse gas emission levels is

increasing rapidly;

**CALLS FOR**

among others, the inclusion of just transition and funding for adaptation and mitigation for developing countries as well as having commitments on deep cuts in emission in any post-Kyoto instrument that is now being debated on. There must be specific targets for mitigation and adaptation funds;

**CALLS UPON**

all affiliates to take necessary actions to prevail upon their respective governments to work towards a low carbon emission economy and to contribute to a successful conclusion of COP 15 that is to be held in December 2009 in Copenhagen;

**URGES ON**

all affiliates to take necessary actions in the campaign for green jobs and decent work.