



The Government of Denmark and the ILO  
Policy Integration Department have the pleasure to  
invite your delegation to a

**Side event**  
**at the International Labour Conference**

**Climate Change and the World of Work**

**Palais des Nations, Room XXIV, Building E**

**Tuesday, 9 June 1:15-14:45 hrs**

English, French and Spanish interpretation  
(lunch buffet available at 1:00 pm)

**Background:**

Denmark will host COP15 (the 15<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Copenhagen in December 2009. The COP is to culminate in a new global agreement setting out post 2012 international cooperation in the areas of adaptation, mitigation, technology and financial resources to be deployed, to avert dangerous climate change.

The ILO Governing Body has discussed the relationship between climate change and decent work on two occasions (Nov. 2007 and Nov 2008) and has unanimously supported an active ILO role in addressing the linkages between climate change and work.

In response to these discussions, the ILO has partnered with UNEP, IOE and ITUC to carry out research on green jobs which has been extremely well received. The ILO has also launched a global programme on Green Jobs as part of its Strategic Policy Framework 2010-2015 and its Programme and Budget 2010-11. Attention has been further heightened in the debate on ways to overcome the global economic crisis in which green recovery packages are one important element among others.

**Programme:** see overleaf

**The side event will aim at:**

- Raising awareness among ILO constituents and policy makers and sending a message to the international community about the impact of climate change on the world of work.
- Identifying key elements of coherence between environmental/climate and social policies

- Discussing the role of ILO constituents with respect to climate policies and the contributions they can make through their respective mandates and institutions, in particular in the current context of economic crisis.

**The following ILO documents will be presented:**

- Brochure on the ILO green jobs initiative
- Technical brief on the social and decent work dimension of the Climate Change Agreement

## Programme

**Welcome ILO:** **Sachiko Yamamoto, ILO Regional director for Asia-Pacific**

**Opening:** **Inger Støjberg, Minister of Employment of Denmark**

**Chair:** **Michael Starbæk Christensen, Deputy-Director, Climate Secretariat, Danish Prime Minister's Office**

**Technical presentations:** **Tariq Banuri, UN/DESA**  
*Climate change, sustainable economic and social development and labour markets*

**Prof. James Heintz , U Massachusetts, USA**  
*Green jobs in a low-carbon US economy; green US recovery package*

**Views of ILO constituents:** **Tatiana Tobias, Ministério do Trabalho e Emprego, Brazil**  
*Climate change and employment in Brazil*

**Ronnie Goldberg, vice-chairperson IOE**  
*Employer' views and contributions*

**Sharan Burrow, President ITUC and ACTU Australia**  
*ITUC's views and contributions.*

## Discussion