



Creating Green Economy through Just Transition & Green Jobs Actions



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Why it's a workers issue?

Environmental degradation and Climate change directly affecting life, employment and future of the Workers

Creating Decent Work Deficit

Generating new Occupational Health and safety risks (chemical exposure, new type of work-related health risks)

It's a workers issue and trade union's to Act

This is an issue require Partnership and collaborate with Government, Employers and other Social Partner for solution



The impacts of climate change and ED on employment

Impacts and transformations on employment and the world of work:

- **Effects on employment from climate-induced disruptions** (i.e. displacement, migrations, unemployment in climate-sensitive sectors and climate refugees)
- **Effects on employment from the implementation of adaptation measures** (i.e. investments in infrastructure or transformations in production),
- **Effects on employment from the impact due to mitigation efforts.** (i.e. negative.: sectors linked to fossil fuels and other energy intensive (as steel, iron, aluminum, cement...) (i.e. positive. : new sectors: renewable energy, energy efficiency, recycling, environmental services..)

The social repercussions and impact on employment of the necessary transformation in production are of such a magnitude that cannot be effected without a basic consensus amongst workers and society

How do we respond it collectively?

GREEN JOBS Programme

(Jointly Developed by the ILO-UNEP-ITUC-IOE)

Green Jobs?

- Environmentally friendly sustainable jobs, which is central in the transition towards a greener economy.
- Green Jobs promotes a socially fair transition, in which vulnerabilities, changes in the labour market and new business models are addressed through an inclusive social dialogue.
- It helps reducing negative environmental impact, ultimately leading to environmentally, economically and socially sustainable enterprises and economies.

Ref: <http://www.ilo.org/global/topics/green-jobs/lang--en/index.htm>

**OSH contributes to:
ILO's *Green Jobs* Initiative**

Green Jobs are the direct employment created in economic sectors and activities, which reduces their environmental impact , improve working conditions and ultimately brings it down to levels that are sustainable.

Just Transition?

Just Transition is a framework for a fair and sustainable shift to a low carbon economy, proposed by trades unions at global level.

It has come to wider acceptance through inclusion in the negotiating texts for the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen 2009 and re-confirmed at Shared Vision text 2010 (Cancun).

The Just Transition framework makes:

1. Meaningful environmental transition and sustainable development:

Environmental transition is both inevitable and desirable. Environmental degradation is one of the most serious threats facing humankind; all sections of society need to work together to prevent further damage to the planet's natural ecosystems.

2. Representation and workers involvement:

It is essential that all sections of society have their perspectives voiced, considered and defended in decision-making bodies dealing with environmental transition. This includes representation at a variety of levels, from seats on national policy-making for a to involvement in more specific local negotiations, such as those surrounding environmentally-triggered plant closures.

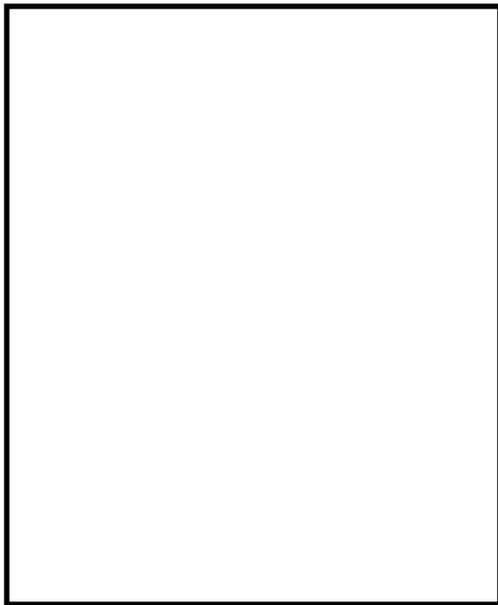
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“ addressing climate change requires a paradigm shift towards building a low carbon society that offers substantial opportunities and ensures continued high growth and sustainable development, based on innovative technologies and more sustainable production and consumption and lifestyle, while ensuring a just transition of the work force that creates decent and quality jobs”

Shared vision Document for Long Term Cooperative Action (Article 10),
UNFCCC (COP-16), Cancun, Mexico

FieldAction : 2008 -9

Introducing CC, JT and GJ issues to Natural Partners



Addressing Knowledge gap:
Publication handbook on GJ
October 2008



1st National Workshop for TUs,
October 2009, CIRDAP, Dhaka

Introducing GJ to Social Partners at regional level

MoLE – OSHE - ILO Joint Actions
(July – December 2011)



Chittagong



Sylhet



Narshidhi



Khulan

**OSHE/Sustainlabour CC Project
Phase-1: July 2010- December 2011**

Objective:

- (1) Building knowledge capacity of the TUs and work together at national level on CC and other environment related issues based on developing a common position;**
- (2) Promote effective participation of trade unions at state level policy discussions on climate change, GJ and environmental issues development of tripartite collaboration;**
- (3) Promote collaboration between government - employer and trade union) on 'just transition' issues.**

Activités

Action Area # 1:

- Policy research, national and regional consultation towards development of a common national TU position on CC and Env. issues.
- Organising Dialogue between G (MoLE, MoE), E, W on CC, JT, DW, GJ issues.

Action Area # 2:

Development of human resource at TUs and training/advocacy tools

Action Area # 3:

- Informing the MPs and Lobbying at National Parliament (APPG) on JT, DW and GJ issue, and need for amendment of BCCSAP and NAPA**
- Building healthy contact and alliance between TUs and Env. NGOs on JT, equity and justice issues.**

Activities (July '10- Sept'11)

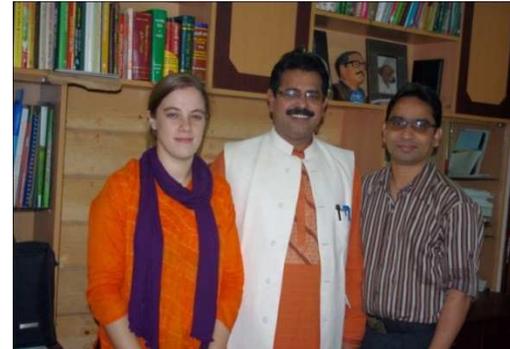
National Trainers Training on CC for
 Union leaders and Educators (2010)



Divisional TU Leadership Training and Policy Development Workshop (Khulna and Chittagong)



Building interactions and lobbying with
Parliamentary Standing Committee on MoLE
,APPG-CC on need for inclusion of JT and GJ issue
at NAPA and BCSSAP



**Organising 4 Series High Level Policy Talk
Show on CC at Electronic Media**
(On Airing at ETV: Nov – December 2010)



MoLE, MoE, ILO, NTUCs
(JSL, TUC, BMSF), OSHE,
Sustainlabour, Academics

- Dubbing of JT Video on local language
- Production of education and Sensitization Materials for Workers
- Lunching of Special Website <www.greenjobs-bd.org>

Publicizing this issue in Society



Development of Green Paper by participating TUs

Development and Validation Process:

Finalization of Green Paper at National Workshop on Framing Common Position (31 March 2011)



Modification of the draft GP by TU WG by incorporating recommendations received from Divisional Workshops and NTUCs (March 2010)



Regional Consultations and Sharing Meetings (Draft Green Paper)
(December – March 2010)



First Draft of Green Paper Developed by “TU Working Group on CC”
with facilitation support of OSHE and sent to NTUCs for comment
(December 2010)



Presentation of Study Research Findings at TOT Workshop
with high level TU panel Discussion on Common TU position issues
(November 2010,)



Policy Research and collection of inputs from Sr. National TU leaders
(between July- October 2010)



High Level TU Panel Discussion on CC & National TU Positions



What is the Purpose of Framing
Green Paper?

What is inside of it?

What is it's current Status?

Next Step

Making the GP on Operational Mode

** Official Endorsement of it by participating NTUCs **

CONCLUSION

The presents environmental crisis at our nation requires to make necessary change in our production and consumption processes as well as existing work behavior and practices at work place level.

We need collective response for a “Green Economy” in Bangladesh that is able to ensure decent living and working conditions while at the same time reduces environmental risks and environmental degradation.

Way to Forwards: Some Recommendations

National Level

- Establishment of a Special Technical Committee by MoLE to support the Govt. on development of special policy and national programme on Green and Sustainable Employment Issues.
- Social Protection Schemes (Employment Guarantee for Vulnerable sector Workers i.e. agriculture, fishery etc.)
- A Tripartite review and consultations on BCCSAP and NAPA
- Promotion of Green Culture and Good Practices
- OSH+GJ Action Component at DW- CP

With Providing due attention to:

- OSH, Chemical Safety and Management issues

Sector/ Enterprise/ Workplace Level

- Extensive Awareness Raising and sensitization Action at Sector/enterprise/ workplace level on GJ and JT issues
- Facilitate Capacity Building Training for E +W
- **Development of Workplace Dialogue (E & W) , policy and programmes on environmental issues**

Priority Sectors :

Recycling (Waste and Ship breaking), Textile (dying) , renewable energy (solar and bio-mass), Construction (including brick manufacturing) and transport
RMG (Better Work Programme- WIP)



**Let us Working together for
Green and Sustainable Jobs**

THANK YOU