

Labour Constituency intervention on finance, capacity building, monitoring and reporting-taking stork of progress

Thank you, Madam Co-Chairs

We, the labour constituency, express the need to discuss the following 3 points on finance and capacity building.

1. Firstly, the trade union supports 'polluter pays' principle including their responsibility in global supply chains. In this regard, we support the proposal of the global coordinated tax of 0.5% on basic chemicals for just transition to realise sound management of chemicals and wastes;
2. Secondly, the SAICM is a multistakeholder process which means that there should not be any obstacle for any stakeholder to access to financial resources. In this regard, we should consider to amend terms and reference of the special programme accessible by all stakeholders. We also want to see introduction of a similar version of quick start programme under the SAICM secretariat for all stakeholders. In particular, funds should focus on capacity building of the most vulnerable including informal workers and SMEs in downstream of supply chains of production of chemicals and waste management, largely in low/middle income countries. The ITUC represents 332 trade union national centres from 163 countries and in our affiliates, there are hundred thousand of trained union leaders at workplace, in particular, of key industries identified by IOMC, to work to protect their members by collective bargaining and social dialogue.
3. Last but not least, I would like to reiterate an important role of multilateral development banks for sound management of chemicals and wastes. They can make more signification contribution not only through their lending for realising SDGs, in particular, goal 8 on decent work, goal 12 on responsible consumption and production and goal 13 on climate action, but they can also make significant differences through their strong safeguard policies on labour including OSH and environment throughout all supply chains and the life cycle of a project.

Thank you.