

Background Note

Green Jobs, Greener Business Training for Constituents and Partners – Thailand

Dates: 28, 29, 30 June 2011

Duration: 3 Days

Venue: Amari Watergate Hotel, Bangkok

It is widely acknowledged that unsustainable use of resources, high levels of pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, and the deterioration of natural capital in general pose severe threats to today's economies and societies across national borders. They threaten the very basis of growth and development and endanger livelihood security for millions of people who are dependent on those resources or potentially affected by climate change. At the same time policy measures aimed at supporting a shift to more sustainable growth and development trajectories have far-reaching implications for employment and labour market dynamics in many countries and economic sectors.

The importance of concerted efforts and joint actions to address such challenges is well recognised by governments, trade unions and employers organisations, and has been reiterated in several forums, including discussions during the ILO Working Party on the Social Dimension of Globalisation in November 2007.

As part of these efforts, the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the International Trade Union Confederation and the International Organization of Employers came together in the Green Jobs initiative with the goal of promoting environmentally sustainable jobs in a climate-challenged world. The initiative seeks to enhance dialogue and strengthen collaborations, build the capacity of ILO constituents, fill knowledge gaps, facilitate a 'just' transition to environmentally sound economies, and support policies to achieve the sustainability of jobs and enterprises.

It is in this context that the ILO technical assistance project Greener Business Asia, which is supported by the Government of Japan, was initiated, to contribute to the broad common goal to assist ILO's constituents and national institutions to address environmental and climate-related challenges and to contribute to sustainable development.

One of the component of the Greener Business Asia – Thailand project, is to carry out a training event on Green Jobs for constituents and partners.

Through the training, participants will be introduced to the conceptual framework that provides the foundation for initiatives promoting green jobs and principles of a just transition. They will gain a better understanding of key issues, challenges and responses being developed to address climate change and broader environmental challenges at the national and international levels, and their relations to employment and labour dynamics.