

## **Workers and Trade Unions' Major Group**

Trade Unions are ready and open to engage and mobilise towards Rio 2012. We have ideas. We have started developing proposals. We are keen to exchange these ideas with governments and we will be available to take these up with delegates and through a broad civil society platform.

In order to garner the hope, to generate the imagination, the creativity, the innovation and the political will to address the global crisis we now all collectively face, in realising sustainability and development into the future, we need a vision that is at least as ambitious as in Rio 1992.

In 2012, we need concrete outcomes on:

- 1) fiscal policy that addresses the distribution of wealth and as to how we invest in activities and programs, that are deeply international;
- 2) social dimensions - a universal social protection floor as a key tool for addressing the vulnerability of the poorest people, sustaining people and our planet, going beyond the MDGs;
- 3) on the green economy that is based on agreed principles and priorities creating green and decent work, that is based on achieving equity, inclusiveness and is rights based.

Thank you.