

# Labour and Sustainable Development Programme

Support by UNEP, OPS – WHO & UITA

## Strategic objectives:

- Extend the objectives and activities of the program to National and International level.
- Attend the Trade Unions in the identification and application of the instruments and adequate elements for the analysis and resolution of the problematic environmental, to promote agreements by sector in relation to its local realities and for each branch of activity and to institutionalize these agreements.
- Promote labor stability and generation of new jobs by means of the sustainable and integral utilization of the natural resources.
- Analyze practices and processes related to the work in the different sectorial branches for elaboration guides about Good Environmental Practices and technical support for its implementation.
- Facilitate the articulation of politics in matter of work and environment between the national government and the working world and between these and the intergovernmental organizations through its specific programs.
- Promote the figure of the environmental delegate
- Develop instruments for the effective incorporation of the environmental clause in the collective bargaining agreements of work
- Provide of institutional spaces for the full participation of the workers by means of its representatives

## Specific objectives:

- Devise documents and publications of awareness-raising and disclosure; diffusion of the actions and of the activities linked to the subject matter, toward the organizations and the community in general.
- Develop activities of training and exchange of experiences among the unions, and between these and the Environment and Sustainable Development Secretary (SAyDS)
- Participate and to promote specific plans for joint activities with the world confederations and the intergovernmental organizations, presenting the program as integrative model. In the framework of the actions predicted between the General Confederation of Work (CGT) and the SAyDS, regional encounters were carried out; with the purpose to extend the objectives of the Program and to show a possible model for reproduce in the different levels of government.

The objective of these encounters is to produce general conclusions and agreements, based on the realities of the different branches of activity by regions; that will constitute the base of what will be the first document of parts on an Environmental Commitment from among the governments and the workers, as a consequence of the "1º National Congress on Work and Sustainable Development" to be carried out in 2008 in Buenos Aires city.

Likewise in the international plan continuity to the conclusions is given and recommendations emanated of the "1º International Assembly on Work and Environment", trying to develop politics attending to the variables of, climatic change, new technologies, decent work and participation of the workers in the local programs and works itself in intergovernmental spaces and between Trade Unions.

### **Achievements 2004**

- Presentation of the chapter on Work and Sustainable Development to official level and inclusion in the National Environmental Agenda 2004-2007 for the Growth and the Equity
- First meetings of approach to the leaders of the workers' movement, Secretaries general of Unions and Confederacies and Secretaries of the Managing Commission
- Official Note proposing to initiate joint actions with the CGT
- Official answer of the CGT, proposing to initiate joint actions
- Opening of expedient for cooperation framework covenant.
- Incorporation of the Ministry of Work, Employ and Social Security in the actions.
- Substantiation of the Cooperation Framework between the CGT and the SAyDS.
- Participation in the Seminary "Building union capacity The MDL in the Protocol of Kyoto" formative Seminar for union organizations.
- Participation with government of Brazil, in character of exhibitors, in board next to the maximum authorities of the International Confederation of Workers (CIS) "The working world in the Application of the Kyoto Protocol and in the Adaptation to the Climatic Change during the COP 10 in Buenos Aires

## Achievements 2005

- Workshop on training of the workers in the framework of the public politics on environment, health and sustainable development. It carried out in SAYDS with the presence of 40 delegates of diverse branches of activity.
- Development of the web Page of the Program I Work and Sustainable Development.
- 1º Course of Training of the Project "Work and Sustainable Development". Diverse aspects of the environmental problems were undertaken like to be: Sustainable Energy development, Environmental Legislation, Climatic Change, Clean Production, Native Forests, Aquatic Resources, Dangerous Residues and Environmental Education. Present secretaries general been, delegated and provincial secretaries and responsible for the thematic areas of 23 unions and confederacies.
- Framework agreement between the CGT and SAYDS. It was signed in the headquarters of the SAYDS and it was the first, agreement of this type in the history of the Nation. They attended simultaneously 150 delegates, secretaries general and provincial of more than 50 unions and confederacies.
- Signs of Complementary agreement with the Unique Union of Workers of Public Spectacles. During the months of October, November and December, 300,000 signallers were distributed in all movies and theatres of the Buenos Aires city.
- Inclusion of the material and actions carried out by the workers' movement, in matter of health labors and environment in the web page of the SAYDS.
- Development of joint material.
- First National Days of Environment and Rural Sustainable Development, carried out in the Headquarters of the Rural Worker's and Longshoremen Argentina Union (UATRE) and in the Honourable Senate of the Nation. Meeting with more than 50 representatives of trade unionist, official agencies and national tasks in different boards, To debate about the inclusion of the rural worker in a sustainable development plan. It was signed the draft agreement for the diffusion in Trade Union Magazines of articles about Labour, Environment and Sustainable Development
- Meeting next to the maximum authorities of the CGT, to establish a joint agenda with a view toward the Conference of Parts on Climatic Change – COP 11 together Participation Al the Ministers of Environment of England, Belgium and Spain of the board of discussion "national Frameworks for the working world" of the 11ra.
- Conference of the Parts (COP 11). The Program was exposed for the first time to the world community
- Creation by National Resolution 1189/05 the Program Labour and Sustainable Development, unpublished model at worldwide level

### **Achievements 2006**

- 1º International Assembly on Work and Environment Nairobi, Kenya: A statement of the SAyDS was delivered, participated of the board of high level and the experience carried out in Argentina was formulated, as possible model to continue before the world union community and the intergovernmental representatives. Material of the program and of different areas of the SAyDS to delivered participants of the encounter. Presents were found the governments of Argentina, Angola, Kenya, Congo, Iran, Venezuela, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Montenegro and Spain. They involve 150 representatives of 89 National Confederations. Was present the maximum authorities of the PNUMA, the WHO and the OIT.
- Obtain support to OPS - WHO and to UNEP.
- North – West Regional Encounter (NOA): Involve the governments of San Juan, Mendoza, La Rioja provinces and the regional of the CGT. Participated besides referring and municipal technicians of the different regional of the General Confederation of the Work, and provinces of Mendoza, San Luis, La Rioja and San Juan
- Central Regional Encounter (CENTRAL): Involve the government of Santa Fé, the Confederacy Argentina of Municipalities (FAM), holders of the Office of Employment of the Nation, the holder of the Interparliamentary Regional Commission of Environment. Also present representatives of social movements.

### **Achievements 2007**

- Meeting in the SAyDS, with the maximum authorities of the Independent Confederation of Trade Unions in Bulgaria (CITUB) for joint actions.
- Participation in the meeting among the maximum authorities of the CGT, the CITUB and the Embassy of Bulgaria, where is invited to governments to participate of the future actions among the confederations of both countries, to extend the Argentine model of Trade Union – Environmental integration declared in the Program “Work and Sustainable Development”. Proposing Argentina and Bulgaria Republics like double focal point, for model radiation. Toward Latin America and European East Countries respectively.
- Signs of the framework agreement CGT – CITUB.

## Achievements 2008 - 2009

- Labour and Sustainable Development Programme (Chapter Just Transition) at the International Conference on Impacts of Climate Change in the HCS of the Province of Buenos Aires. Senators, academic and technical representatives of the Republics of France, Brazil, Italy, Spain, Netherlands, Germany, Chile, Uruguay, Brazil and Argentina attend this meeting.
- Training of trainers. "The Environment and Health Science and Culture." Atended delegates from 23 branches of activities.
- Approach to the new authorities of the CGT.
- Round of meetings with the Secretariat of Labour Health and Environment of the CGT.
- Modification of the Program "Work and Sustainable Development" resolution and appointment to the General Coordinator
- Meeting with the National Director of Employ Promotion, Dr. Luis Marín - Ministry of Labour, Employ and Social Security.
- Participation in the contribution to norm ISO 26.000.
- Meeting with the authorities of the Trade Union Confederation of Americas
- Meeting with representatives corps to Metalworker's Union
- Conformation of the new Environmental – Trade Union Coordination.
- Signature for Extend a Framework Agreement between the Secretariat of Environment and Sustainable Development and General Work Confederation.
- Participation in a presentation of Law Nº 26,485, at Air traffic Controllers Association of the Argentine Republic.
- Summon CGT and CTA for opened discussion about the position country, for present/display in COP15.
- Participation in the "II Trade Union Conference on Labour and Environment for Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Trade Union Confederation of Americas, UNEP and Sustainlabour.

### **Other achievements**

- They are found approved and for signed complementary agreements with:
- Paper, Cardboard, Chemical and Similar Workers and Employees Federation (FEDPAPEL)
- Textile Worker's Association (AOT)
- Rural Workers and Longshoremen's Argentina Union (UATRE)
- Building Worker's Union (UOCRA)
- Petroleum and Private Gas Trade Union's Federation (FASPyGP).
- Also exist open expedient is found to define actions with the Railway Union Argentina (UF)
- Ideas about the first round of work CITUB – CGT – SAyDS (AR) – MRHyA (BG) – WHO - PNUMA in Sofia, Bulgaria, for defined.