



International Trade Union Confederation

Trade unions on the move for Rio+20

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 11-22 June 2012

With just 4 months to RIO+20 the ITUC is calling on all affiliates to mobilize for a more equitable, just and sustainable world.



This is the first in a series of messages we will send to bring you up to date on the plans we have put together for the upcoming UN Conference on Sustainable Development - Rio+20, as well as our own associated event - The Trade Union Assembly on Labour and Environment (11-12 June).

In order to receive updates, please register to our newsletter [here](#).

Don't know what Rio+20 is? [read more](#)

Why is Rio+20 important to trade unions?

It is our belief that this summit must become a moment where our pressure for the world's leaders to take a different direction, a direction towards a truly sustainable economic model, needs to be stronger than ever.

Key demands

The trade unions have three key demands to the Rio Summit:

[Green & Decent Jobs](#)

[Social Protection Floor](#)

[Financial Transactions Tax](#)

Here are the [ITUC proposed amendments](#) to the UN Zero Draft for Rio+20.

The world needs to start acting NOW towards a more sustainable future where neither workers nor the earth and its resources are being exploited.

Actions

The United Nations' Conference on Sustainable Development - Rio+20 will focus on the green economy and the institutional framework for sustainability. It has broadened its agenda to cover other topics, such as social inclusion, energy, employment, etc. In order to make an impact, we will focus on three key dimensions:

1. Influence the Summit's decisions
2. Develop our commitments towards sustainability: The Trade Union Assembly
3. Joint efforts: our campaigns with other allies

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We have developed a [checklist](#) summarising all our requests. Please ensure you read it carefully!

What can you do?

Everyone has a role to play to make Rio+20 a success; no matter if you are a government, a labour leader, a community representative or an individual citizen. If you are a union officer, please have a look at our first Rio+20 checklist, with everything we suggest you to do this month, including important logistical information! We need to make sure that all governments are pushing the demands of the workers of the world - and you can help!

Take part in the Week of Action

From 5-9 March 2012, the ITUC will organise a **Lobby Week**, and we ask our affiliates to meet their government, ask them to support our proposals and report back on their responses.

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Stay informed

Please nominate a contact person to receive key ITUC information on Rio+20 and get involved in the negotiations. Confirm their name to Anabella.roseberg@ituc-csi.org.

Please also promote our general supporters list to your membership. We will provide regular updates and ask them to take action through Internet to ensure the summit as the best chance to shift the world to a more just and sustainable trajectory.

Logistics and general information

Calendar

Click [here](#) for the latest version of the calendar

Registration

You can choose to register under your own organisation (follow this procedure) or to register under the ITUC banner. If you choose the second, we need you to fill [this form](#). Please indicate if you are asking for financial support to fund your participation.

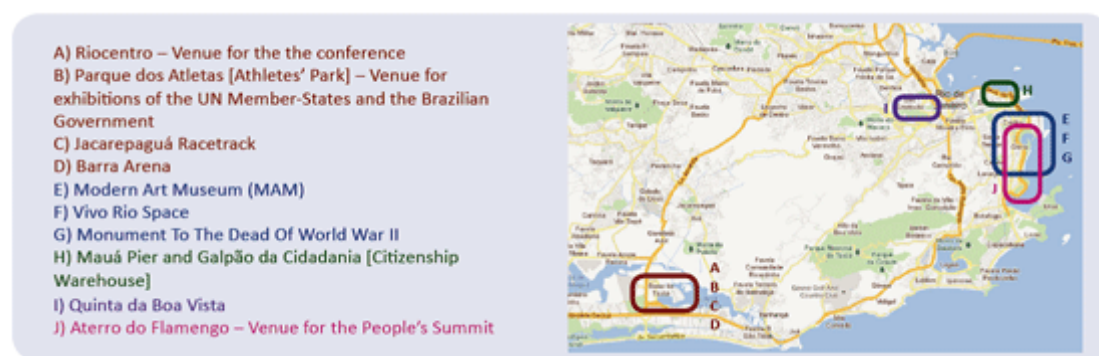
For those applying for sponsorship, you need to send the form BEFORE March 1st.

For delegates who don't need financial support but want to get UN accreditation, deadline is April 30th.

All information in the form must be filled for the UN to accept your accreditation.

Accommodation

The ITUC is trying to secure hotel rooms for trade union delegates at a preferential rate, but this has not been confirmed. If you have other options for securing your hotel rooms in Rio, go ahead. If not, more information will follow from our end. Be aware that activities will take place in different (and distant) places, so choose your accommodation according to your special interests.



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