

Section 3 : Strengthening the Role of Major Groups

Chapter 29 : Strengthening the role of workers and their trade unions

Efforts to implement sustainable development and Agenda 21 requires changes in the workplace. Both workers and their trade unions should be involved in this.

Objectives

To alleviate poverty and develop full sustainable employment, through:

- ratifying relevant conventions of the International Labour Organisations
- increasing the number of environmental collective agreements aimed at achieving sustainable development
- reducing occupational accidents, injuries and diseases.

Activities

Governments and employers should:

- promote freedom of association
- strengthen government and employer consultation with workers
- encourage worker participation in programmes on environment and development
- provide training and information.

Trade unions should:

- play an active role in sustainable development activities of organisations
- ensure that workers are able to participate in environmental audits at the workplace and in environmental impact assessments
- participate in environment and development activities in the local community.