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## ***December 2010 Special edition Cancún***

### **EDITORIAL**

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##### **Awaiting climate justice**

The priority for the European Union at Cancun is to get a 'balanced package' of decisions, including a framework for forestry, cooperation for the development of technologies, and maintaining of the 30% reduction target. In addition, the EU would like to see China take part in the negotiations.

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### **ETUI activities**

#### **Workshop 'Towards a low-carbon society: what role for the unions?'**

Within the framework of the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, a workshop on the role of the trade unions in the evolution towards a low-carbon society and on raising environmental awareness took place on 24 and 25 November. Laurent Vogel, Director of the Health and Safety Department of the ETUI, debated on the implementation of the concept 'just transition' and on raising awareness of workers and their representatives about environmental issues.

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### **Trade Unions' activities**

#### **'Cancún cannot afford to fail after what happened in Copenhagen,' interview with Joël Decaillon**

ETUC Deputy General Secretary Joël Decaillon says that the negotiators at Cancun need to draw up a roadmap for a future legal framework based on an integrated policy: the future of growth in Europe, social progress and competitiveness for tomorrow. This will be ensured only if that growth is sustainable, because it will be based on the capacity for research and innovation in green technologies, which should generate quality jobs and social progress.

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#### **ITUC: Trade Unions Recommendations to COP16 in Cancún**

More than two hundred trade unionists from developed and developing countries are taking part in the 16th Conference of the Parties in Cancún, Mexico. Among others, the ITUC insists on the creation of an adaptation framework which considers social protection as a means for reducing vulnerability and enables stakeholders, including unions, to become adaptation actors.

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#### **EMF promotes its message for Cancún via digital means**

The three European industry federations - EMF, EMCEF and ETUF:TCL - have outlined 6 principles for a strong and credible European industrial policy capable of tackling the challenges of the aftermath of the economic crisis, climate change and intensifying globalisation pressures. Instead of exposing the globe to additional CO2 emissions, the EMF will promote its message for Cancun using digital means.

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#### **Labour-Environmental coalition outlines agenda for creating jobs with the climate agreement**

BlueGreen Alliance - the national strategic partnership of nine major U.S. labour unions and four of the most influential environmental organizations - released its agenda for an enforceable international agreement that addresses climate change and begins a just transition to a clean energy economy that creates millions of good jobs in the United States and around the world.

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## EU news

### **Schauvliege - coordinator of the EU position in Cancún**

Joke Schauvliege, chairwoman of the European Environment Council, will be defending the 27 EU member states' common climate position in Cancún. She said that as a legally binding worldwide agreement for the period after 2012 is not expected to be concluded in Cancun, the EU is prepared to accept a second Kyoto period, but only if all major economies commit themselves, including China and the USA.

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### **EU Climate Commissioner participates in plenary debate in Strasbourg**

On 24 November 2010, the European Union's first-ever Commissioner for Climate Action Connie Hedegaard said during the European Parliament plenary debate on preparations for the Cancún Climate Conference that the European Union must remain clear on its conditions for a second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol. 'We must use these conditions to raise the level of ambition and to get others to move'. The Commission welcomes very much the guidance being offered by the Parliament, even if not all of it can be taken fully on board.

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### **European Parliament delegation in Cancún**

A group of 15 Members of the European Parliament led by the chair of the Committee Jo Leinen (S&D, DE) will be in Cancun. According to the delegates a part of the solution for the economic problems is to save energy and to invest in renewables, because this creates jobs.

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[European Parliament resolution](#) of 25 November 2010 on the climate change conference in Cancún (COP16)

## Events

### **World of Work Pavilion**

2 & 7 December 2010  
Universidad del Sur  
Cancún, México

### **COP/16 side events schedule**

29 November - 9 December  
Cancún, México

## Other Actors and Documents

### **The European Environment - state and outlook 2010: synthesis**

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