

PLENARY 2: ISSUES FOR REFLECTION AND INTRODUCTION TO WORKING GROUPS: TRADE UNION COUNTRY PROFILES ON THE ISSUES

Sunday 15th January

Lene Olsen of ILO/ACTRAV chaired this warm-up session for tomorrow's Working Groups. The presenters of each Working Group's themes introduced their ideas, and presented one case-study relevant to the working group. Temistocles Marcelos from CUT (Brazil) introduced the issue of climate change, supported by a presentation by Werner Schneider from Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund (Germany) on the German Alliance for Work and Environment; Estefanía Blount from Comisiones Obreras (Spain) introduced the issue of chemical risks: hazardous substances in the workplace, supported by the case-study presentation on the Global Pesticides Project, a Trade Union Effort Towards Pesticide Use Reduction and Awareness Raising, by Yahya Msangi of the International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers Associations (IUF); Trade Union actions for equal and sustainable access to resources and services was introduced by David Boys from Public Services International (PSI); Corporate Social Responsibility and Accountability was introduced by Kenichi Kumagai from the Japanese Union Confederation (RENGO), supported by a case-study presentation on the **Ramatex Plant in Namibia** by Silvana Cappuccio from the International Textile, Garment and Leather Workers' Federation (ITGLWF); and Occupational, Environmental and Public Health: Asbestos and HIV/AIDS campaigns was introduced by Angela Lomosi from ICFTU-AFRO, with a case-study presentation by Ng.Wei Khiang from the of Malaysia.

Tomorrow morning the Assembly will break into **Working Groups** covering these five themes, and report back to the Plenary on Tuesday. Plenary 3, on Monday afternoon will be dedicated to the presentation of case-studies from a wide variety of countries and sectors.