

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES: **ENVIRONMENT**

CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change is occurring on a global scale. Organizations on the world stage, including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) have warned countries to take immediate action to reduce emissions and prevent the long-term, irreversible, devastating impacts of global increases in temperature.

The IPCC original target of limiting global warming to 1.5°C increase above recent historical averages looks to be impossible. Current announced

national policies put us on the path to 2.2°C to 3.5°C of warming. The 1.5°C goal meant that emissions needed to decline by about 45% from the 2010 level by 2030, reaching net zero around 2050. However, the updated risk assessments indicate most of the many worst outcomes of climate change will happen at lower temperature increases than thought.

As with all transformations, workers stand on the front lines of changes to come, as Canada determines how to address the challenges posed by climate change. Our country's industries are facing large-scale transformations, and so are workplaces as the economy shifts to more sustainable modes of production.

In the face of a crisis that will affect a growing number of working people in the coming years, our union cannot remain silent and inactive. There are no opportunities for economic, social and racial justice on a planet where life cannot be sustained

OUR UNION'S SPECIAL ROLE

Our union calls for a vision that transforms all of Canada's industries while leaving no worker behind. Achieving our vision for economic development and good jobs that puts working people at the centre will not come easy: it will require bold action from governments at all levels, as well as employers.

Our union calls on governments at all levels to create industrial strategies in both goods and services producing sectors to attract local investments, grow good, union jobs and set social and sustainable development goals.



Our union urges governments at all levels to adopt strong, enforceable conditions to ensure public investment in private enterprise and public programs are used to benefit the Canadian economy, support workers' rights and sustain good, union jobs for the future.

Our union calls on employers to ensure the health and safety of workers is prioritized as severe weather and the effects of climate change are increasingly felt in workplaces. Our union commits to continuing to campaign to leverage government procurement to grow the footprint

of Canadian-made products and services, including trains, busses, railcars, ships, and telecommunications services, among others. This will create jobs in Canada, ensuring public money is maximizing local economic value.

Our union further commits to calling for necessary and timely resources to protect workers and communities from the negative effects of climate change-related policies and ensuring members are continually informed with the most up-to-date science and analysis on the impacts to our membership.

ACTIVISM

Our union calls on Unifor members to step up to the challenge of our time by implementing workplace strategies to implement sustainability practices and support the union in building a broad vision for future employment in Canada's current and emerging economic sectors. We encourage all Unifor local unions to accept the

challenge of raising awareness on the consequences of climate change, bargain just transition language, and to participate in the union's activities, including in democratically-elected Industry Councils, to shape a vision for the future of sustainable jobs in Canada.

WORKING WITH ALLIES

Our union calls on our many coalition partners to band together to build unprecedented levels of solidarity across sectors, unions, civil society and organizations to achieve our collective objectives for health, safety and well-being. Climate change is a global problem that will only

be solved through global solidarity. The labour movement and our union is uniquely positioned to build a vision for a sustainable future and to organize to see it become a reality.

From our union's work in every workplace across the country, to our provincial and federal advocacy, our union is committed to fighting for sustainable jobs for everyone.

