



Global Union 'Ban Asbestos' Campaign

First Year Developments in the 'Ban Asbestos' Campaign

In June 2005, at an ILO Conference special side-event in Geneva, Global Unions kicked off a campaign for a world-wide ban on the production and use of asbestos. The launch was marked with letters to government, employer and trade union representatives of all countries at the ILO Conference, requesting that they become involved in the ban asbestos campaign. See: http://www.global-unions.org/pdf/ohsewpL_7b.EN.pdf

What has happened since then? Click on the following hyperlinks (where applicable) to access information on each stage of development in our Global Union Ban Asbestos Campaign

1. First ICFTU progress report, Feb, 2006

English: http://www.global-unions.org/pdf/ohsewpL_7c.EN.pdf
Français: http://www.global-unions.org/pdf/ohsewpL_7c.FR.pdf
Español: http://www.global-unions.org/pdf/ohsewpL_7c.SP.pdf

2. Agreement on a trade union resolution for a global asbestos ban (adopted Dec 2005)

English: http://www.global-unions.org/pdf/ohsewpL_7a.EN.pdf
Français: http://www.global-unions.org/pdf/ohsewpL_7a.FR.pdf
Español: http://www.global-unions.org/pdf/ohsewpL_7a.SP.pdf

3. Resolution to foster cooperation between ILO, WHO & UNEP at the World Conference on Labour & Environment last January in Kenya

English http://www.global-unions.org/pdf/ohsewpO_6d.EN.pdf
Français http://www.global-unions.org/pdf/ohsewpO_6d.FR.pdf
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4. National process to establish campaign contact points undertaken between trade unions and coalition partners. Challenge for 2006-07: To build national capacity.

5. Trade Union country-by-country profiles on asbestos updated and maintained

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6. 28 April campaign coordination A special focus on asbestos for the 28 April *International Commemoration Day (ICD) for Dead and Injured Workers* becomes the basis for organizing year-round activities on asbestos issues.

7. Asbestos message delivered to governments, either by hand or addressed to every Environment, Labour and Health Ministry at meetings at the ILO, WHO and UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD).

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8. Concrete plans for the ILO/WHO, UNEP and other agencies to become involved in the 2006-2007 trade union programme of work for the Global Union Asbestos Campaign.

9. 'Asbestos Campaign WORKBOOK' created to facilitate tracking of activities and contacts at national and organization level. See attached workbook document (in English only).

English: http://www.global-unions.org/pdf/ohsewpL_6s.EN.pdf

YOU CAN HELP IN 2006-2007

- **Implement** adopted trade union resolutions (See #2, above).
- **Provide feedback** on asbestos campaign workbook (attached) for your country.
- **Strengthen work & communications** with coalition partners in your country.
- **Engage in a consultation** with Global Unions to strengthen national level action and to build cooperation between ILO, WHO, UNEP and others towards a ban.
- **Organise workplace and national events** in time to report on progress at ILC 2007.
- **Identify National Contact Points for the Asbestos Campaign**, beginning with OHS trade union delegates attending ILC 2006

At ILC 2006 national trade union OHS delegations will be invited to provide direct feedback.

