



Green Jobs – International Labour Organization perspective

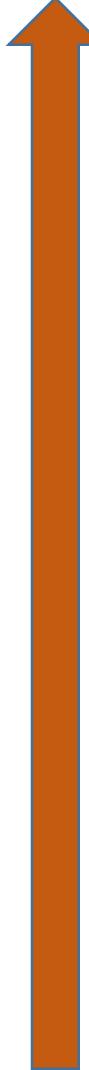
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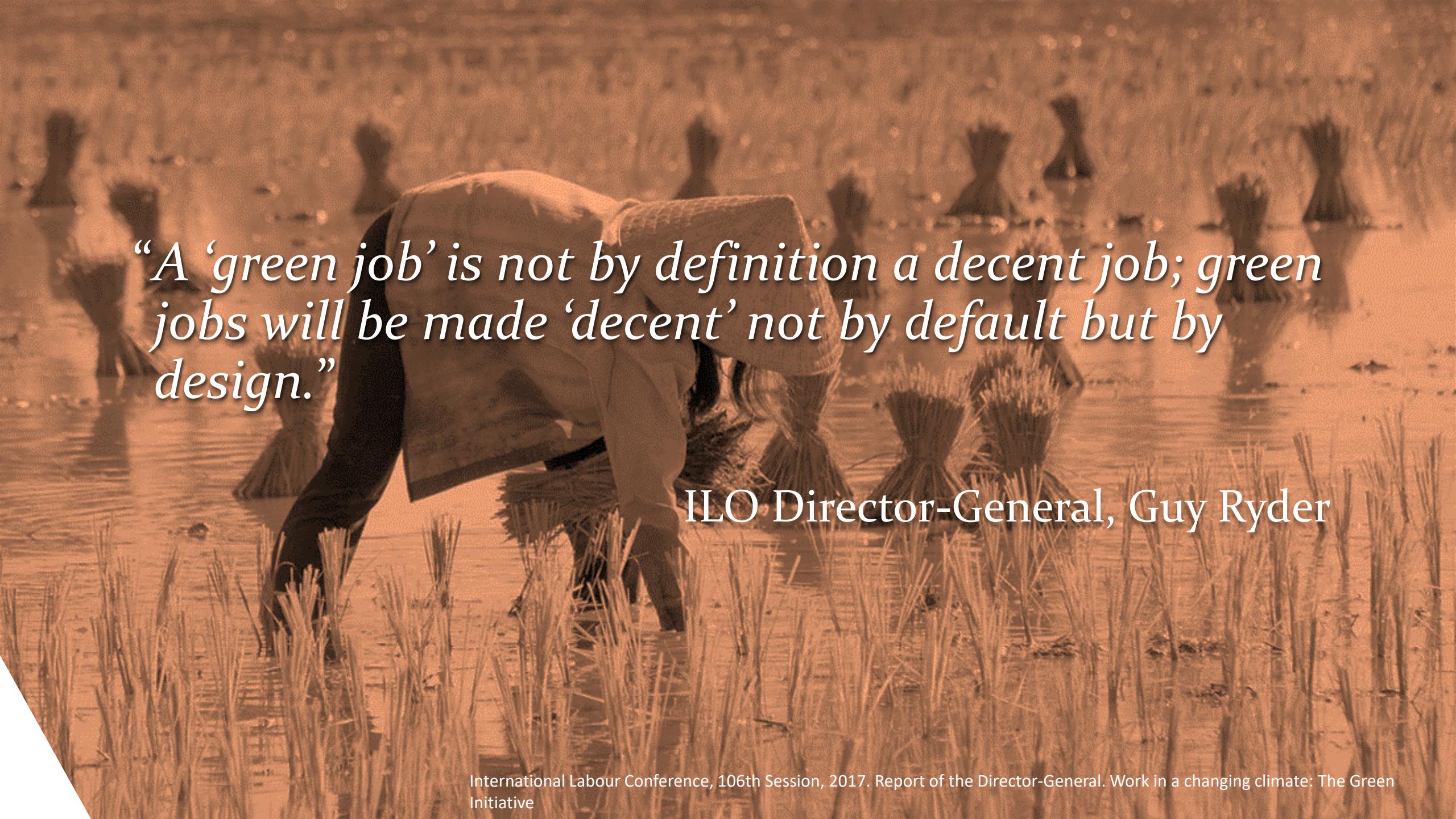
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Environment



Decent work



“A ‘green job’ is not by definition a decent job; green jobs will be made ‘decent’ not by default but by design.”

ILO Director-General, Guy Ryder

Green jobs are decent jobs that contribute to preserve or restore the environment.

Green jobs help:

- Improve energy and raw materials efficiency
- Limit greenhouse gas emissions
- Minimize waste and pollution
- Protect and restore ecosystems
- Support adaptation to the effects of climate change



Design, set and monitor **international labour standards**, aimed at ensuring economic growth and development are not at the expense of **rights at work**.

Promote jobs and income opportunities by making employment creation a priority.

Ensure **access to social protection** for all, to help make sure no one is left behind.

Foster **tripartism and social dialogue**, ensuring all world of work actors are ‘in the room’ to represent everyone’s needs



ILO's work on green jobs



International labour standards

- Facilitate the green transition;
- Protect the most vulnerable (workers affected by the transition, in green sectors, and displaced by climate change);
- Ensure equity and inclusion, incl. through social dialogue; and
- Protect the environment.

A key role for national legislation is to reconcile economic, social and environmental objectives

- Examples: legislation in *Brazil, France, Mexico, Philippines*, etc.;
- A visible trend to include labour issues in climate legislation and policy.

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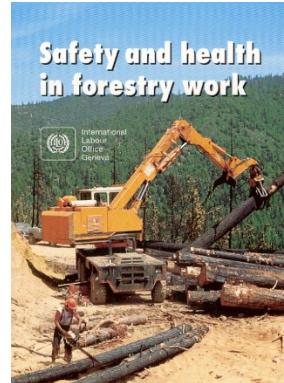


- 2030 Agenda
- Paris Agreement & collaboration with UNFCCC
- Guidelines for a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all
- Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE)
- Future of work, green jobs assessments, green enterprises, social protection, skills development, policy research...

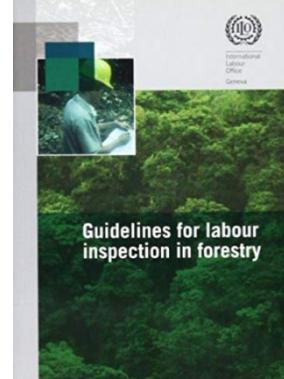
ILO's work on forestry

Two tools developed through meetings of experts:

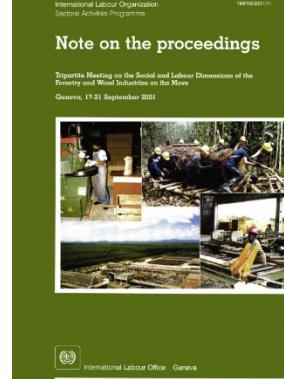
1998 – Code of Practice: Safety and health in forestry work



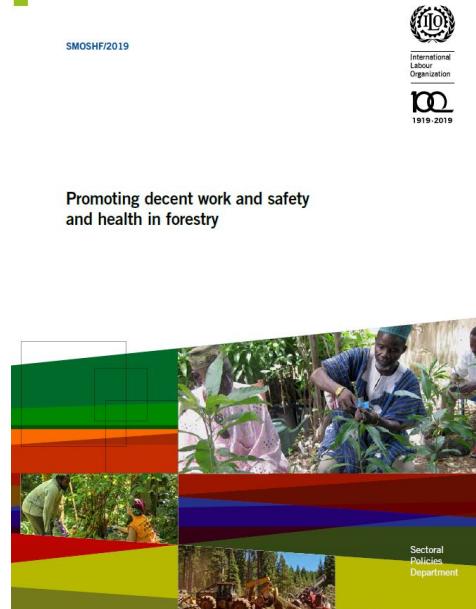
2005 – Guidelines for labour inspection in forestry



2001 – Tripartite Meeting on the Social and Labour Dimensions of the Forestry and Wood Industries on the Move



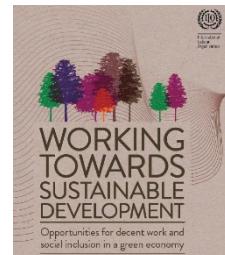
May 2019 - a tripartite Sectoral Meeting on promoting decent work and safety and health in forestry



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CASUAL SAW MILL WORKERS



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Potential of green jobs in the future of work

- 18 million more jobs will result from achieving the Paris Agreement's 2°C goal.
- 6 million more jobs will result from embracing the circular economy.
- 1.2 billion jobs depend on a stable and healthy environment.



Managed well, transitions to environmentally and socially sustainable economies can become a strong driver of job creation, job upgrading, social justice and poverty eradication.

ILC 2013. Conclusions concerning achieving decent work, green jobs and sustainable development



Thank you!

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DECENT WORK