Jobs in the Maritime Sector

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UNGA Resolution 66/288
“The future we want”

Promoting full and productive employment, decent work for all and social protection
Specifically recognized at Rio +20

• The need to achieve sustainable development in its three dimensions (social, economic & environmental) - Para 6

• People are at the centre of sustainable development - Para 6

• Green economy is one of the important tools available for achieving sustainable development – Para 56

• Green economy will enhance our ability to manage natural resource sustainability, with lower negative environmental impacts and increase resource efficiency – Para 60
ILO and its role

- Functions
- Tripartite
- Decent work
- Means of action
Maritime jobs

Seafarers – 2 million
Fishers – 38 million

(marine and inland)

* Over 1.5 billion working people are impacted by climate change
Some main challenges

- Marine environment
- Safety and health
- Isolation
- Globalization
- Piracy
Maritime Labour Convention, 2006
The “fourth pillar”

- Consolidation of existing maritime labour instruments
- For seafarers – comprehensive set of rights and protection at work
- For shipowners – ensures fair competition
- For governments – flexibility on implementation
“One-stop shop”

- Minimum age and medical certification
- Seafarers’ employment agreements
- Use of recruitment and placement services
- Hours of work/ rest
- Accommodation and recreational facilities
- Food and catering
- Health, safety and accident prevention
- Onboard medical care
- Onboard compliant procedures
- Payment of wages
Work in Fishing Convention, 2007
(No. 188)
“This Convention applies to all fishers and all fishing vessels engaged in commercial fishing operations.”
Benefits

• Secures fair competition
• Improves working conditions
• Promotes social dialogue
• Improves contribution to the economy
• Facilitates coordination amongst relevant ministries and authorities
Upcoming

Global Dialogue Forum for the Promotion of the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188)

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Implementing Rio +20
Information on ILO and its standards for seafarers and fishers

www.ilo.org/mlc

www.ilo.org/fishing