



IUF Tourism Steering Group

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Summary Report

General

- According to UNWTO tourism is recovering. For the participants the reality is that workers are under pressure. Despite Spain's relatively good development in number of tourist is the situation that they are facing salary cuts up to 25 % and working conditions are under pressure. The same situation is it in some way also in Italy. Italy also raised the problems with the cruise industry. IUF steering group finds it peculiar that EU commission talks about sustainable tourism when this is the situation in Europe. Representatives from Latin Americas stated that "we have the most corrupted employers in the world" – there are a lot of fraud and "non declaration" of income.

IUF/UITF/UNI in Asia Pacific

- Brother Nakata from Japan gave a report from the meeting I Asia/Pacific between UNI, ITF and IUF.

ILO

Wolfgang Weinz from ILO joined the meeting and gave an overview of the work ILO is carrying out in the sector:

- working paper on migrant workers in tourism coming next month
- guide on HR
- started work on gender in tourism - will be finalized by the end of the year
- Youth employment and youth tourism will be worked on this summer, from the fact of the demographic development
- workshop on migrant workers this or next year
- Inter agencies cooperation
- agreement with UNWTO - 2008
- UN steering committee on tourism for development
- Millennium goals / reducing poverty
- Produced toolkit on poverty reduction through tourism
- Regional, sub regional activities
- C 20 Mexico 14 / 16 may
- convention 172
- Other problems catering - food security - pipeline, and tour operators
- ILO 188 maritime - covers also cruise ships
- Informal discussion - UNWTO - ILO paper is meaningless
- convention 172- code of ethics - lead to a code of practice
- study the possibility to write a "code of practice in tourism" starting from Convention 172 and the Code of Ethics
- If tourism is to be a political issue you have to look at employment

- Project Food safety are on the agenda.
- Project SME´s, a new analyze will be present, and the goal is to develop tools that can help them to increase capacity.

Conclusions

- IUF should strengthen the work with ILO and UNWTO and be present in all areas where tourism and labor are on the agenda. Send a joint letter to ILO about a Code of practice in the Tourism industry.
- The tourism group should include UNI and ITF
- We should rise the issue on cruise ships together with ITF, we could arrange a workshop and invite some experts to discuss about this issue