

## Maryland Workers Will be Devastated by Climate Change

A study released today by the Labor Network for Sustainability, a member of the Maryland Climate Coalition, finds that Maryland workers are already facing serious consequences from climate change and will face worse consequences if greenhouse gases are not sharply and rapidly reduced. While there have been many previous studies of the impact of global warming on Maryland, *The Impact of Climate Change on Work and Working People in Maryland: A Guide for Working People, Organized Labor, and Climate Protection Advocates* is the first to examine its impact on workers and unions. [More >>](#)



## Making a Living on a Living Planet

In March LNS brought together more than 50 labor and environmental leaders for a convening entitled "Making a Living on a Living Planet" at Georgetown Law School. It was the third in a series of LNS sessions dedicated to examining the urgent social and environmental challenges faced today by those fighting on behalf of workers and environments. The meeting was designed to layout the dual crisis of income inequality and climate change. Dr. Mike McCracken (Climate Institute) described the environmental challenge by explained the findings of the IPCC report, and the results of other recent studies on global warming and climate change. Bill Fletcher (AFGE) addressed the social challenge of income inequality and why it is hard for working people faced with a daily challenge of providing for their families to see the larger issue of climate change. One serious answer to this dual crisis was presented by Bob Pollin and Jim Boyce (PERI) -- here's a link to their paper. Most importantly, important relationships were forged by those attending the meeting. Ultimately, solving this dual crisis will require serious organizing work, and a large part of our goal with these gatherings is to foster relationships among non-traditional allies.



## Global Nonviolent Law-Enforcing Insurgency

Scientists and climate protection advocates once expected that rational leaders and institutions would respond appropriately to the common threat of climate change. As Bill McKibben said of Jim Hansen and himself, "I think he thought, as did I, If we get this set of facts out in front of everybody, they're so powerful - overwhelming - that people will do what needs to be done." It didn't work. Those who are fighting to save the climate need a new strategy. One such strategy to consider is a global nonviolent law-enforcing insurgency. Here's LNS's latest discussion paper by

Jeremy Brecher suggesting this strategy. Download it here: "Global Nonviolent Law-Enforcing Insurgency: A Plausible Strategy for Climate Protection?" [More >>](#)



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