



# **The EU ETS - A Trade Union Perspective**

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# A long-term EU Emissions Trading Scheme

- The central policy on climate change
- UK coverage: 1,200 sites
- High priorities for trade unions: CO2 reductions & employment



# Lessons from Phases I and II

## Positives:

- CO2 reductions
- Behaviour change
- Carbon price

## Negatives / concerns:

- Certainty
- Uniformity
- Generosity
- Carbon Leakage
- Transparency



# Commissions Review

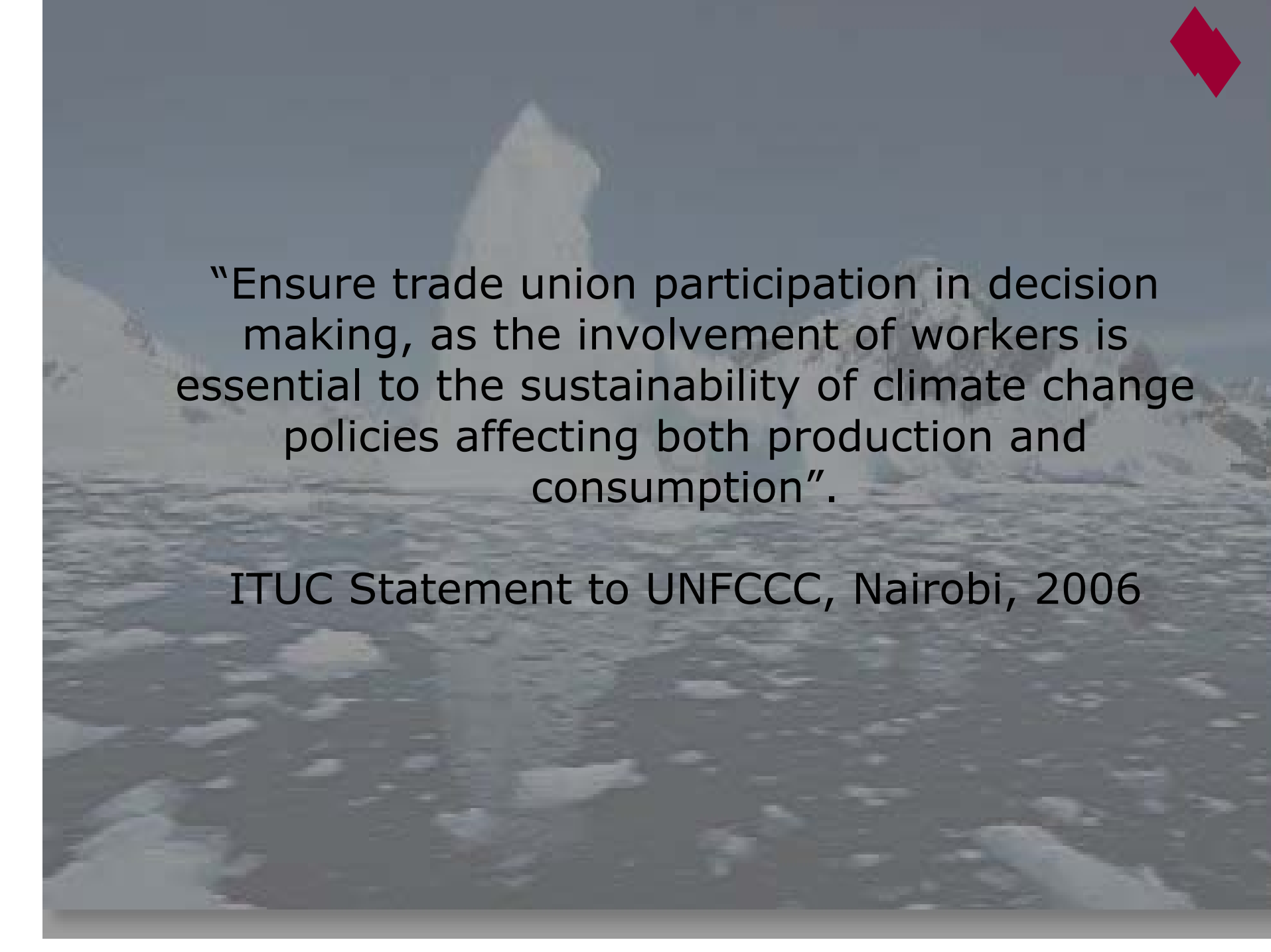
## Objectives

- to improve its operation
- maximise its contribution to cutting CO2 emissions; and
- contribute to transforming Europe to a low carbon economy



# TUC priorities for reform

- Long-term certainty
- Partnership
- Auctioning
- Benchmarked free allowances for vulnerable sectors
- Scope: aviation, maritime, CCS
- Economic adjustment



“Ensure trade union participation in decision making, as the involvement of workers is essential to the sustainability of climate change policies affecting both production and consumption”.

ITUC Statement to UNFCCC, Nairobi, 2006