SAFE AND HEALTHY WORK IS A WORKER’S RIGHT
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- Workers in the pulp, paper, graphical and packaging sectors represented globally by IndustriALL Global Union and UNI Global Union have chosen the theme of Workers’ Right to Know for the first of three informational actions as part of a year-long campaign for a safer workplace.

- Right to know laws typically focus on a workers right to know the hazardous substances and dangerous chemicals they work with, but we want knowledge on so much more that could endanger us at work.

- We have the right know all workplace hazard information, including dangerous chemicals and materials but also hazardous tools, equipment, work processes and the way work is organized.

- We have the right to an accurate evaluation of hazards. Where gaps in knowledge exist they should be filled.

- Hazard and risk assessment should be done with workers participation: the only people with the moral authority to assess a risk, are those who must face it.

- This means industrial hygiene surveys belong to workers. Toxicology studies belong to workers. Ergonomic surveys belong to workers.

- We invite the global pulp, paper, graphical and packaging sectors to work with workers and their representatives to fully facilitate the right to know and by doing so build safer and healthier workplaces.