

The Federation of International Hemp Organizations (FIHO) will be present at the **UNEP Global Forum and pre-forum “Building and Climate”** March 7 and 8 in Paris with a delegation comprising entrepreneurs, architects and scientists.

This will give FIHO the opportunity to address the international community about the qualities of Hemp as a sustainable crop and its ability to stock carbon when used for building zero carbon building blocks and materials notably by participating in two different sessions of the Forum and Pre-Forum and show samples of hemp building blocks on the pavilion of the United Nations’ Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (Global ABC) in cooperation with [Just Bio Fiber](#).

This will also be the occasion to deliver 10 key messages to the authorities from 80 countries represented at the forum and to international agencies present.

Enabling policies to support the development of Hemp: 10 Key messages from FIHO

- 1. The removal of legislative barriers to industrial hemp cultivation may increase production by farmers and creation of local transformative activities in rural areas;**
- 2. Countries wishing to promote an industrial hemp sector need to consider the reform of existing regulations, to facilitate the exploitation of all parts of the plant for fiber (building blocks, insulation material, textile, paper...), food (seeds and leaves), animal feed and bedding...**
- 3. Support the creation of a supply chain in each country to sustain the growing and the transformation of hemp in rural areas, thus creating job, development and value;**
- 4. A clear distinction between HEMP and Cannabis is necessary, this is why FIHO calls for the exclusion of HEMP from the UN 1961 Narcotic convention and invite member states to revise their legislation accordingly;**
- 5. In developing countries, a larger scale of production or support to cooperative production is necessary to reduce the long-term average production costs faced by farmers, decortication or seed drying and cleaning, require machinery, the cost of which remains prohibitive for small-scale producers;**
- 6. Facilitate access to funding through direct subsidization or State guarantees to obtain private loans;**
- 7. Facilitate the access to the carbon credit programs for Hemp producers and manufacturers of Hemp building and insulation materials;**
- 8. Develop programs to support the construction of affordable housing in developing countries with bio-sourced materials including hemp, to help carbon stocking and well being of inhabitants;**
- 9. Improved information and data about Hemp production is necessary, UNCTAD and FIHO are cooperating to propose a revision of the HS codes for Hemp products, we encourage member states to support this revision;**
- 10. Support and recognize FIHO as the Global Hemp Representative towards international agencies and stakeholders.**