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GLOBAL FORUM ON JUST TRANSITION

Climate change, decent work and sustainable development

5 December 2017, 9:30 to 17:30

Room V, International Labour Organization, Geneva, Switzerland

Background

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change provide a global framework to combat climate change, pave the way to a low-carbon and climate-resilient future and set the course for human well-being. The Paris Agreement noted the imperatives of a just transition of the workforce and the creation of decent work as essential elements in global and national responses to climate change. In November 2015, the ILO constituents representing governments, workers and employers' organizations formulated a set of Guidelines for a just transition to environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all. These Guidelines offer a framework and a practical tool to ensure that national and global action to tackle climate change advance employment creation goals, social justice and just transitions for workers, enterprises and communities. Over the past two years, the ILO has increased support to its member States with policy advice, platforms for social dialogue, research and analysis to help give effect to the notions of just transition and decent work creation in the context of climate change.

Objectives

The **Global Forum on Just Transition** is convened under the ILO-UNFCCC partnership agreement to establish a global platform to share national and international experiences on just transition in national contexts, to take stock of global research and to enhance momentum for action on climate change. The Forum is a contribution to the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA) taking place at the same time in Nairobi and builds on the outcomes of COP23.

Structure and Content

The Forum will consist of a daily public event starting with a high level opening by ILO and UN senior officials, Geneva-based Ambassadors and representatives of workers and employers' organizations, followed by interactive sessions on sharing of country experiences and a policy dialogue on just transition.



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Draft agenda

Morning session

9:30 – 10:00 **Welcome coffee**

10:00 – 11:00 **Opening session with a High-level Panel**

Vic Van Vuuren, Director, Enterprises Department, ILO

William Kojo Agyemang-Bonsu, Manager, Mitigation and Transparency Support Programme, UN Climate Change Secretariat

Tomasz Chruszczow, Special Envoy for Climate Change, Poland's High Level Champion for COP24

Sharan Burrow, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation

Video message by Linda Kromjong, Secretary-General of the International Organization of Employers

11:00 – 12:00 **Setting the context: Global climate action and jobs**

Kusum Lata, Team Lead, Mitigation Impact Analysis and Support Unit, UN Climate Change Secretariat, UNFCCC

Andrzej Błachowicz, Managing Director, Climate Strategies

Jaco Tavenier, Green Growth Coordinator, Environment Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Catherine Saget, Chief, Work, income and equity unit, ILO

Moderator: Moustapha Kamal Gueye, Coordinator, Green Jobs Programme, ILO

12:00 – 13:00 **Sharing country experiences**

Konstancja Piatkowska, Deputy Director of Climate and Air Protection Department, Ministry of the Environment, Poland

Isidro Antonio Asper, Vice-President, Federation of Free Workers, Philippines

Rudolf Kuuzegh, Director of Finance and Administration of the Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations, Ghana

Ulrike Lehr, Senior economist, Institute of Economic Structures Research, Germany

Moderator: Cristina Martinez, Senior specialist, environment and decent work, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch break**

Afternoon session (Parallel sessions)



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14:30 – 16:00 **Parallel Session 1: Just transition policy dialogue – protecting people (Room V)**

Bert de Wel, Senior Advisor, Just Transition Centre, International Trade Union Confederation

Heidi Garrett-Peltier, Assistant Research Professor, Political Economy Research Institute, University of Massachusetts, United States

Joaquim Bento de Souza Ferreira Filho, Professor, University of Sao Paolo, Brazil

Philip Gass, Senior Researcher, International Institute for Sustainable Development

Moderator: Valerie Schmitt, Deputy Director, Social Protection Department, ILO

Parallel Session 2: Just transition policy dialogue – promoting jobs (Room III)

Khalid Atlassi, Minister Plenipotentiary, Responsible for the social pole, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco in Geneva

Federico Marquez, Senior Vice President, Employers' Confederation of the Philippines

Federico Araya, Statistical Unit of Labour and Social Security, Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Uruguay

Margaret Chitiga-Mabugu, Director and Head of School of Public Management and Administration, University of Pretoria, South Africa

Olga Strietska-Ilina, Senior Skills and Employability Specialist, ILO

Moderator: Claire Harasty, Senior Specialist, Employment Policy Department, ILO

16:00 – 16:30 **Reporting back in plenary session (by session moderators, Room V)**

16:30 – 17:00 **Going forward: Advancing decent work and just transition for climate action**

Laurence Monnoyer-Smith, Commissioner General for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Ecological and Inclusive Transition, France

Tomasz Chruszczow, Special Envoy for Climate Change, Poland's High Level Champion for COP24

17:00 – 17:30 **Closing session (Room V)**

18:00 – 20:00 **Reception**