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JUST TRANSITION PAVILION PROGRAMME

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18.00-18.30		18.00-18.50 Fostering Equitable Just Transitions Through Nature- Based Solutions	18.00-18.50 Labour of Love - Poetry Slam on People and Planet			
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DECEMBER 1

DEC 1 | 11.30-12.20 Balancing Beams: Shaping a Fair and Sustainable Future for Construction Workers

Co-organized by: IHRB, ICLEI, BWI

Over the past year, IHRB, ICLEI, and BWI researched the social impact of decarbonisation in six global cities, focusing on housing and worker rights, participation, and spatial equity. This event shares successes and failures, illustrating how these insights drive global just transition initiatives, ensuring inclusivity and hastening climate action. Additionally, young artists' creations will be showcased, offering inspiring visions for a just transition in each city.

DEC 1 | 14.00-14.30 Just Transition and Sustainable Development: Connecting Climate Actions with Macroeconomics

Co-organized by: UNFCCC, UNDP

Governments need to establish clear, measurable and achievable climate targets in their NDCs and LT-LEDs. Policymakers are recognizing the interconnectedness of climate action and socio-economic development goals like economic growth, job creation, and social equity. Balancing climate actions and socio-economic prosperity is a complex and pressing challenge which needs evidence-based policy making at local, national, and global levels. This concept involves using rigorous scientific research and data-driven analysis using qualitative or quantitative modelling tools to inform and guide policy decisions related to climate change mitigation while considering their broader socio-economic implications. The issue is of higher relevance for countries in the phase of economic development or vulnerable to impacts of responses taken to address climate change while acting in parallel to bring down their emissions. There is a consistent demand to enhance the capacity of countries to enhance their understanding on use of these modelling tools for such social-economic assessments to allow them to undertake their own assessment at country level.

DEC 1 | 15.30-18.30 Science Workshop: Understand Better, Act Together

Co-organized by: Climate Fresk, CarbonCare Innolab, the ILO

The purpose of the Climate Fresk NGO is to accelerate the understanding of climate issues at the global level. Its action consists in the deployment of a fun and collaborative workshop named «Climate Fresk». It is rigorously based on the IPCC reports and enables participants to understand the causes and consequences of Climate Change and brainstorm together on how they can act. As a result: 1,150,000 people took part in the workshops in more than 130 countries in only 5 years !

DECEMBER 2

DEC 2 | 9.30-10.20 Corporate Action to Advance a Just Transition

Organized by: UN Global Compact

In this session, we will hear from the private sector on how companies are contributing to a just transition by taking concrete actions that address social impacts of climate change mitigation and adaptation measures in partnership with workers, unions, communities and suppliers. The panel will explore sectoral and regional challenges and opportunities, the special considerations of SMEs, and highlight the enabling mechanisms and policy interventions needed to accelerate a just transition.

DEC 2 | 10:30 - 11.20 Climate Café - Climate Anxiety and Resilience in Youth

Co-organized by: Force of Nature, Dubai Global Collective

70% of young people are eco-anxious. We urgently need spaces to have open conversations about the climate crisis, how it makes us feel, and work in our communities to turn these feelings into action. Join us for a Climate Café facilitated by Gunjan Nanda of the Dubai Climate Collective, to get in touch with your own climate emotions & connect with others to turn these feelings into action. This session is supported by the Green Jobs for Youth Pact, and the coffee break is kindly funded by the GO4SDGs. Climate cafés are safe spaces for young people to connect, collaborate, and build community. Although climate cafés are not a new concept, Force of Nature launched the first global and youth-led initiative in 2022, in the run-up to COP27, and since supported 190+ climate cafés in 49 countries.

DEC 2 | 12.00-12.50 Climate Change: Impact on OSH-The Case of Heat Stress

Organized by: the European Commission

Increasing global temperatures and heat extremes have affected workers in many parts of the world, elevating the risk of occupational heat-related illnesses and injuries, and making heat stress more common in duration, frequency, and intensity. This session will promote the exchange of knowledge and experiences on the impact of heat stress on workers and present challenges and opportunities for the design and implementation of mitigation measures.

DEC 2 | 14.00-14.50 Social Economy: Putting People and the Planet First

Organized by: the European Commission

Social economy puts people and the planet first. The political momentum for the social (and solidarity) economy has been growing (EU social economy action plan 2021, ILO and OECD recommendations 2022, UN resolution 2023) as policy makers increasingly recognize its positive impact. Social economy practitioners and experts share their perspective on the lead role of social economy organisations at the forefront of climate adaptation (with case studies) and social inclusion in partnership with the private sector.

DEC 2 | 15.00-16.20 High-Level Panel: Putting the Just Transition into Practice by Integrating Trade Unions in the JETPs

Co-Organized by: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development in Germany, German Trade Union Confederation, Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, Just Transition Centre

The Just Energy Transition Partnerships are an innovative approach in international climate policy. The goal is to expedite the energy transition in the global South with support from international partners through collaborative partnerships. The upcoming side event will delve into the process in South Africa, offering insights and providing a preview of expectations for Senegal. Specifically, the focus is on reinforcing the just component, involving workers and their trade unions to a greater extent in designing and implementing the partnerships.

DEC 2 | 16.30-17.20 Business Responses to Global Stocktake: How Employers Can Make COP28 a Success

Organized by: IOE

From Loss and Damage to climate finance to the Just Transition Work Programme, there are many pressing issues on the agenda and many priority areas of work and discussion. The Global Stocktake is expected, however, to show that it is not enough and that strengthened collaborative efforts are needed across the board to accelerate progress. What are the views, perspectives and the future outlook of leading business experts and representatives? What can employers from across the world see as the main roadblocks but also ingredients for success in coming years? How can we work together across governments, enterprises and other stakeholders to ensure the objectives of COP28?

Speakers will include representatives of the ILO, Moroccan Federation of Enterprises, Guatemala Chamber of Agriculture, Confederation of Indian Industry and International Organisation of Employers.

DECEMBER 3

DEC 3 | 9.30-10.20 Just Transition in Action: The Role of Finance - Launch of the ILO and UNEP Report on Integrating Just Transition in Banking and Insurance Activities

Co-organized by: the ILO, UNEP FI

Financial sector plays a major enabling role in promoting a just transition. Private sector banks and insurance companies have a variety of levers at their disposal to advance climate change adaptation and mitigation that leave no one behind.

While supporting a just transition moves higher on the agenda of the sector, the understanding of concrete actions that financial institutions can take to achieve the dual goals of environmental sustainability and social justice is currently lagging behind. The ILO and UNEP FI collaborated on a report addressing the rationale for financial institutions to embrace a just transition and highlighting the approaches that banks and insurance companies can adopt that will be launched during the session.

DEC 3 | 10.30-11.20 Ensuring Access to Essential Services to All for a Just Transition

Organized by: the European Commission

Essential services are a lifeline, access to them is a human right. They are key to socio-economic inclusion and ensuring that the green and digital transitions are fair. Yet, inequalities in access and affordability prevent groups on the margin or outside the social protection systems to benefit from opportunities offered by the transition to net-zero. The session will take stock of existing barriers and explore policy and funding solutions to break the cycle of isolation through skills development.

DEC 3 | 11.30-12.20 Equitable Workforce Transition in the Auto Industry: Perspectives from India and US

Co-organized by: WRI India, ARES, MacArthur Foundation, World Resources Institute

The global shift towards electric vehicles (EVs) has become a crucial element in achieving net-zero emissions. However, as the industry transitions, there is a need to navigate this transition in a just and equitable manner. It should not leave behind long-time autoworkers and communities. It should support workforce development and skilling and must ensure the creation of high-quality jobs, including for women. This event will bring together experts and key stakeholders to highlight the EV transition unfolding in specific country contexts, promote cross-country dialogue and learning, and identify promising strategies that address complex economic, labor and social justice issues in the transition towards an electrified future.

DEC 3 | 14.00-14.50 Driving Company and Sectoral Just Transition Plans: Insights From an EU Perspective

Co-organized by: World Benchmarking Alliance, LSE Grantham Institute, Council for Inclusive Capitalism, We Mean Business Coalition

The side-event will showcase the state of play of company just transition plans across multiple economic sectors. The event will be an opportunity to present latest research findings from WBA, LSE Grantham, and the Council for Inclusive Capitalism. The event will reveal examples of good company practices, how companies can implement just transition across their value chain and show which enabling policies (with a regional focus on the EU) can support corporate just transition action.

DEC 3 | 15.00-15.50 Launch of “Decarbonization Scenarios for the MENA Region” Report

Co-organized by: the ILO, IsDB

Joint launch between ILO and IsDB of first ever study on decarbonization policy scenarios, labour market and socioeconomic impacts of climate policy scenarios and NDCs in the MENA region.

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Co-organized by: Stanford University, Deutsche Bank, Ocean Risk Resilience and Alliance, SEASTORIA, the Oak Foundation, The Cacao Project

The 2030 Vision for Youth Climate Finance and Innovation Youth are driving the future of climate solution innovation and redesigning the future climate finance and capital markets. This event will provide an in-depth discussion on how to best remove barriers for youth accessing capital, investment vehicles to support youth leading in Frontline communities, the push for enhanced legal accountability for financial institutions, as well as the growing momentum toward reconceptualizing "return" and "growth" based on biodiversity and regeneration.

DECEMBER 4

DEC 4 | 9.30-10.20 Climate Change and Child Labour: Understanding the Impact of Climate Change, and of Mitigation and Adaptation Policies on the Incidence of Child Labour

Co-organized by: the ILO, FAO

The session will reflect on existing research examining the interplay between child labour and climate change. It will seek to provide an initial picture of some of the key channels – both direct and indirect – through which climate change and climate change responses are linked to child labour, and the broad implications for policy moving forward.

DEC 4 | 10.30-11.50 High-Level Opening Just Transition Pavilion: Just Transition Pathways – This Way to Social Justice

Co-organized by: the ILO, the European Commission

COP28 marks a critical moment of intensifying a triple planetary crisis, which is interlinked and cascading effects of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. With the negotiations of the Just Transition Work Programme, this high-level opening event of the just transition pavilion will highlight different countries just transition pathways and capture the lessons learned from governments, workers and employers who have helped advance the work towards a just transition for all.

DEC 4 | 12.00-12.50 Trade Unions Demand a Labour Inclusive Just Transition Work Programme

Co-organized by: ITUC, Just Transition Center

The role of workers and their organisations (the trade unions) has been undervalued in the UNFCCC process till now. The concept of just transition and its integration in the UNFCCC work through the JTWP is an important opportunity to strengthen and foster the engagement with workers and their organisations. Organised workers play a crucial role in facilitating and implementing urgently needed more ambitious climate policies. Invited government representatives provide information from their national policy experience. Trade union reps. give examples of how just transition policies are implemented in their countries and how it links with the work at the UNFCCC.

DEC 4 | 14.00-14.50 The Labour Dimensions of Climate Change and Human Mobility in a Just Transition Towards Environmentally Sustainable Economies and Societies for All

Organized by: the ILO

Just transitions to environmentally sustainable and climate-resilient green economies can foster climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies that create decent jobs for migrant workers. The 2023 Resolution and conclusions concerning a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all recognises the linkages between just transition and labour mobility.

This tripartite panel will discuss how fair labour migration frameworks can facilitate just transitions. Participants will discuss how regional policies and strategies can help overcome decent work deficits and ensure countries of origin of benefit from skilled workers' contributions to their own transition processes.

DEC 4 | 15.00-15.50 Climate Resilient Infrastructure an Essential Part of Just Transition

Organized by: the ILO

The 2023 Resolution and conclusions concerning a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all recognises the linkages between just transition and labour mobility, especially for least-developed and small island States.

DEC 4 | 16.00-17.20 Uniting across Sectors to Catalyze a New Era of Global Climate Talent

Co-organized by: Clean Energy Ministerial Empowering People Initiative, LinkedIn, and the European Commission

Bold action will be critical to meet climate goals. This includes rethinking how we prepare the workforce for the jobs of the future, and leverage a skills-based approach to match talent with opportunity. A coordinated global effort, bringing together thought leaders from the philanthropic, government, and business sectors, is needed to address the growing demand for green workers. This session will identify areas of global action in the context of next year's G20, G7 and CEM15 meetings.

DEC 4 | 17.30-18.20 Strengthening Energy Governance for a Just Energy Transition

Co-organized by: UNDP, EITI, UNFCCC

Strengthening energy governance is critical to accelerate the just energy transition. This session explores using the current energy crisis and renewable energy potential to create stable, equitable societies in different regions. Achieving this shift requires accountable, effective, inclusive governance with the right institutions, policies, citizen participation, and supporting infrastructure which will be discussed during the panel.

DECEMBER 5

DEC 5 | 10.30-11.50 Supporting Just Transition through Responsible Business Conduct - Regional Perspectives

Co-organized by: the ILO, UN Global Compact

By engaging in responsible business conduct, businesses can support an ambitious climate agenda that leaves no one behind. Co-hosted by the ILO and the UN Global Compact, this panel featuring representatives from the IOE, ITUC, EU and the business community will delve into how the private sector can contribute to a just transition by addressing both environmental and social dimensions of responsible business conduct across several sectors and regions.

DEC 5 | 12.00-12.50 The Role of Finance and Partnerships in Making the Energy Transition Work for People

Co-organized by the ILO, LSE Grantham Research Institute and GFANZ APAC

Promoting a just transition– maximizing the social and economic opportunities of climate action while minimizing and carefully managing any challenges – is a crucial objective of the Just Energy Transition Partnerships. The financial sector is foreseen to play a major enabling role: private sector financial institutions, members of the GFANZ are expected to mobilize \$10 billion to support the JETP in Indonesia. Cooperation, financial mechanisms allowing to exploit synergies and effective regulatory frameworks are fundamental to guide alignment of financial flows. This session features a comprehensive panel of voices involved in shaping JETP, who will share challenges, insights and emerging good practices on how finance can support the “just” element of JETPs.

DEC 5 | 14.00-14.50 The Social Dimension of the Ecological Transition: Country Experiences and Perspectives – West African Region

Organized by: the ILO

The event will explore the "Social Dimension of the Ecological Transition" project, the first to implement technical support under the Climate Action for Jobs Initiative. Funded by the French Government, it operates across Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, and Nigeria. Join our event to discuss the project implementation in these countries, including challenges and the way forward. We'll also strive to shed the light on coherence with other projects and sharing of experiences for broader regional impacts.

DEC 5 | 15.30-16.20 Navigating a Just Transition in Latin America and the Caribbean: Insights from Policy Design and Implementation

The event is held in Spanish

Organized by: the ILO

The aim of this event is to comprehensively assess the significant progress and hurdles encountered in the Latin American and Caribbean region regarding the implementation of just transition policies across various sectors, among different population groups, and the critical factors propelling these initiatives.

DEC 5 | 16.30-18.00 Just Transition in Practice – How to Tackle Multigenerational Challenges Within one Decade to Leave No Person and Place Behind

Organized by: the European Commission

Recognition of the multifaceted nature of the twin transition is key. Decarbonization, climate resilience, youth employment, and gender equity are all integral aspects of this transformation, each demanding careful consideration. Skills reinforcement and capacity building are crucial to boost climate transition in all sectors. These dimensions are often addressed by national and international policies, but the session will explore them as interrelated components of a just and sustainable transition.

DECEMBER 6

DEC 6 | 9.30-10.20 A Just Transition - With and For Youth

Co-organized by: the ILO, UNEP, UNICEF

Young people are not only victims by climate change, but vanguard actors of change and climate action! In the summer 2023, the International Labour Conference adopted a new resolution and conclusions on just transition. The conclusions include a clear reference to consult with affected communities – in particular youth. This session will focus on the youth perspectives in a just transition and how young people are engaging in just transition processes around the world.

DEC 6 | 10.30-11.20 Achieving a Just Transition to the Circular Economy

Co-organized by: the ILO, S4YE World Bank, Circle Economy

The transition to a circular economy will see 78 million jobs created and 72 million destroyed. This event will discuss the challenges that exist for employers, workers and governments as part of this transition. The event will begin with a short introduction to the session and to the ILO's work in this field. It will feature a keynote speech from the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development of Argentina. Next, a panel will discuss the importance of ensuring a just transition for those who may be exposed to job losses, particularly in the linear economy. Panellists will also discuss the decent work challenges that exist in the circular economy and how they can be overcome.

DEC 6 | 11.30-12.50 G7 Green Jobs and Skills: Increasing International Cooperation and Investment for a Just Transition

Co-organized by: the ILO, BMZ/GIZ, and G7 Partners

The panel will involve leaders from G7 countries, partners countries and social partners to discuss progress on just transition and the importance of green jobs and skills strategies for achieving the SDGs. It will address how their countries are investing in a low carbon economy to alleviate inequality, and promote climate adaptation and mitigation. It will focus on examples and practices of partnerships between countries on issues of sectoral policies including clean energy, social protection, labour rights and reskilling to meet the needs of changing labour markets.

DEC 6 | 14.00-14.50 Empowering the Green Workforce: Education and Skills for a Just Transition

Co-organized: by the ILO, IRENA, UNESCO, UNICEF

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DEC 6 | 15.00-16.00 Climate Coffee Break: A Chat with California Climate Leaders about Recent Accomplishments and What's Needed in 2024

Organized by: The Climate Center

California passed a number of important bills into law this year, including bills to hold corporations accountable for their carbon emissions, codify 30x30 conservation goals, move transportation toward zero-emissions vehicles and infrastructure, make it easier to implement transmission infrastructure and finance large-scale infrastructure projects, and reign in oil industry greed at the expense of consumers. The state legislature also had to make adjustments to the historic climate investments that it passed in the last two years and consider plans for a climate bond that would ensure continued funding for programs impacted by budget cuts. At this event, California legislators will discuss their achievements and challenges from 2023, as well as remaining policy gaps as they look forward to 2024. Presentations and discussion will be followed by audience Q&A.

DEC 6 | 16.30-17.20 Innovation in Skills Financing for a Just Transition

Co-organized by: the European Commission, ILO, IsDB, LinkedIn

A panel of experts will discuss how investment in skills development can drive sustainable growth and resilience, contributing to a just transition. It will share insights on innovative financing practices and examples that can foster skills development and how these can be effectively implemented and scaled up. The session aims to inspire dialogue and collaboration among stakeholders, encouraging them to invest in skills development and lifelong learning, and innovate funding modalities as a key strategy for a just and green transformation.

DEC 6 | 17.30-18.50 Closing the Gap Between Climate Science and System Change

Co-organized by: Force of Nature, Climate Crisis Advisory Group

Force of Nature and the Climate Crisis Advisory Group are bringing together youth activists & scientists to discuss climate resilience, and what's needed in society & communities.

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DEC 8 | 9.30-10.50 Blue Carbon - Developing Solutions for a Just Transition

Co-organized by: the ILO, Centre Scientifique de Monaco, EMEA, Blue Green Future, King Abdullah University

The workshop aims at developing practical solutions to implement nature-based solutions to protect maritime wildlife and the oceans while offering Just Transitions for affecting populations and communities. Through 3-4 working groups, we will look into appropriate valuation mechanisms, governance structures, protocols for dialogue with indigenous people and mechanisms to blend private sector and public financing. The purpose is to design a possible roadmap for Blue Carbon solutions, highlighting challenges and opportunities with concrete examples. The workshop will be facilitated by practitioners and researchers in the field who provide guidance to the participants.

DEC 8 | 11.30-12.20 Towards a Just Transition: An Evidence Review in Developing Countries and Emerging Economies.

Co-organized by: the ILO, GCF-IEU

The event will discuss findings from a global evidence review on just transition conducted by the GCF-IEU and the ILO. Through a realist synthesis approach the study explores the causal mechanisms and contextual barriers and enablers contributing to social and climate outcomes in developing countries and emerging economies.

DEC 8 | 15.00-15.50 SMEs, Gamechangers in a Just Transition to Circular and Low Carbon Economies

Co-organized by: SEED, the ILO, ASEF, CAREC, Habitat for Humanity, IUCN

Rooted in local ecosystems, small enterprises are “natural” stakeholders for Just Transition. The role of business in coping with economic, social and environmental challenges has been recognised, with attention to SMEs and their role in innovative solutions. However, their potential to contribute in the transition to circular low carbon economies remains largely untapped. It is important to stimulate their innovations, for local jobs, building resilience, and greening value chains.

DEC 8 | 16.30-17.20 Walking the Talk: Experiences on Just Transition and Social Dialogue

Organized by: the European Economic and Social Committee

Just transition is easy to say, challenging to implement. This side event aims to bring together civil society organizations with policymakers, presenting concrete examples on just transition initiatives with social dialogue to reflect on strengths, challenges and potential to scale up existing actions.

DEC 8 | 18.00-18.50 Fostering Equitable Just Transitions through Nature-Based Solutions: A Focus on Ocean Conservation and Restoration

Co-organized by Earthlanka Youth Network, Sustainable Ocean Alliance, Island Innovation, Women Divers Hall of Fame

This session will explore how the implementation of nature-based solutions in the context of ocean conservation can be leveraged for fostering social equity, addressing climate change, and ensuring a just transition for communities dependent on marine resources. It will emphasize the significance of inclusive approaches to conservation and restoration efforts within ocean-based ecosystems.

DECEMBER 9

DEC 9 | 9.30-10.20 Small Business - Big Stakes: Bringing SMEs Into the Just Transition

Organized by: the ILO

SMEs account for seven out of ten jobs, and meanwhile, smaller businesses represent approximately 50% of greenhouse gas emissions. Bringing SMEs in the just transition is essential to limit job losses and optimize employment while achieving the transition to a green economy. This session poses the questions: What does climate change mitigation and adaptation look like for different SME segments? How to support SMEs to innovate and seize market opportunities focusing on green sectors and value chains? Drawing on specific challenges faced by SMEs worldwide, this session will discuss opportunities and solutions that support resilience and sustainability.

DEC 9 | 10.30-11.20 Lessons and Recommendations from South Africa's First Just Transition Project

Organized by: Presidential Climate Commission

The event will showcase the early lessons and recommendations from South Africa's first just transition project -- the Komati Coal Power Station, which is in the process of being decommissioned and repowered with renewable energy, with a focus on community development benefits. The lessons recommendations were developed by South Africa's Presidential Climate Commission, the presidential body that oversees and facilitates the just transition in the country, based on evidence and perspectives.

DEC 9 | 11.30-12.20 Private Sector Accountability & Just Transition in the Agriculture Sector

Co-organized by: Global Reporting Initiative, Yara, Rabobank, Rainforest Alliance

Agriculture contributes 23% GHG emissions, affecting 2.5 billion livelihoods. Climate change disrupts operations, harms worker safety, reduces income, spurs food insecurity. Farmers need support: living wages, land rights, and labor protections. Key elements to support small producers include ensuring living wages or living income, formalizing their enterprises, land titles and labor relations, adequate social and labor protections. The event will focus on private sector accountability in just transition, including through transparency on adaptation plans.

DEC 9 | 14.00-14.50 Building Social Protection Systems That Support a Just Transition

Co-organized by: the ILO, GIZ, World Bank, USAID, USDOL

Social protection is essential to support workers of all sectors during the transition. It is a powerful instrument to ensure a just transition for people within as well as outside the workforce, including local communities. Social protection can incentivize the sustainable use of natural resources, support adaptation, and cushion people from adverse impacts of climate change mitigation policies, thereby fomenting public support. This event showcases how countries make use of social protection systems to achieve both environmental and social goals. It is co-organized by members of the Universal Social Protection 2030 (USP2030) working group on Social Protection and Climate Change.

DEC 9 | 15.00-15.50 Making the Green Transition Inclusive of Persons with Disabilities

Co-organized by: the ILO, IDA, EDF, PDF, ADF

We will be discussing with representatives from disability organizations and other allies what needs to be done to ensure that the just transition work programme includes persons with disabilities as one of the target groups.

DEC 9 | 16.30-17.20 Indigenous Youth and a Just Transition to Green Jobs

Co-organized by: Asociación Ak' Tenamit, Guatemalan Government

Indigenous communities are among the most affected by climate change, which increases food insecurity and the irregular migration of youth. This panel highlights innovative best practices and experiences of public-private-community alliances to prepare at-risk indigenous youth for secure gainful employment in a rapidly emerging job market related to conservation, food security, disaster risk reduction, community-based tourism, renewable energy and climate change adaptation.

DEC 9 | 18.00-18.50 Labour of Love - Poetry Slam on People and Planet

Organized in Collaboration with the Entertainment and Climate Pavilion and Poetry for Planet

Labour of love: OPEN-MIC night. Join us for an interactive evening where young artists, activists, and negotiators come together to showcase their creative expressions at the intersection of people and the planet. This open-mic night invites everyone to take the stage and share their talents, whether it's through a comedic performance, a musical act, or a poignant poetry reading. It is a platform where passion meets creativity to highlight the crucial issues of our time—climate change and labour challenges. Your voice matters, and this event is your opportunity to make it heard in a captivating and engaging way.

DECEMBER 10

DEC 10 | 9.30-10.20 Putting People at the Centre of Climate Action: The Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions

Organized by: the ILO Global Accelerator

The Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions was launched by the UN Secretary-General as a multi-partner collective response for addressing the multiple challenges, including climate change, that threaten to erase progress on sustainable development. The Global Accelerator aims support just transitions, while leveraging investments to create at least 400 million decent jobs, and extend social protection coverage to the over 4 billion people currently excluded. This event will highlight the important contribution that the Global Accelerator can make to support people, workers and enterprises to ensure an environmental transition that is just and inclusive.

DEC 10 | 14.00-14.50 Advancing International Cooperation and Knowledge Exchange for Implementing Just Energy Transitions in Coal Regions

Co-organized by: IISD, IKI JET, GIZ, CAN International, the ILO, Wuppertal Institute, PPCA, ETP

Transitioning away from coal-based energy systems and dependent local economies is critical but ensuring a just and equitable change is challenging, particularly in the Global South. Bringing together various stakeholders, the panel will discuss how partnerships, including the JCT Platform and the PPCA, foster collaboration and knowledge exchange across countries. It will further feature the new JET-CR Knowledge Hub as a digital 'one-stop shop' on just energy transition.

DEC 10 | 17.00-17.50 Reels of Climate and Labour: A Documentary Night

Co-organized by: the Pulitzer Center and TIME

Session featuring climate and labor documentaries, showcasing the Pulitzer Center's audiovisual stories that delve into the intersection of climate and labour. The Pulitzer Center champions the power of stories to make complex issues relevant and inspire action. During this session, we will showcase two remarkable documentaries.

DECEMBER 11

DEC 11 | 10.00-10.50 Nothing About us Without Us! - The Crucial Role of Youth Activists in Achieving the Just Transition

Co-organized by: Global Young Greens, Greenpeace, Youth Advocates For Climate Action Philippines, Students For Earth Tunisia, MENA Youth Network

Young people have been very vocal about their demands for a just transition in the past years, yet they are still underrepresented in crucial negotiations. This session gives insights on our fight, connects with activists from the Global South and explores why they should be in the negotiation rooms. The goal of the session is to open exchange and a debate of the importance of young voices shaping their future and working on a Just transition and how does that look like.

DEC 11 | 11.00-12.20 Creative Writing Workshop: Climate and Labour Nexus: From Journalism to Engaging Narratives

Co-organized by: the Pulitzer Center and TIME

This engaging panel + workshop dive deep into the intersection between climate and labor, shedding light on the profound effects of climate change on labor issues worldwide, often underreported in the media landscape.

DEC 11 | 14.00-15.20 Integrating Just Transition into the Next Round of NDC

Organized by: World Resources Institute

Ahead of COP30, there is a critical opportunity to further incorporate just transition into the next round of NDCs. This event will explore how countries can provide fuller information about their just transition plans and policies and how more countries can join those who have already incorporated just transition in their NDCs. To help move this forward, the Just Transition Work Program could include workshops next year to explore such incorporation.

DEC 11 | 15.30-16.20 The need for Equity, Inclusion and Financial Support in Scientific Research: Climate Research for All

Co-organized by: SilverLining, Green Africa Youth Organisation, Sustenta Honduras, Arab Youth Climate Movement Qatar, Sustainability Week Pakistan, Quadrature Climate Foundation

This event focuses on the challenges related to large-scale, sustainable, and equitable funding to support innovative, urgently needed scientific research on climate impacts, discusses the need to enhance scientific capacity in the Global South, how the promotion of South-South and triangular cooperation may offer possible solutions to this challenge and encourages dialogue on increased climate impact research capacity to enable more effective and timely adaptation and DRR planning.

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DEC 11 | 17.30-18.20 Leveraging the Power of Networks for Climate Action and Youth Engagement for the SDGs!

Co-organized by Peace Boat US, Blue Planet Alliance, EarthEcho International, It's Our Future, Sustainable Ocean Alliance, International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification, Impact for the SDGs

This will be an intergenerational discussion showcasing the role of youth in scaling up climate action with focus on the value of capacity building, networks and peer-to-peer exchange for youth around the world. It will draw upon the experiences of youth from capacity building programs onboard Peace Boat's ship and the youth members of the "Youth for SDGs" program. We will hear from young SIDS leaders and coastal communities about how networks facilitate youth engagement for ocean action.