Concept note

Advancing climate action, a just transition, and decent work in Africa

Agenda

Regional launch: Climate Action for Jobs Initiative and “the social dimension of the ecological transition” project

21 April 2021 – 10:00 – 12:00 UTC

- Curtain Opening Video setting the context
- **Opening remarks** (10:00 – 10:30)
  - Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon, ILO Assistant Director-General, Regional Director for Africa
  - CA4J International Advisory Board Members
    - Mr Ignatius Baffour Awuah, Minister of Employment and Labour Relations, Ghana
    - Ms Innocence Ntap N’diaye, President, High Council of Social Dialogue, Senegal
    - Ms Anousheh Karvar as Member of Advisory Group and France delegate to the ILO
    - Mr Roberto Suárez Santos, Secretary General, International Organisation of Employers (IOE)
    - Ms Sharan Burrow, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
- Short Presentation of the CA4J Initiative and the project and the “social dimension of the ecological transition” project (2 min video format)

**Session 1 the needs and priorities in meeting the countries’ just transition commitments** (10:30 – 11:10)

  - Moderated discussion with the following speakers:
    - Dr Yerima P. Peters, Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment, Nigeria

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- Idrissa Djibrilla, Secretary General, Democratic Confederation of Workers from Niger (CDTN)
- Margaret Chitiga-Mabugu, Co-chair, International Technical Group, CA4J, Director of the School of Public Management and Administration, University of Pretoria, South Africa;

  o Q&A (managed by the secretariat through a chat function. Questions directed to the moderator for consideration).

**Session 2: How to actualize the just transition opportunities for Africa** (11:10 – 11:50)

  o Panel discussion with the following speakers:
    - Azan Joël Kouakou, Director of Strategies and Programs and Employment Programs (DSPE) at the Ministry of Employment and Social Protection (MEPS) of Côte d’Ivoire
    - Diana Acconcia, Head of the EU Delegation to Ghana
    - Anthony Nyong, Africa Regional Director at the Global Center on Adaptation
    - Dr Israel Murefu President of the Employers Confederation of Zimbabwe (EMCOZ)
    - Babacar Sylla, member of the National Confederation of Workers of Senegal (CNTS) Senegal

  o Q&A (managed by the secretariat through a chat function. Questions directed to the moderator for consideration).

**Concluding remarks** (11:50 – 12:00)

  o Summary of main take outs from the day
    - Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon, ILO Assistant Director-General, Regional Director for Africa ILO Regional Director

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