MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON JUST TRANSITION AND DECENT WORK, COP25

Date: Wednesday 11 December
Time: 14:00-15:30
Room number: TBC
Format: moderated discussion with kick-off panellists and participants
Working Language: ENGLISH

Background

• The Working Group on Just Transition and Decent Work is part of the Marrakech Partnership Global Climate Action themes, including resilience, transport, energy, human settlements, just transition & decent work, and water.

• The WG was created under the Fiji Presidency of COP23 Climate Action Pacific Partnership (CAPP) with the mandate to share examples and good practices on how the Paris Agreement can be implemented on the ground while promoting green jobs that are good for people, good for the environment and good for the economy. The next session of the working group took place at COP24 and it was chaired by Poland, as COP presidency.

• The WG on JT & DW is open to governments, workers, employers and other stakeholders through focal points or participation during UNFCCC meetings and climate related events. During COP23 most participants of the WG were from the Pacific Islands providing key insights of the needs and ambitions of the Pacific. During COP24 European countries were invited to actively participate at the working group. At COP24 The Silesia Declaration on Solidarity and Just Transition⁠¹ was adopted. List of List of Leaders and Parties endorsing the Solidarity and Just Transition can be seen here. It is expected that Latin-American and Caribbean countries increase their participation at the working group at COP25.

• In 29-30 October 2019, a tripartite regional dialogue on decent work, green jobs and just transition was organized by the Government of Chile (Ministry of labour and Social Security and Ministry of environment), the Economic Commission for Latin-America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the ILO. The meeting’s main goal was to share knowledge and experiences among the countries of the region, on the fields of just transition and climate change. The Dialogue was a preparatory meeting for Latin America and Caribbean countries to the DW and JT working group to take place during COP25. More information here.

• The ILO provides secretariat support connecting messages and conversations from one WG meeting to the next. At each session, key messages are compiled by the ILO, to facilitate countries to translate them into projects and policy action at country level.

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• **Moderator:** Chile
• 5’ Pedro Pablo Silva, Head of International Relations, Ministry of Employment, Chile.
  - Welcome and introduction
• 10’ Moustapha Kamal Gueye, coordinator Green Jobs Programme, International Labour Organization (ILO)
  - Introduction to the WG at COP23 and COP24

- Presentation of the Climate for Jobs Initiative
  • 10’ Kusum Lata, UNFCCC Secretariat

- Just Transition at the UNFCCC process
  • 10’ Pedro Pablo Silva, Head of International Relations, Ministry of Employment, Chile

- Latin America and Caribbean meeting on Just transition, Green jobs and Climate Change: Chile supported by ECLAC and ILO will present the main conclusions of the event.

• 15’ Kick-off panelists:
  o Chile rep (Min Environment/Min Energy)
  o Spain Rep (Min Labour/ Min Ecological transition)
  o Robert Marinkovic, Adviser, IOE - INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION OF EMPLOYERS
  o Rep Workers (rep of International Trade Union Confederation)-national trade union rep)
  o Ana Belen Sanchez, Green Jobs programme in LAC region (ILO)

• 30’ Round of participation: Participants will be invited to contribute with information about the work done at country level and share their ideas and suggestions to work forward on this agenda.

• 20’ Conclusions and way forward