



Capacity building for a Just Transition to Climate Ambition

I. Session overview

- Tuesday, 11 December 2018
- 10:30 to 11:30 am
- Venue: Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) exhibit room, inside COP24 venue
- Organiser: International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

II. Objective

The COP in Katowice, in the Silesia region, the heartland of coal mining in Poland, is a symbolic place for all workers worldwide to see that governments take climate change seriously. The union movement is convinced that a Just Transition, the creation of green jobs and decent work for all are key to unlocking urgently needed ambition in climate policies. Taking good care of the impact of climate change and climate policies on workers' lives, livelihoods, communities and families will make it possible for ambitious measures to be taken. This session will illustrate the way in which unions are taking up this challenge with their members. The focus will be especially on capacity building for workers and unions in the Global South.

III. Run of the show

The session will be moderated by Mr Bert De Wel, Climate Policy Officer at the ITUC.

10h30-10h45	Setting the scene: A trade union view from the Pacific on Just transition and green jobs Mr Daniel Urai, President of the Fiji Trade Union Congress, Fiji.
10h45-11h00	Working with unions and their members on Just Transition solutions in Africa Ms Rhoda Boateng, Program Coordinator Labor Rights, Climate Justice and Youth Empowerment, International Trade Union Confederation Africa, Togo
11h00-11h30	Panel debate on Just Transition and Green Jobs <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Massiel Figuereo, Confederación Nacional de Unidad Sindical CNUS, República Dominicana.- Ms Rebecca Okello Abongo, Central Organisation of Trade Unions, Kenya.- Ms Ema Liliefna, KSBSI, Indonesia.- Ms Manuela Matthess, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Germany. Discussion with the room, followed by a summary and conclusions by the moderator.