
Agenda „Just Transition Day”

Location: Polish Pavilion

Date: Monday, 3 December 2018 r.

Plan of the events in the Polish Pavilion:

10.00 – 12.00 Registration (welcome coffee)

I. 12.00-13.30 Just Transition for All –Solid Research Evidence and Implementation Pathways. Thematic session I: **Analytical Evidence for just Transition**

Moderator: Andrzej Błachowicz

Opening speeches: Karol Templin, Representative of the Presidency COP24
Andrzej Błachowicz, Managing Director, Representative of Climate Strategies, Michelle Leighton, Chief Migration Branch, ILO

Speakers: Representatives of analytical centers and *think tanks*:

Jesse Burton, University of Cape Town on behalf of “Coal Transitions” project: Just transition pathways in major coal economies

Laura Merrill, IISD: Guiding Just Transition Through Engagement, Communications and Fiscal Reform: Approaches in South East Asia and North America.

Heidi Peltier, University of Massachusetts: Coalitions and movements in the U.S. - Challenges and Successes in advancing a Just Transition agenda

Ulrike Lehr, GWS: Regional distribution effects of the energy transition in Germany

Lucy Stone, Agulhas: Successful case-studies on citizen/worker participation renewal model, on cooperative renewable energy ownership, on structural/regional reform

Catherine Saget, ILO Research: The global impact of the green transition

Dunja Krause, UNRISD on behalf of Just Transition Research Collaborative: Assessing ambition and inclusiveness of different Just Transition approaches

Jan Witajewski-Baltvilks, IBS: Social and economic risks of energy transition in Poland, including proposals for labour market instruments

Maciej Bukowski, WISE Europa: Systems approach towards Just Transition: the case of Upper Silesia

Mariola Juszczyk, PKEE: Contribution of Polish electricity sector to execution of objectives of Paris Agreement and EU Climate Policy: comparative analysis (Background notes available for each presentation)

13:30 – 15:00 Lunch

II. 15.00-16.30 Just Transition for All –Solid Research Evidence and Implementation Pathways. Thematic session II: **Silesia Just Transition Declaration - Implementation pathways and possible actions.**

Moderation: COP24 Presidency

Keyspeakers:

UNFCCC Secretariat: Kusum Lata
IndustriALL Global Union: Kemal Özkan
BTeam*
Eurelectric/PKEE: Maciej Burny
FZZ / Kadra: Grzegorz Trefon
Greenpeace: Anabella Rosemberg*

Negotiators from selected countries:

Australia: Steven Thurnbull
Austria (EU Presidency): Manfred Kohlbach
Canada
CEE Region
European Commission: Marta Olender*
Ghana: Angelina Mensah*
Latin America
Philippines

Closing sentence: Andrzej Błachowicz, Managing Director, , Climate Strategies

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee break

III. 17.00-18.30 Game changer for the future of work: Towards a just transition with gender equality.

Format: Interactiv discussion panel

Moderator: Poland representative/media background (Zuzanna Dąbrowska, Rzeczpospolita)

Opening speech: Representative of Poland

Keyspeakers:

Dr. Nur Masripatin, Senior Advisor to the Minister of Environment and Forestry on Climate Change and International Conventions/National Focal Point for UNFCCC (Indonesia)

Ms. Montserrat Mir, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation

Mr. Sandeep Chauhan, President of Fiji Commerce and Employer Federation (Fiji, Pacific Islands)

Mr. Roy Cimatu, Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (The Philippines)

Ms. Patricia Fuller, Ambassador for Climate Change (Canada)

Ms. Bridget Burns, Director at Women's Environment & Development Organization

Closing sentence: ILO Representative (Michelle Leighton, Chief)

(to be confirmed)*

Context and Aims (Session I and II)

As currently the just transition is being discussed in multiple forums at the UNFCCC – including the forum on the response measures - there is a strong need for the solid analytical evidence on past just transitions and pathways for optimal future ones to be synthesized and presented to the right drivers of change within the UNFCCC process.

At the same time, a growing number of countries are establishing national task forces or commissions on just transition, and there are various national experiences on how countries are managing their transition to low-carbon and climate-resilient economies. There is high value in sharing such national experiences.

Many organizations/initiatives have been working on a just transition definition and past and future transition experience/scenarios but that work has happened in a limbo. Better interaction is needed between research and decision-making/diplomacy, as decisions cannot be taken in a void anymore, and they must take into account the status of current scientific and social research.

This event is an attempt to offer a more structured interaction between relevant research and JT drivers within the UN process and with Parties.

Context and Aims (Session III)

This event will highlight how the global efforts towards a just transition and achieving gender equality, are mutually reinforcing and beneficial. It will showcase the untapped potential of promoting just transition with gender equality across different sectors and country contexts for furthering effective climate action, building on the diverse experiences of Poland and other participating countries, and their unique economic situations and climate vulnerabilities.

This session will focus on sharing practical lessons learned about leveraging just transition to accelerate the achievement of gender equality and a sustainable future of work. Each panellist will

come with a distinct perspective – and will highlight how just transition with gender equality can contribute to transforming the future of work and address the treats of climate change.

Through this event, the Polish Presidency also establishes a dedicated link between the previous presidency and the current, by providing a platform to highlight the situation of countries that have been on the forefront of climate change effects, including from the Climate Vulnerable Forum.

Climate change related impacts pose a serious threat to the world of work and include, among others, heat waves, floods, droughts, changing rainfall patterns, rising sea levels, as well as other extreme weather events and slow onset events. Addressing gender equality as an integral part of climate action and just transition can contribute to both achieving gender equality as well as promoting effective mitigation and adaptation measures. Progress towards gender equality has been uneven, women continue to face exclusion, discrimination and disproportionate exposure to socio-economic vulnerabilities.

The world of work is also impacted by some mitigation and adaptation measures, especially when groups that are already facing socio-economic vulnerabilities are excluded. The impacts of climate change, and climate actions that exclude women, for instance, may exacerbate the range of obstacles and socio-economic vulnerabilities that characterize decent work deficits for women.

A just transition is important for low, middle and high income economies, for combating climate change and furthering inclusive climate action as well as sustainable development. In the world of work, a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all has a vital role to play in ensuring that the negative effects of climate impacts and climate action are minimized, while the positive effects of mitigation and adaptation measures advance gender equality and decent work, rather than perpetuating or exacerbating gender disparities.

It is increasingly urgent to identify and address the unique challenges faced by diverse economies and sectors across different country contexts from the lens of just transition. From agriculture and fisheries to manufacturing and energy, the concept of just transition provides vital guidance for ensuring that climate action is more effective by transforming gender norms and furthering gender equality, while ensuring women have the opportunity to participate as actors in combating climate change and spurring green growth.