

Thematic side event on Enabling Just Transition INC-4

Thursday 25 April 2024,
Asia Pacific room/ room 213/215
13:30-14:45 EDT

While transition is imperative, it is important to define where the world wants to transition to, and the means to get there. A just transition would be one that measurably enhances all human rights, creates decent work opportunities, reduces inequalities and poverty. The necessary efforts to combat the multiple environmental crises, including climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution provide a unique opportunity to realign development pathways in accordance with the Sustainable Development Goals.

The shift to sustainable production can have unintended impacts particularly on workers, including in the informal sector, communities, Indigenous Peoples, and micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSME). It is essential for the just transition to put people at the centre, ensuring that all workers and communities affected by hazardous exposures and environmental harm are protected.

Plastic pollution sits at the intersection of multiple environmental crises. No one sector can address it alone. This event will bring together speakers representing a diverse group of stakeholders who will highlight collaborative efforts involving government, employers, Indigenous Peoples, and civil society to prioritize workers' rights, community well-being, and environmental protection.

Speakers will be invited to address the following question:

How can the Global Plastics Treaty operationalize key concepts of just transition for all and what are the necessary elements to be included to realize these expectations?

Agenda

13.30-13.35 - *Welcome*

- **Dr. Halshka Graczyk**, International Labor Organization (ILO)

13.35-13.40 - *Opening remarks*

- **Dr. Mihir Kanade**, Member of the UN Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development

13.40-13.55 - *Panel discussion 1*

- **Mr. Adalberto Maluf**, National Secretary of Urban Environment and Environmental Quality, Brazil, Ministry of Environment, Brazil
- **Ms. Lisa Qiluqqi Koperqualuk**, Inuit Circumpolar Council
- **Dr. Adetoun Mustapha**, International Science Council
- **Dr. Daniel Ramos**, World Trade Organization

13.55-14.05 - *Panel discussion 2*

- **Ms. Barbra Weber**, representing the International Alliance of Waste Pickers
- **Ms. Jadira Vivanco**, Fundación AVINA
- **Mr. Aminur Rashid-Repon Chowdhury**, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
- **Mr. Mario Galbert**, Ocean Science and Governance, Children and Youth Major Group to UNEP (CYMG)

14.05-14.20 - *Panel discussion 3*

- **Ms. Jodie Roussell**, Business Coalition for a Global Plastics Treaty
- **Dr. Evar Umeozor**, PhD, King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center (KAPSARC)
- **Ms. Daniela Stange**, International Air Transport Association (IATA)
- **Mr. Robert Marinkovic**, International Organisation of Employers (IOE)

14.20-14.40 - *Questions & Answers*

14.40-14.45 - *Closing*

Key Resources

- [OHCHR and ILO, Key Messages on Human Rights and Just Transition.](#)
- [ILO, Guidelines for a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all.](#)
- [ILO, 111th International Labour Conference, Resolution concerning a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all.](#)