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G7 - Driving Collective Action and Financing on Just Transitions and Green Jobs and Skills

13 November 2023: 15h-16h30 CET

Zoom: <https://ilo-org.zoom.us/j/96200516259>

Background

A Work Programme on Just Transition Pathways will be discussed for adoption by UNFCCC at COP28 in UAE this year. The Work Programme will focus on just transition pathways in the context of: (1) economic sectors including energy, industry and construction, agriculture, land use and forestry, and waste; (2) how to create decent work and quality jobs; and (3) the importance of education and the challenges of skilling, re-skilling, upskilling, reschooling and retooling. A key outcome of the work programme will be a framework for financing just transition pathways across the global climate finance architecture.

In the lead up to the COP28, this webinar will introduce rationale and expected outcomes of the Just Transitions Pathways Work Programme while looking at the status of international partnerships that advance green jobs and skills, including under the G7, the Programme of Action for the Green Economy (PAGE), and the Climate Action for Jobs Initiative, among others. This will be followed by the presentation of G7 countries development strategies for contributing to just transitions and examples of cooperation with partner countries on green jobs and skills approaches.

The webinar builds on an ILO initiative [Support to improve the effectiveness of development assistance in 'green jobs and skills' \(ilo.org\)](#) financed by BMZ via GIZ, which involves cooperation with G7 partners to intensify investment in green jobs and skills in cooperation with developing countries.

2nd Knowledge Exchange

This is the second in a series of knowledge exchanges organized amongst G7, partner countries and development agencies including the ILO and German development and financial agencies. The first knowledge exchange took place in May 2023 and presented approaches for monitoring, evaluating and measuring green jobs and skills. Good practices were presented from Namibia, Morocco and Ghana.

In this second knowledge exchange, the perspectives for a UNFCCC Work Programme on Just Transitions Pathways will be presented along with strategies and good practices from G7 countries of partnerships to promote just transitions in the context of green jobs and skills. This will be followed by

a moderated debate to discuss the potential for G7 countries on how they will contribute to the Just Transitions Pathway work programme.

The aim of the webinar is to prepare the ground for a high level G7 panel session which will take place on 6 December at COP28 in Dubai. The panel will involve senior leaders from G7 development agencies discussing their countries commitment to increasing financing for just transitions and green jobs.

Draft Agenda

Moderator: Mr. Drew Gardiner, Employment Policy Specialist, ILO

10 mins: Work Programme on Just Transition Pathways and international partnerships

▶ Ms. Kusum Lata, Team Lead, Impact Assessment Unit, Mitigation Division, UNFCCC

20 mins: Just transition strategy and programme example 1: European Commission, SWITCH-Asia

▶ Mr. Guy Janaway & Ms. Zinaida Fadeeva, EC SWITCH-Asia

20 mins: Just transition strategy and programme example 2: Global Affairs Canada (Egypt and Vietnam cooperation)

▶ Eman Omran, GAC Egypt & Saurabh Kaura, Asian Development Bank

30 mins: Moderated roundtable

▶ Participants

▶ **Canada:** Global Affairs Canada

▶ **European Commission:** INTPA

▶ **France:** AFD

▶ **USA:** USAID

▶ **Italy:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs

▶ **Germany:** BMZ and GIZ

▶ Discussion questions

▶ *What kind of international cooperation strategies and interventions does your country follow to promote just transitions in the context of green jobs and skills?*

▶ *What are the challenges faced in promoting just transitions in the context of green jobs and skills strategies and programmes?*

▶ *What lessons have been learned so far in supporting countries achieve just transitions in the context of green jobs and skills?*