

Presentation on the work-programme by Norway held on Nov 5<sup>th</sup>.

- Thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts on the work programme for the Forum when serving the Paris agreement.
- Keeping the global average temperature rise in line with the goals set out in the Paris Agreement will require deep transformation of our societies. The transition to a low carbon economy comes with both opportunities and challenges for all countries. As a major exporter of oil and gas this is indeed the case for Norway.
- To make the Forums work effective, the work programme must be carefully drafted so that it can assist parties in managing the transition to the future we have committed to through the Paris agreement.
- A key question in this regard is how the Forums work programme can help parties to increase their mitigation ambitions, and furthermore, how parties can design their climate policies in a way that maximise positive impacts and minimize potential challenges as well as ensuring inclusiveness in the process.
- The forums work programme, sets the direction for the efforts made in the Forum and is and should be both broad and dynamic. This way it will help parties not only tackle the transition driven by climate change but also how this change is accelerated by rapid technological developments.
- Our economies are in constant transition, industries come and go, there are winners and there are losers. We argue that this transition is not significantly different from the many transformation our societies have undergone in the past. We have learned that transition can be a key to growth and well-being, but also a source of uncertainty and loss in industries and businesses.
- Transformation influence people's everyday life, and will put people and jobs at risk. In designing mitigation policies, the focus must be on enhancing and not diminishing the capabilities of the most vulnerable. A key concern for governments is to create environments where businesses and people can flourish and to reduce the social costs of transformation.
- In Norway, the petroleum sector remains our biggest source of income. Resources and highly valuable competences are invested in this sector. However, projections estimate that the employment rate in the petroleum sector will be half of the current level by 2040.
- Norway, as many other countries has a job to do prepare and adjust to the low-emission future. In our opinion the current work programme on economic diversification and transformation and just transition are key issues in this regard. For this reason, we suggest that the current work programme should be of continued focus of the forum.

- We need to make progress here in Bonn, but must also make sure that the design of the work programme can also be informed by the workshop on economic modelling to be held in May, and the review of the work programme next year. (*According to paragraph 7 of decision 11 CP.21, the current work programme is to be reviewed next year.*) Both the workshop and the review can provide a basis for understanding of how to best proceed with a more focused consideration to strengthen multilateral cooperation on these issues.
- We would also like to highlight that many of the issues have clear synergies with the sustainable development goals. Goal 8, is for instance about promoting inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all. It would be useful to explore how the SDGs, and the work committed in the forum can benefit and complement each other. Both in order to ensure that the work is not being duplicated, but also to take advantage of work undertaken under the United Nations development programme.
- We also suggest to broaden the scope of the discussions of the forum. Not only workers will be affected by the transition. Measures applied in response to climate change could also have impact on vulnerable groups such as, migrants, indigenous and tribal peoples, women and youth.
- The 11th paragraph of the preamble recognizes this and states that Parties, when taking action to address climate change, and I quote:
  - *"should respect their respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity."*
- These issues are relevant to all parties, and their relevance is likely to increase as more parties go through the necessary transition towards a low-emission society. We are happy to see that this has also been highlighted by other parties in their submissions.
- Finally, we would like to emphasize that the work programme of the forum should be flexible and possible to revise when appropriate, due to the dynamic nature of the transition.