

# **In session workshop Forum on response measures**

## **Cooperation on response strategies: the case of Just Transition policies**

# Just Transition within the UNFCCC

1. The rationale for a Just Transition of the workforce
2. Components of a Just Transition
3. How can international cooperation add value to response measures work?



# Background: ITUC's work on response measures

- Transition to a low carbon economy will bring major transformations to the world of work.
- These transformations bring both challenges and opportunities, but not necessarily at the same time or place, nor affect the same people.
- Need to support a Just Transition: recognized by 1/CP16: policy interventions supporting workers and communities in the transition to new jobs, or transformation of traditional roles.
- To facilitate the transition, the trade union movement has been working on building the capacity of workers and trade union organisations.

# Rationale for a Just Transition

## A shared vision

- Takes into account jobs, decent work and equity.
- Links climate change mitigation and employment.
- Response measures create job opportunities in new sectors, but challenge traditional and energy intensive industries.
- So the spirit of CP/16 – all Parties commit under the “Shared Vision” section to a Just Transition, further developed under response measures, is so important: a clear message of understanding to working families that the transformation, if well managed, can meet the needs of working people, through decent and good quality jobs.

# 6 key components of Just Transition

1. Sound investments
2. Research and assess impacts of emission reduction scenarios.
3. Social dialogue
4. Training and skills
5. Social protection
6. Local analysis and economic diversification

# Areas for international cooperation

If policies will be applied nationally, there is room for cooperation at the international level.

- Sharing best practice on **anticipating** impacts
- **Planning & Identification** of successful policies
- Assess **financial needs**
- Establish dialogue with stakeholders to collect good practices
- Build bridges with ILO work on JT – A tripartite group of experts will make recommendations

# Conclusion

- Just Transition: citizens' fears addressed.
- Building support for more ambitious climate action

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