

## CONCEPT NOTE

**Title:** *Engaging the private sector to facilitate decent work and quality jobs in low GHG emission sectors*

**Time: Date, venue:** 18:00-20:00, Meeting room 3, Nov 30, 2023, Dubai, UAE

**Mandate:** Activity 8 of the workplan of the forum and its KCI<sup>1</sup>: Identify and exchange experiences and best practices in engaging the private sector, including small and medium-sized enterprises and public–private partnerships, to facilitate the creation of decent work and quality jobs in low greenhouse gas emission sectors.

**Background:** The private sector plays a crucial role in driving economic growth and social development due to its ability to provide and mobilize financial resources, generate employment opportunities, boost productivity, address supply chain shortcomings, foster technological advancements and innovation, and enhance stakeholder capabilities for sustainable development.

There is a remarkable increase in renewable energy jobs, reaching 13.7 million in 2022, nearly doubling in a decade, as reported by the International Renewable Energy Agency and the International Labour Organization. Furthermore, there is an expectation that a transition to a green and circular economy can create an additional 100 million jobs by 2030.

This session will explore how the private sector is contributing to the creation of decent work and quality employment opportunities in low greenhouse gas emissions sectors. During the session, experts will assess the progress made, share valuable insights, best practices, and real-world examples of private sector engagement, particularly with small and medium-sized enterprises, and public-private partnerships. The session will also emphasize the pressing actions and policies necessary to expedite a just transition toward a more sustainable future.

**Who should attend:** This is an open two-hour interactive forum which aims at fostering dialogue among Parties and observers on how collaboration can drive the generation and sustainability of decent work and high-quality employment opportunities, while also delving into the essential considerations for job creation and retention. Alongside Party delegates, the senior representatives from businesses, the private sector, and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are invited to participate and engage to discuss pertaining issues, among others:

- How is the private sector, including SMEs and PPPs, creating decent work and quality jobs in low GHG emissions sectors?
- How has the private sector been engaged in and contributed to the transition policies, in particular with regard to the creation of decent work?
- What are the policies that enable the private sector, including SMEs and PPPs, to support the achievement of a just transition?
- What are some of the key challenges, lessons learned, and best practices to create decent work and quality jobs in low GHG emission sectors?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://unfccc.int/documents/631350>

**Agenda:** The meeting will be organized in the following way:

Moderated by LISA Jacobson, President, The Business Council for Sustainable Energy.

Session: Setting the scene

- Key findings from KCI report Engaging the private sector to facilitate decent work and quality jobs in low GHG emission sectors – KCI member
- Insights from private sector representative - Mr Arjun Krishan Bhargava from UN Global Compact.

Session: Open exchange and providing concrete examples

- Open the floor to observers and Parties to respond to the questions or share their own countries' and/or organizations' experiences.