

Inputs from Action Aid

We note with pleasure the opportunity to input to the KCI process.

We would like to share with you 2 briefings which are highly relevant to the discussions on Response Measures, and we hope that you will consider these alongside the inputs.

Both briefings outline 4 principles for just transitions, while recognising the different contexts for agriculture & extractives:

- Addressing - not exacerbating - inequalities
- Transforming systems to work for people, nature and the climate
- Inclusive and participatory processes
- Comprehensive planning and policy frameworks.

1) Principles for a Just Transition in Agriculture (ActionAid International, 2019) <https://actionaid.org/publications/2019/principles-just-transition-agriculture>

"A just transition must address- and not exacerbate - inequalities in the food system. The transition must be done in a way that works for farmers, farmworkers, processors and marginalised communities; and must provide them with the support, safety nets and social protection required to make these shifts.

"Governments must act as midwives for just transitions in food and agriculture. The term 'just transition' does not only define WHAT the new system will look like, but it also defines HOW that transformation is carried out. Processes must be genuinely inclusive and participatory, giving farmers, workers, women, communities and those that are usually marginalised, a seat at the table and opportunities to shape their own future. Comprehensive policy frameworks must provide joined-up solutions, social protection and positive opportunities for a better food system that works for farmers and the climate.

"In this way, many communities who might otherwise resist climate action can become powerful advocates for change. To address the food system's significant contribution and vulnerability to climate change, agriculture must move away from intensive and industrialised approaches towards food systems based on agroecology and less and better meat. A just transition approach is needed to enable this transformation."

2) Principles for Just Transitions in Extractives and Agriculture (ActionAid International, 2020) <https://actionaid.org/publications/2020/principles-just-transitions-extractives-and-agriculture-shaping-energy-and-food>

"Efforts to address the climate emergency and limit global warming require fundamental and rapid change in our energy and food systems. When creating the shift towards a climate-safe future, just transitions must be shaped through inclusive processes and comprehensive planning and policy frameworks that address the needs of workers, farmers, women and communities.

ActionAid has developed a set of Principles for Just Transitions in Extractives and Agriculture, to help shape fair climate futures in our energy and food systems."

I would also like to note that the link to the KCI meeting report (as given in the footnote of the letter from the Secretariat to Parties and Observers dated 16th June), and which suggests the format for submissions, does not appear to work. Hence I have submitted the reports in their current format.

We hope that these principles that ActionAid has developed provide useful input for the important work of the KCI, and we look forward to the outcomes and impacts of the work.

Thank you and best wishes