

## **International Labour Office's submission to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)**

**September 2020**

### **Third meeting of the KCI 5-9 October 2020**

The International Labour Office (ILO) presents its compliments to the KCI and wishes to respond to the call for inputs for the third meeting of the KCI, to be held on 5-9 October 2020.

**ILO welcomes the opportunity to share its experience with respect to the two areas for which inputs are solicited: (a) *an approach to climate change policy making* and (b) *capacity building*.**

(a) Regarding *an approach to climate change policy making* two key factors stand out to play a decisive role for the development and implementation of strategies, policies and programmes to be effective:

- The involvement of social partners – workers' and employers organizations – alongside government representatives, from the outset; and
- Quantitative economic models to assess the social, economic and employment effects of proposed measures *ex-ante* as a way to inform and guide climate policy.

(b) Regarding *capacity building on (i) the assessment of the impact of response measures, and (ii) the undertaking of Just Transition and economic diversification measures*, following recommendations are made:

- Awareness raising is an important, however, not sufficient element in the understanding of the impact of response measures.
- Capacity building is of utmost importance to train, impart and help build economic models which are developed based on national data and used by national actors themselves, and not simply rely on studies and research conducted by external institutions. This is essential for effective, long term and informed national policy planning and decision making to advance climate change objectives aligned with national sustainable development strategies.
- Capacity building is equally important in terms of policy analysis and policy formulation of Just Transition and Economic Diversification strategies and measures.
- Capacity building for economic model building and policy making should be fully integrated into national research and national policy making processes. In fact, using the analogy of an 'apprenticeship programme', capacity building should be hands-on, bringing together researchers and decision makers in constant interaction. It should feature some theoretical learning but happen mostly 'on the job' so as to support policy makers and researchers in their current tasks. Which is to build a

national model to assess impacts and formulate policies which maximise positive effects and minimizes negative effects.

**Following knowledge products are suggested to inform above activities and the work of the KCI:**

- The ILO is engaged to produce three major research products per country:
  - Country Fact Sheets on the Climate-Employment nexus are datasets with a visual presentation of key vulnerabilities, opportunities and challenges from the perspective of climate change and decent work. Factsheets have been done for most countries in Asia and the Pacific, and available through the following link: [https://www.ilo.org/asia/publications/issue-briefs/WCMS\\_624557/lang--en/index.htm](https://www.ilo.org/asia/publications/issue-briefs/WCMS_624557/lang--en/index.htm)
  - Rapid Situational Analysis and identification of Just Transition Policies, currently under development. The RSA are data-supported analysis of climate-environment and decent work opportunities and challenges, identification of policy entry points and prioritization of action.
  - Green Jobs Assessment Model (GJAM) Reports quantifying climate change policies' impacts on employment, economy and social outcomes. Country reports can be found here <https://www.ilo.org/global/topics/green-jobs/areas-of-work/gain/reports/lang--en/index.htm>
- The ILO also published a Training Guide on How to measure and model social and employment outcomes of climate policies, here [https://www.ilo.org/global/topics/green-jobs/publications/WCMS\\_613934/lang--en/index.htm](https://www.ilo.org/global/topics/green-jobs/publications/WCMS_613934/lang--en/index.htm)
- The ILO produced following global flagship reports on Climate Change impacts and Just Transition, including individual country analysis:
  - World Employment and Social Outlook Greening with Jobs 2018 (aggregated at regional level and including cross-border impacts) [https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---dcomm/---publ/documents/publication/wcms\\_628654.pdf](https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---dcomm/---publ/documents/publication/wcms_628654.pdf)
  - International Labour Review 2019: Does climate action destroy jobs? An assessment of the employment implications of the 2-degree goal (cross border impacts included) <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/ilr.12118>
  - Skills for Green Future 2019 (aggregated at regional level, cross border impacts as well as 31 individual countries) [https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed\\_emp/documents/publication/wcms\\_732214.pdf](https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_emp/documents/publication/wcms_732214.pdf)
  - The impact of Heat Stress on Productivity 2019 (for 180 individual countries) [https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---dcomm/---publ/documents/publication/wcms\\_711919.pdf](https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---dcomm/---publ/documents/publication/wcms_711919.pdf)

**Following stakeholders are suggested for collaboration with the KCI to implement above activities:**

- The Green Jobs Assessment Institutions Network GAIN which can be accessed here and has following members <https://www.ilo.org/global/topics/green-jobs/areas-of-work/gain/about/lang--en/index.htm>
- The Climate Action for Jobs Initiative and its members <https://www.climateaction4jobs.org/>

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