

Positioning a just transition at the heart of climate action

Introduction

The Paris Agreement stresses the imperatives of a just transition and the creation of decent work as critical dimensions in the response to climate change. Ever since then, the International Labour Organization (ILO) has been spearheading efforts to integrate decent work into discussions and policies on climate action.

Several ILO research suggest that environmentally sustainable economies can present new engine of growth and act as a net generator of decent, green jobs support to poverty eradication and social inclusion.



18 million more jobs will result from achieving the Paris Agreement's 2°C goal.



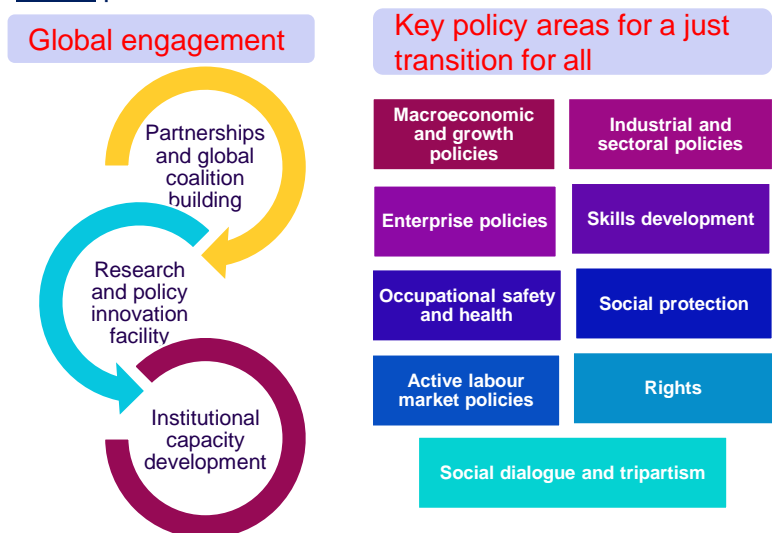
6 million more jobs will result from embracing a circular economy.

However, the path to carbon-neutral and resilient economies must be carved out carefully and fairly, with effective dialogue between all parties and respect for workers' and employers' rights and livelihoods at its core.

The ILO: Partnering for a just transition for all

Working in close collaboration with other UN agencies, multilateral banks, governments, employer associations and worker organizations at a global, regional and country level, the ILO has offered technical assistance and practical support to countries committed to integrating just transition principles into their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) through its multistakeholder alliance - **Climate Action for Jobs initiative**.

The ILO **Guidelines for a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all** provides a framework for these efforts.



Case of Côte d'Ivoire: New green jobs to benefit people and planet

In Côte d'Ivoire, revising the NDC encompassed a detailed assessment of actual and potential green jobs, a focus on skills-building and policy development rooted on social dialogue. This approach makes the country among the first in Western Africa to develop a concrete national plan for a just transition.

The collaboration between the ILO and the constituents of Côte d'Ivoire has used data to inform decision making, and social dialogue to ensure active participation of all stakeholders. A consultative tripartite Green Jobs Task Force was established for this purpose.

The resulting NDC document – complemented by a Green Jobs Strategy – will commit the country to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 28 per cent by 2030, while also putting in place climate solutions that have strong economic and social benefits, including the creation of decent jobs.

