

TUNGO contribution to the Paris Committee on capacity –building 4th of May 2018

We would like the Parties to pay attention to the following issues under PCCB :

- 1) Reporting on the activities undertaken so far by four working groups of the PCCB to implement the rolling workplan for 2017 -2019
- 2) Discussion of outcomes of the work on the 2018 focus area or theme between the PCCB and possible recommendations of the PCCB to the COP.

The ITUC finds all four work group items appropriate but contributes remarks only to the report given by workgroup 2 on cross-cutting issues (such as gender responsiveness, human rights and indigenous peoples' knowledge) of the PCCB to support the implementation of the rolling workplan 2017 – 2019 because the ITUC finds cross-cutting and especially Human Rights related issues crucial to the successful implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Besides working further with topics addressed to Workgroup 2.,it has done excellent job also by identifying important groups to work together to guarantee the successful implementation of Paris Agreement, eg. local communities and youth. The ITUC believes that there would be added value especially to human right dimension if a just transition of workforce and the creation of decent work and quality jobs', as stated in the Paris Agreement., could be added to the cross-cutting issues.

A Just transition includes both measures to reduce the impact of job losses and industry restructuring on workers and communities, and measures to produce new, green and decent jobs and sectors but also as healthy communities.

We need a Just transition to protect those whose jobs, incomes and livelihoods are at risk due to climate policies. But it is also about realizing the shift towards a more sustainable society and resilient communities by supporting workers and communities negatively impacted, ensuring new decent, good quality work places and social protection for all.

These new jobs must set and promote standards and fundamental principles and rights at work and create better opportunities for both women and men.

In countries which have good labour relations, social dialogue between governments, workers and employers can develop Just transition measures. In countries lacking the social dialogue, other strategies are needed.

By doing many projects on the work places, the ITUC and its affiliates found out that there are gaps in the capacity to implement and understand Just Transition and Decent Work policies and practices. To fill these gaps the Just Transition Centre was initiated with ITUC, ETUC and partners. The Centre follows up the commitment to just transition under the Paris Agreement and ILO guidelines by helping to get concrete plans for just transition at different levels – at company or sector level, at city or state level.

Key areas of work are industrial transformation by giving business guidance on just transition based on ILO guidelines and preparing sector scenarios. Also sectoral roundtables with Sectorial Trade Union Federations and Affiliates are performed.

Initially, the Centre was working in OECD countries but during the year 2018 it starts working also to Asia Pacific, African countries and LDCs. So far there has been co-operation with the city governments Sydney, Vancouver, Oslo and Toronto but also with vulnerable workers and communities like in Port Augusta (Australia) and Alberta (Canada).

ITUC would propose that one of the 2018 focus areas of the PCCB is cross-cutting issues including Just transition of workforce and decent work.

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