

## TUNGO Statement – Roundtable 4: Integrated and holistic approaches

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Thank you, co-facilitator, for the opportunity. My name is Kristel Lageweg and I'm speaking on behalf of TUNGO, the Trade Union Constituency representing 210 million workers, from 165 countries. I would like to highlight 3 points that we feel need more emphasis or clarification:

**First we would like to stress the urgency of ramping up ambition to keep 1.5 alive, which should be reflected in the Global Stocktake as strongly as possible.**

The impacts of both climate change as well as climate policies are being felt already across the globe. Not in the least by our members. They experience the effects of droughts, floodings and wildfires destroying not only their homes and communities, but also their livelihoods and means to support themselves and their families.

At the same time the much needed transition to a net-zero and sustainable economy comes with risks and uncertainty. Response measures and climate policies put jobs in the old economy on the line, oftentimes without any safety or security of a futureproof alternative. It also changes existing jobs and new work is arising at the same time, for instance in renewables, but with no guarantee of these providing decent work and quality jobs, and oftentimes without social protection, social dialogue and the protection of labour rights.

**This brings me to our second point, which relates directly to the questions guiding specifically this roundtable.** In answer to the question 'How can we enable greater progress, addressed in an integrated and holistic way?' our position is clear:

The progress on just transition is a critical, cross-cutting, element to highlight in the Global Stocktake and to flag as crucial for further ambitious climate action at both a national as well as an international level. This means specifically just transition as agreed upon in the preamble in the Paris Agreement - so a just transition of the workforce and the creation of decent work and quality jobs - as well as taking into account the Guidelines for a just transition as established by the ILO, including the crucial role of social protection and social dialogue, ensuring workers have a seat at the table and can help shape truly futureproof pathways to a sustainable economy. Just Transition ensures not only a transition that is *just* for workers, but it has been shown to be a powerful accelerator for climate action.

*[It helps to provide public support for the much needed transition, ensures deep and practical knowledge is included in the shaping of policies, helps bring about a fair and inclusive transition, leaving no-one behind, and quickens the pace in which workers can shift from fossil-related jobs to work that helps shape the economy of the future.]*

**Which leads me to our third and final point:** The GST provides an important opportunity to integrate Just Transition further into future work being done under the UNFCCC. Therefore, the GST political message must reflect both the opportunities provided by integrating JT in all nationally determined action, including in the NDC's, as well as the urgency of doing so. That way, the GST can help provide not just a transition, but truly a *just* transition for the affected workers and their communities.