



# Resource Guide

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### **International Labour Organization (HS)**

**Achieving a Just Transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all**





Welcome to WFUNA International Model United Nations New York 2024.

We are very pleased to introduce you to the most authentic simulation of the United Nations in the world; and hope to contribute to your understanding of the Organisation, its mandate, and its critical role in global affairs.

Through a series of pre-conference webinars that will be offered and documents – like this resource guide – we aim to educate you not only about the global issues on the UN agenda, but also about the ways and means through which those topics are discussed, debated and negotiated by real UN diplomats.

This resource guide will provide you with a head start in doing research to gain a deeper understanding of the global issue that you will be discussing and the actions that the government you have been assigned recommends that the international community should take to address this issue. To make the research process a bit easier, the resource guide has been divided into sections and sub-sections to assist you in researching these two components. We strongly recommend you to give a careful look through the sources listed below so that the interaction with your peers is as exciting as possible.

We wish you all the very best in this journey of learning!





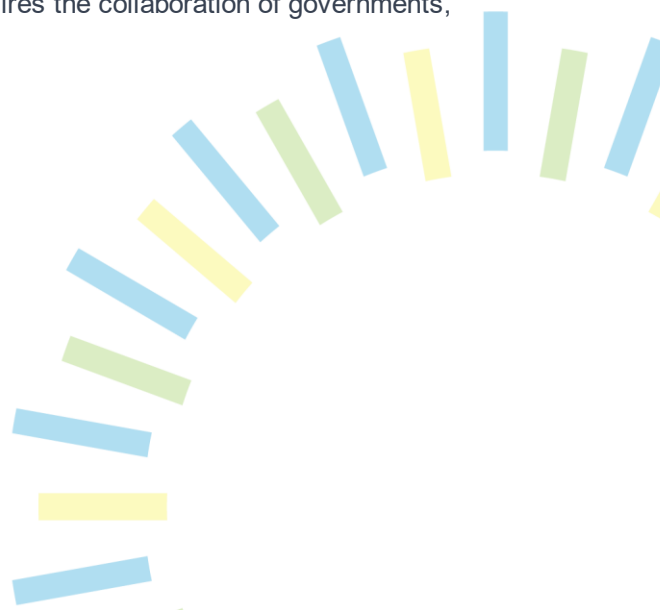
## Topic Description:

The imminent climate crisis is having a detrimental impact on the global stage, necessitating urgent action to avert an environmental catastrophe. Although the international community is actively combating climate change, it is imperative to ensure that the shift from a dependency on fossil fuels and other unsustainable practices towards a green economy that is based on renewable energy sources doesn't disproportionately harm workers, communities or vulnerable populations.

The main principles of a Just Transition towards environmentally stable economies and societies for all include:

- **Social equity:** This means ensuring that the benefits of the green economy are fairly distributed and that no one is left behind.
- **Workers' rights:** This includes ensuring job security, providing training and reskilling programs for workers in declining industries to transition to green jobs, and guaranteeing fair wages and working conditions.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** A Just Transition must prioritize environmental sustainability by moving towards renewable energy sources, sustainable agriculture, and conservation efforts to protect the environment for future generations.
- **Government Support and Policy:** Governments must play a crucial role in facilitating a Just Transition by implementing policies and regulations that encourage sustainable practices and by investing in green infrastructure, and providing financial support for affected industries, workers and communities facing economic hardships during the transition.

A Just Transition acknowledges that while transitioning to a more sustainable economy is necessary, it should be done in a way that minimizes social disruption, promotes job creation, respects the rights and dignity of workers and communities and minimizes damage to the environment. It's a complex and ongoing process that requires the collaboration of governments, businesses, and workers.





## Official Resources on the Topic

- [International Labor Conference Report VI \(111th ILC\)](#)  
**Summary:** Not only does this document provide a good framework to understand the ill-effects of climate change, it also outlines why a Just Transition is necessary. This report of the ILC adopted at its 2023 session at Geneva explains the global response to climate change, and how it is presently insufficient to achieve sustainable and eco-friendly societies. Opportunities and challenges for decent work, consequences of a Just Transition, and some policy recommendations are some topics covered in this document.  
**Published: 2023**
- [Outcome of the General Discussion Committee on a Just Transition](#)  
**Summary:** The outcome document of the ILC's 111th Session's deliberations on a Just Transition, referred to as Conclusions, is attached here.  
**Published: 2023**
- [Just Transition Pledge adopted at the 26th Conference of Parties](#)  
**Summary:** The Conference Of Parties (2021) in Glasgow adopted a declaration to iterate its commitment to working for a Just Transition towards an environmentally sustainable economy. This declaration promotes an inclusive structure, which accounts for gender equality, racial cohesion, intergenerational equity and promoting leadership for marginalized people.  
**Published: 2023**
- [2023 CDP Report](#)  
**Summary:** A UN Economic and Social Council's subsidiary body, the Committee on Development Policy (CDP) provides independent advice on emerging issues critical to the Sustainable Development Agenda. This report by the CDP puts forth recommendations on how to achieve a Just Transition, with special emphasis on resilience-building measures.  
**Published: 2023**
- [ILO: Financing a Just Transition](#)  
**Summary:** This article by the International Labour Organisation talks about how social finance is instrumental in achieving transitions to sustainable economies for all. Social Finance helps leverage private capital to those in need. This is an inclusive way of involving the general populace to stimulate change.  
**Published: n.d**





- [ILO Policy Brief on Social Protection and its Linkages with a Just Transition](#)  
**Summary:** To help people recover from policy shocks, governments provide safe cushioning to their citizens with the help of social protection. This policy brief comes up with recommendations as to how governments can ably integrate the same with Just Transition initiatives.  
**Published: 2023**
- [IMF: Labour-centered policies to develop a Just Transition](#)  
**Summary:** This report establishes the need for policies like job training, tax credits for lower income workers to combat labor insecurities due to the green transition.  
**Published: 2023**
- [World Bank: Labour Market Security](#)  
**Summary:** This report makes an effort to combat labor insecurity by examining different countries' labor policies and presents recommendations on the same.  
**Published: 2023**
- [OECD: Towards a People-Centered Green Transition](#)  
**Summary:** The OECD's paper on inequality-environment nexus develops data on how benefits and costs of households can be unequally distributed.  
**Published: 2021**





## Official Statements or Documents issued by Member States

- [Record of Proceedings: Report of the General Discussion Committee on a Just Transition \(ILO\)](#)

**Summary:** This report documents the discussion held in the General Discussion Committee that was held at the International Labour Conference's 111th Session's. In addition to summaries of the many statements made by the social partners (Workers and Employers), many statements can be found by government delegates including representatives from: Ghana, Chile, Sweden, Barbados, Malaysia, Indonesia, United States of America, Republic of Korea, United Kingdom, Türkiye, Senegal, Canada, Switzerland, Belgium, Pakistan, China, Japan, Argentina, Mozambique, Australia, Morocco, Ethiopia, Colombia, India, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

**Published: 2023**

- [Plenary Discussion Proceedings: 111th ILC](#)

**Summary:** Here is where you can find closing statements on the outcome document on a Just Transition that were delivered during the ILC's 111th Session's Plenary meeting that include remarks by the Reporter of the General Discussion Committee, the Vice-Chairperson of the Workers, the Vice-Chairperson of the Employers, the Chairperson of the General Discussion Committee, China on behalf of the Asia and Pacific Group, Argentina on behalf Latin American and Caribbean Group, Sweden on behalf of the European Union, a national statement from Peru and a Worker delegate from Zambia..

**Published: 2023**

- [Parliamentary Observatories - Climate Change](#)

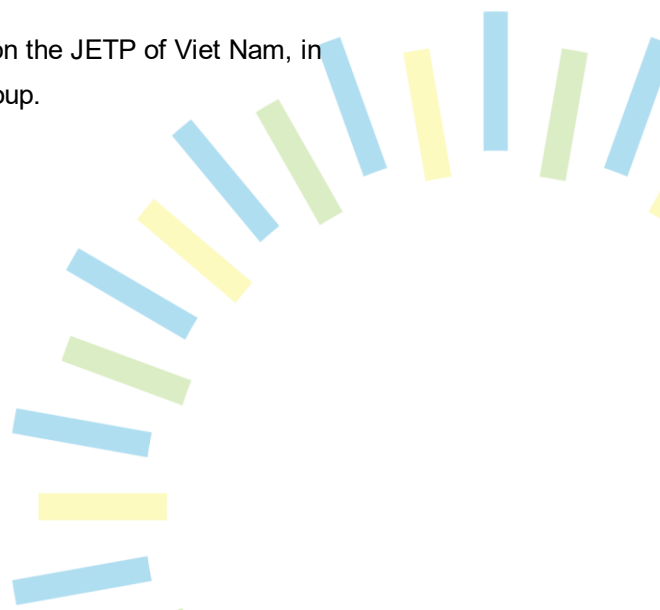
**Summary:** Within this document, are resources for initiatives undertaken by seventeen different countries in Latin America and the Caribbean Islands.

**Published: 2023**

- [Just Energy Transition Programme - Viet Nam](#)

**Summary:** This document entails an explanation on the JETP of Viet Nam, in collaboration with the International Partnership Group.

**Published: 2023**





## Official Statements or Documents issued by Regional & Political Groups

- [European Parliament: Strong Social Europe for Just Transitions](#)  
**Summary:** This resolution explains how the European Labour Market is undergoing systemic change, and the call for Just Transitions becomes stronger. It not only talks of social protection, but also fair mobility and migration, both important sectors to look out for when it comes to Europe's Just Transition initiative.  
**Published: 2020**
- [Financing a Just Transition for Africa](#)  
**Summary:** The African Development Bank's paper on financing a Just Transition for Africa highlights the barriers and opportunities for Africa while creating a successful transition to achieving sustainable economies.  
**Published: n.d**
- [European Commission Input Paper](#)  
**Summary:** This is the European Commission's input paper for the virtual expert group meeting on "Creating full and productive employment and decent work for all as a way of overcoming inequalities."  
**Published: n.d.**





## Official Documents about the situation in UN regions or Member States

### Asia Pacific

- [Asian Development on ensuring a Just Transition for India](#)

**Summary:** India has increased its renewable energy capacity by 250% between 2014-2021, and has placed institutions which can make a difference in achieving a Just Transition. However, the implementation of core policies still stands as a challenge and the Asian Development Bank helps to advise better policies.

**Published: 2023**

### Europe

- [EU: Implications for Green Transition](#)

**Summary:** This paper outlines the potential effects of the Green Transition in the European Union's labor market, differences between 'green' and 'brown' jobs and does an overall impact-assessment of the transition to cleaner sources of energy. It also analyzes existing effects of sectoral transformations.

**Published: 2022**

### North America, Latin America and the Caribbean

- [IMF: Green Transition in the USA](#)

**Summary:** This is a report on the impact of jobs by an incoming green transition in the United States.

**Published: 2022**

### Africa

- [Africa: Sustainable Transition](#)

**Summary:** This is a report on the "Inclusive Green Economy" approach in Africa, and how it is the only way forward to make sure the economy is sustainable.

**Published: 2022**







## Non-Official Resources on the Topic

- [World Economic Forum: Understanding Energy Transitions in 2023](#)  
**Summary:** The World Economic Forum underlines how the present energy transition policies affect equity to the core and how countries need to pose independent outlooks on their specific energy transition governance. Innovation in next-generation technologies is necessary, and the report also presents transition readiness statistics.  
**Published: 2023**
- [Global South: Greening the Labour Market](#)  
**Summary:** This paper examines how necessary it is for a green transition to accommodate economic and labor systems for the Global South. It underlines how it is imperative to look at a reformed South-South taxonomy.  
**Published: 2023**
- [National Bureau of Economic Research, USA: Analyzing impacts of job transitions](#)  
**Summary:** This report explores transitions into and out of jobs most likely to be affected by a transition away from carbon-intensive production technologies in the USA.  
**Published: 2023**
- [Promoting Green Jobs: Decent Work in the Transition to Low-Carbon, Green Economies](#)  
**Summary:** This report explores the policies adopted by the ILO, and examines them within the light of how disagreements between countries posed consensus-based solutions.  
**Published: 2019**





## Non-official Resources about Member States or UN Regions

### Asia Pacific

- [Roadmap to Carbon Neutrality in China](#)

**Summary:** After carefully analyzing the present energy sector in China, this paper by the International Energy Agency provides solutions to build a just and sustainable roadmap to carbon neutrality.

**Published:** *n.d*

### Africa

- [Just Transition Framework for South Africa](#)

**Summary:** This Just Transition framework underscores the importance of a Just Transition as not only an environmental but also an economic imperative. It shows how it is within South Africa's national interests to improve its Just Transition policies, and provides recommendations for the same.

**Published:** 2022

- [Reuters: COP27 and Africa](#)

**Summary:** This article by Reuters explains how a Just Transition in Africa requires financing by nations across the world.

**Published:** 2022

- [Africa's Carbon Markets](#)

**Summary:** This is a report on transition and transformation in both rural and urban areas and updates from different nations in Africa as they build up to COP-28.

**Published:** 2023

### North America, Latin America and the Caribbean

- [Congressional Research Service, USA: Energy Transition](#)

**Summary:** This is a paper on the affordability, emissions and security of the Energy Transition process in the United States of America.

**Published:** 2022

### Europe

- [Climate Change Committee, United Kingdom: Report on Just Transition](#)

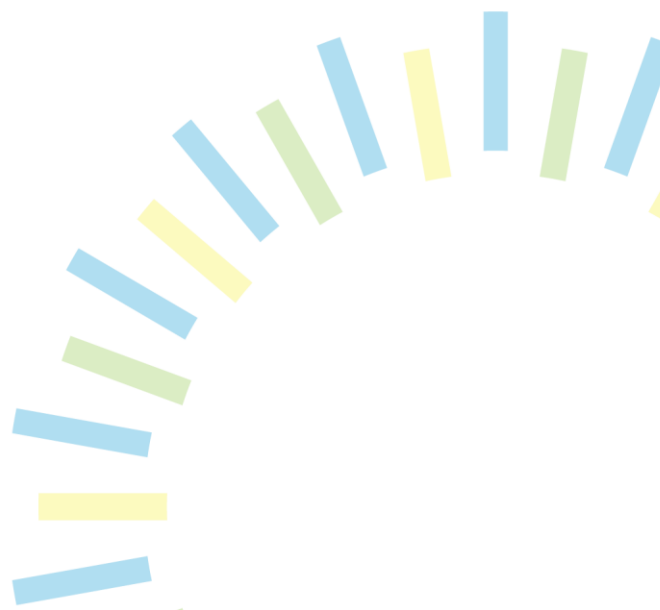
**Summary:** The United Kingdom is the world's largest polluter over time, but has considerably decreased emissions since 1970. The Climate Change Committee is an independent advisory body in the United Kingdom, and is required to give policy





recommendations on achieving a Just Transition. This report is a culmination of such suggestions.

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