Concept note:

A Just Transition means greening the economy in a way that is as fair and inclusive as possible to everyone concerned, creating decent work opportunities and leaving no one behind. A Just Transition involves maximizing climate action's social and economic opportunities while minimizing and carefully managing challenges – including through effective social dialogue among all groups impacted and respect for fundamental labour principles and rights.

In recent years, the notion of the Just Transition has boomed with many research studies and publications. It has also gained centrality in the debate. But most importantly, we see how the term has entered into policy-making, and Governments are developing policies and implementing concrete measures and strategies.

Ensuring a just transition is essential for all countries at all levels of development. It is also crucial for all economic sectors – not limited to energy supply – and urban and rural areas. Easy to agree with, challenging to implement.

There is no one-size-fits-all approach: policies and programs need to be designed in line with the conditions in each country, including its stage of development, the range of economic sectors, and the types and sizes of its enterprises, paying particular attention to micro and small and medium-sized enterprises.

This side event aims to bring together civil society organizations with policymakers, presenting concrete examples of just transition initiatives with social dialogue to reflect on strengths, challenges and potential to scale up existing actions.
Waking the talk on just transition and social dialogue: experiences and initiatives

moderation by
- Peter Schmidt, NAT section president (confirmed)

Key note speaker
- Minister Zakia Khattabi Representative of the Ministry of Climate, Environment, Sustainable Development and Green Deal, Belgium (confirmed)

Roundtable
6 minutes intervention:
- Laura Martin Murillo, Director, Institute for Just Transition, Spain (confirmed)
- Representative of the Ministry of Mines and Energy in Colombia
- Joanne Yawitch, JET Investment Plan Project Management Unit, South Africa (confirmed)
- Gonzalo Guaiquil, Environment, Climate Change and Oceans Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile (confirmed)

Respondents
5 minutes intervention:
- Bert De Wel, Climate Policy Officer at ITUC (confirmed)
- Robert Marinkovic, Adviser at IOE (confirmed)
- Anabella Rosemberg, Senior Adviser on just transition, CAN International (confirmed)

Closing remarks by
Oliver Röpke, EESC President (confirmed)

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