

**Secretary-General's Climate Action Summit**  
**Track #2: Social and Political drivers**  
**V3 – 31 May 2019**

## **1. The Coalition**

- **Co-leading countries: Perú, Spain**
- Country members: Nauru, Poland
- Supporting Institutions: ILO, WHO, DESA, Global Compact, B team
- Partner countries and stakeholders: Greece, ITUC, UN WOMEN, WRI, Welcome Trust, Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection, WMO, Climate & Clean Air Coalition

## **2. Expected outcomes**

Objective: Ensuring that the economic, environmental and social aspects of the transformation of economies and societies towards greater sustainability are managed in ways that maximize opportunities of decent work for all, reduce inequalities, promote social justice, and enhance country's efforts to improve the people's health.

### **Expected outcomes on just transition:**

- 1) XX countries commit to support a just ecological transition by formulating national plans for a just transition and decent green jobs and taking the following actions:
  1. **Mechanisms of inclusive social dialogue** to forge strong social consensus to enable transformative change without major adverse social and economic disruption. Social dialogue involving all private and social actors have the potential to raise climate ambition by consolidating actions of state and non-state actors and contribute to preventing political and social resistance.
  2. **Assess employment,-social and economic impacts** of ecological transition and green jobs potential. Country-tailored assessment methods can be employed to test various climate policy options and define require sectorial and labour market policies and the financial requirements to implement such policies.
  3. **Implement skills development and upgrading measures** to enable transitions in labour markets, and low-carbon and more resource-efficient enterprise development and green job creation. There are methodologies for skills needs assessment and anticipation, requalification and entrepreneurship to minimise job disruption and maximise opportunities for green job creation.
  4. **Design innovative social protection policies** to protect workers and vulnerable groups in the context of more ambitious climate adaptation and mitigation strategies. Such measures would promote social justice as an indispensable dimension of ambitious climate action.
  5. **Increase the transfer of technology and knowledge to developing countries, as well as innovation and responsible investment** by both public and private entities that can

stimulate economic transformation, sustainable and inclusive growth, and green job creation, rallying the private sector and actors in the investment and finance community.

**2. X number of companies (representing X number of jobs), through business networks/associations or independently, will have taken the following pledge supporting a just transition:**

We as a company have a responsibility, along with government, investors and other stakeholders to deliver a just transition, delivering a prosperous, green economy for all. As part of that responsibility, we must ensure new jobs created in low emissions sectors are fair, decent and inclusive jobs.

We pledge to comply with the following standards with respect to our own employees, and only use contractors who also comply with these standards:

- Social dialogue with workers and their unions.
- Workers rights, including the ILO core labour standards and ILO occupational health and safety standards.
- Social protection, including pension and health.
- Wage guarantees<sup>1</sup> including prevailing wage rates for skilled workers in the relevant industries.

We also pledge to support our national governments to join the '*Advancing a Just Transition and the Creation of Green Jobs for All for Ambitious Climate Action*' initiative. We will encourage, as well as play a role in, the formulation of national strategies for a just transition and decent jobs.

**Expected outcomes on health and climate change:**

**1. XXXX national and subnational governments, covering a population of Y million people, commit to achieving air quality that is safe for their populations, and to align their climate change and air pollution policies, by 2030.**

Governments would meet this commitment through specifically committing to:

1. Implementing air quality and climate change policies that will achieve the WHO Ambient Air Quality Guideline values.
2. Implementing e-mobility and sustainable mobility policies and actions with the aim of making a decisive impact on road transport emissions.
3. Assessing the number of lives that are saved, the health gains in children and other vulnerable groups, and the avoided financial costs to health systems, that result from implementing their policies.
4. Tracking progress, sharing experience and best practice through an international network supported by the UN system.

**2. X multilateral development banks, climate funds, bilateral development agencies, philanthropic organizations, and private sector actors, responsible for Y billions, commit to significantly scale up their investment in proven interventions for climate-resilient health systems, and in air quality monitoring and policy implementation.**

Targeted areas of investments would include

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<sup>1</sup> In line with ILO's Protection of Wages Convention (No. 95) and Protection of Wages Recommendation (No. 85):

- Climate-informed health surveillance and response systems for heatwaves, storms and floods, and for water and vector-borne diseases such as cholera, malaria and dengue.
- Investment in “climate-smart” healthcare facilities, that meet agreed criteria for climate resilience, access to renewable energy, and minimization of carbon emissions.
- Quality controlled air pollution monitoring equipment in major cities in LMICs, as part of a global network.
- Development of integrated air quality and climate change mitigation policies in LMICs.
- Development and implementation of national adaptation plans for public health, which include evaluation of risks and impacts, risk reduction measures, early warning systems, preparation and response to health emergencies associated to climate change.
- Monitoring and evaluation systems for adaptation measures in the health sector and the monitoring of their effectiveness.

### **Expected outcomes on gender and climate change:**

#### **1. XX countries commit to support women’s leadership and gender-responsive climate actions by formulating national climate change plans with gender action plans, in line with their commitments in the UNFCCC and the SDGs. Governments would meet this commitment through committing to:**

- Appoint a national gender and climate change focal point or establishing a mechanism to facilitate coordination between the national climate change team and the national women’s machinery or gender ministry;
- Establish a quota (initial: 40 per cent, aiming towards 50%) as a temporary special measure for ensuring the equal participation of women in climate change decision-making processes at all levels – local, national, multilateral negotiations and meetings); Include grassroots women and the youth in discussions on climate change plans, actions and initiatives;
- Create a knowledge and advocacy platform dedicated to build capacity, raise awareness and develop strategies to enhance understanding of gender issues and climate change and promote gender-responsive climate policies and responses;
- Allocate dedicated resources – both financial and human resources and work with existing partnerships / mechanisms to ensure the implementation of a gender-responsive Paris Agreement, UNFCCC Gender Action Plan and the systematic integration of a gender perspective and the meaningful participation of women in the UNFCCC and related processes and mechanisms;
- Build evidence by collecting, quantifying and assessing the benefits of engaging women in climate actions and of gender-responsive climate programmes (using tools and methods that are available and being developed by partner agencies including the UN);
- Track progress, share experience and best practice supported by/in cooperation with the UN system and other stakeholders.

### **Outreach efforts:**

With the definition of the coalition’s proposed outcomes done, the coalition members and partners have started outreach efforts to governments, local governments and financial institutions on the different outcomes. Outreach monitoring and coordination is being run by the Climate Action Summit Team. For inquiries about how to sign on to one of the commitments please contact [SPD@un.org](mailto:SPD@un.org)

### **Next steps:**

The coalition will now be focusing on interlinkages of just transition, health and gender with the other Summit areas. An assessment of each outcome proposed for each of the other eight coalitions will be carried out, and opportunities for integration of these issues discussed with the relevant coalition.