



## Program of Side Events – COP 24 – UN Side Event

### Ensuring a Just Transition to a Sustainable Future

Monday, December 10th 2018, 11.30 am – 1 pm, Room Bieszczady, COP 24 Venue, Katowice/Poland

The Climate Crisis is one of the biggest challenges we are facing today. If we fail to develop our societies within the planetary boundaries we will reach devastating tipping points from which there is no turning back. The 2015 Paris Climate Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) both underline the necessity of a transition toward a sustainable, zero-carbon future for all. The question is neither whether we need an energy transition, nor whether it will happen, but rather whether we will achieve it fast enough to meet the 1.5 °C temperature goal set by the Paris Agreement. While the energy sector is not the only one that needs to transition to renewable sources, it certainly faces numerous challenges. In order to be successful, the transition has to be socially inclusive and just, leaving no one behind. But what does justice mean in the context of transition processes, f.e. in the energy sector? How can we unite the different approaches to justice – from trade unions that rightfully insist that workers' rights be respected, to development groups that rightfully stress the importance of rapidly eradicating poverty, to environmental groups that rightfully underline the importance of respecting planetary boundaries? The workshop aims at bringing together different stakeholders to discuss hooks and anchoring points for a Just Transition with a special focus on Global South countries.

#### **Draft Agenda (26.11.2018)**

- 11.30 Welcome & Introduction - The importance of ensuring a Just Transition to a 1.5 World  
Manuela Matthes – Policy Advisor International Energy and Climate Policy, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Berlin
- 11.40 Panel Discussion – Perspectives on a Just Transition Worldwide  
Jahangir Hasan Masum – Coastal Development Partnership Bangladesh  
Mr. Soumya Dutta, Beyond Copenhagen, India and Advisory Board Member, CTCN  
Rhoda Boateng – International Trade Union Confederation Africa  
Dr. Joachim Fuenfgelt – Policy Advisor Energy Policy, Bread for the World Berlin  
Sébastien Duyck – Environmental Lawyer, CIEL
- 12.40 Q & A with the audience
- 13.00 End of Event and Reception

Facilitation: Matthias Poralla – Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung