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Just Transition & Response Measures: ambition and opportunity through cooperation

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An urgency for action in Asia-Pacific...



Twelve Asian-Pacific countries are in the top 20 countries with a very high World Risk Index, with considerable exposure and vulnerability to natural disasters and environmental damage and limited institutional capacity to respond.

In 2016, the region accounted for around half of the recorded cases of geophysical shocks or natural hazards and...



82%

...of all natural hazard-induced displaced persons worldwide, with a displacement of more than

250

 million people.

...for rising the ambition to act now to achieve a Just Transition...

Between **2015** and **2030**,

40%



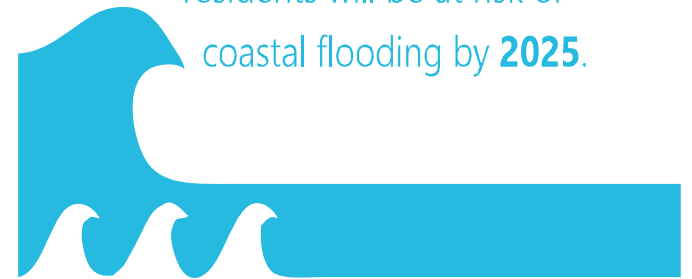
of the global economic losses from disasters will be in Asia and the Pacific, while the region will account for around

36%

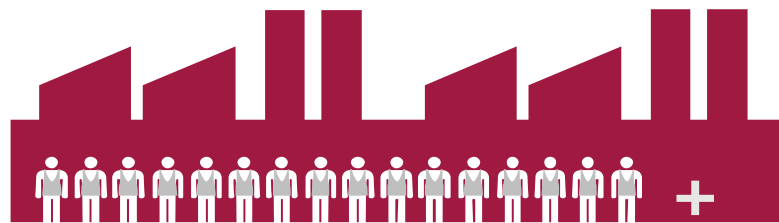
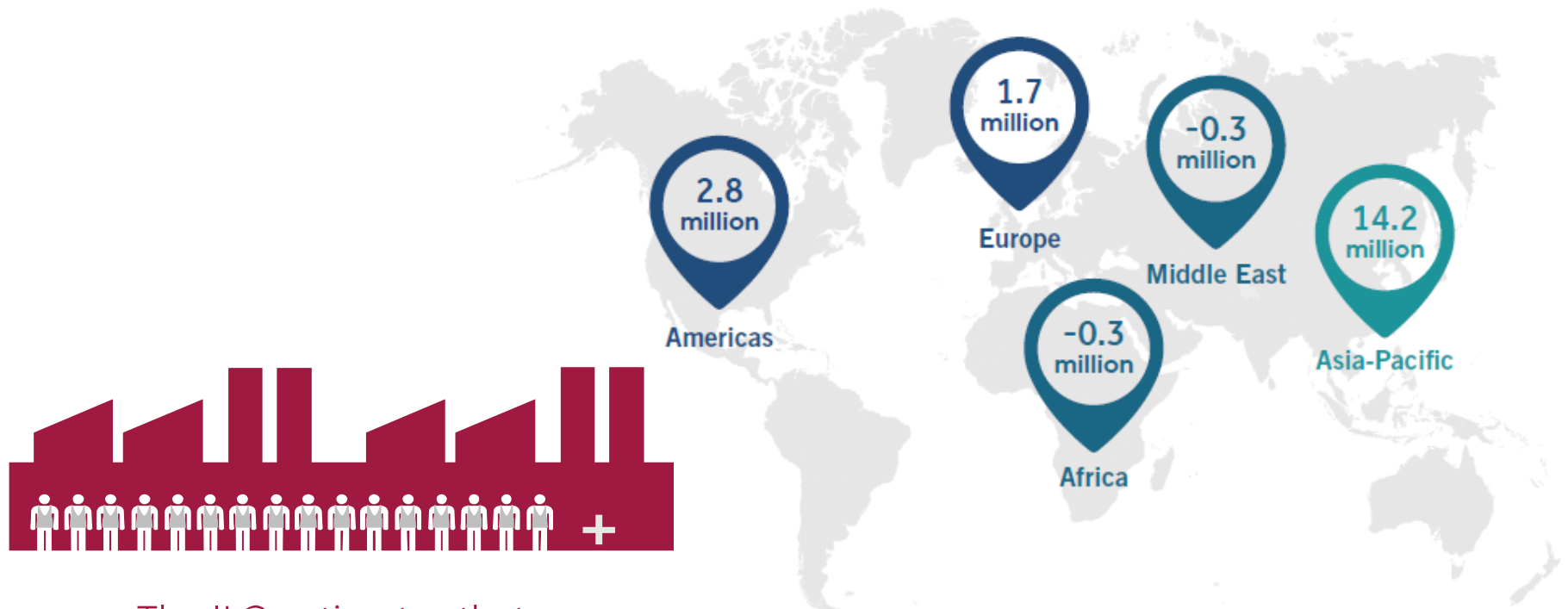
of global gross domestic product by **2030**.

Some **300** million to **410** million urban dwellers and **341** million inland

residents will be at risk of coastal flooding by **2025**.



...and embrace the opportunities for more and better jobs...



The ILO estimates that **14.2 million** jobs could be added in the region by **2030** if countries adopt changes in energy use that limit global warming to **2°C**.

...leading job creation in key economic sectors

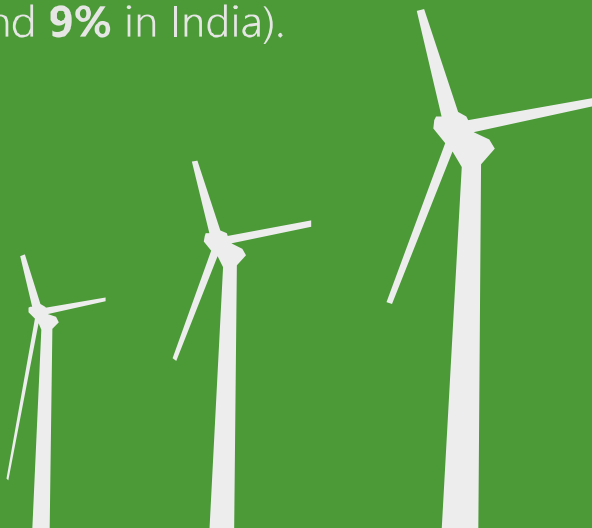


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In **2016**, the region
accounted for more than

60%

of the **9.8 million** employed
persons in the renewable energy
sector worldwide (**40%** in China and
around **9%** in India).



GREEN JOBS?

...with green, decent jobs



Green jobs must be quality decent jobs and in line with the Four strategic objectives at the heart of the Decent Work agenda



Set and promote standards and fundamental principles and rights at work



Create greater opportunities for women and men to decent employment and income

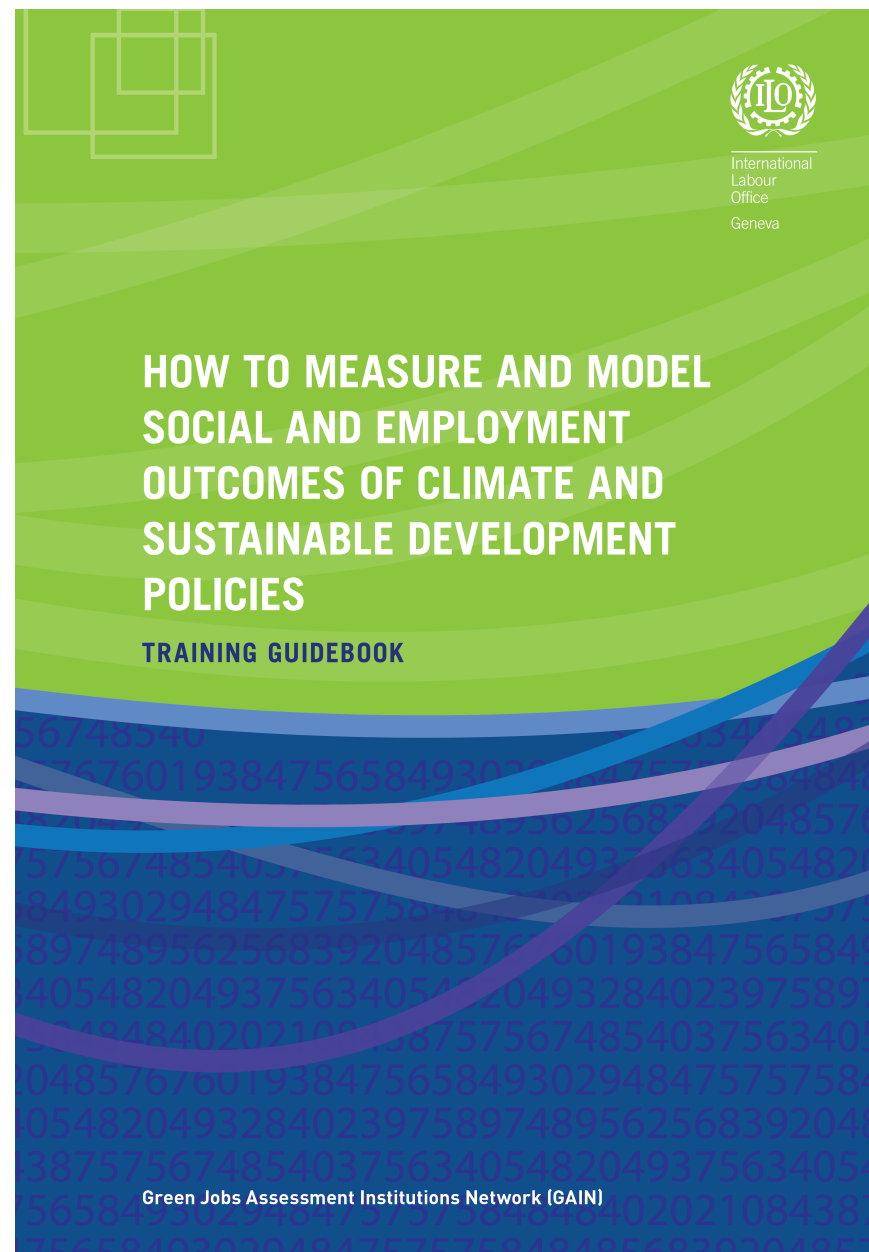


Enhance the coverage and effectiveness of social protection for all



Strengthen tripartism and social dialogue

Methodology of Green Jobs Assessment Institutions Network (GAIN)



A just transition for all is possible

partnering with UNFCCC & PAGE



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ILO Guidelines for a Just Transition



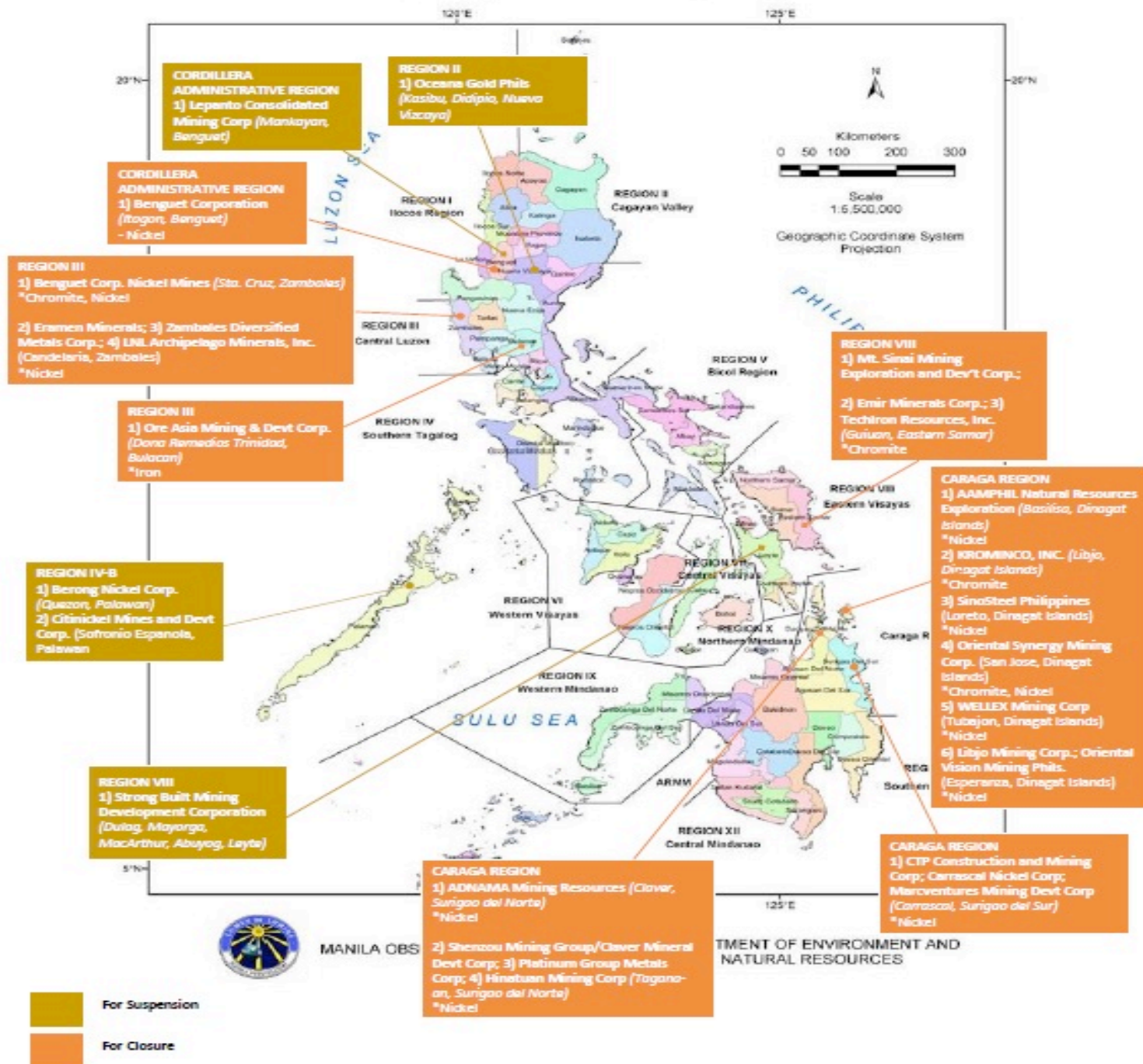
ILO support for implementation of the Just Transition Guidelines



Philippine Provincial Map



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MANILA OBS

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

- For Suspension
- For Closure



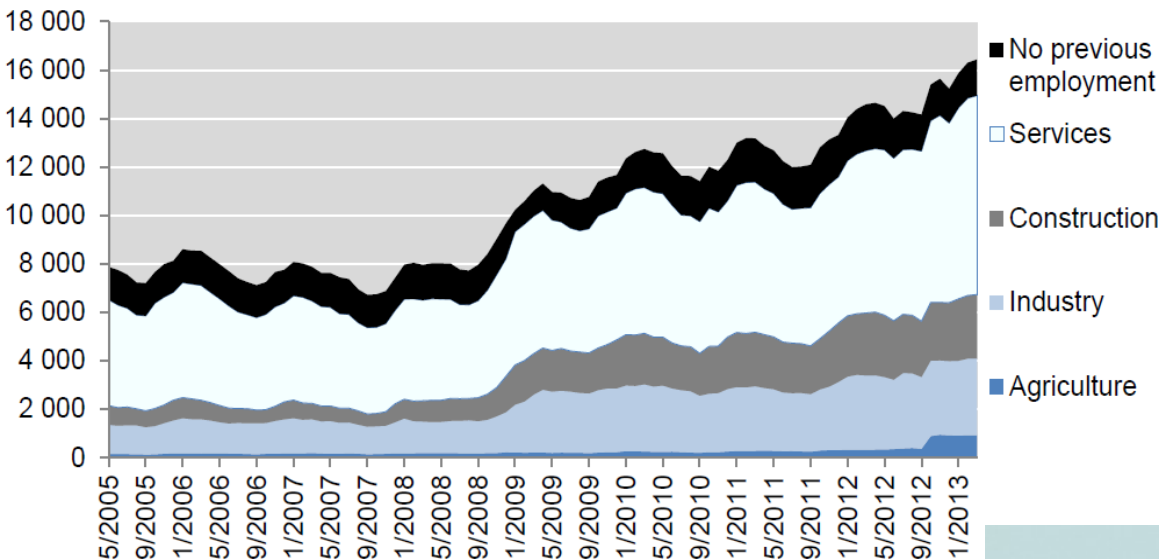
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LEARNING FROM OTHER 'MEASURES' IN THE PAST and ITS IMPACT ON ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION

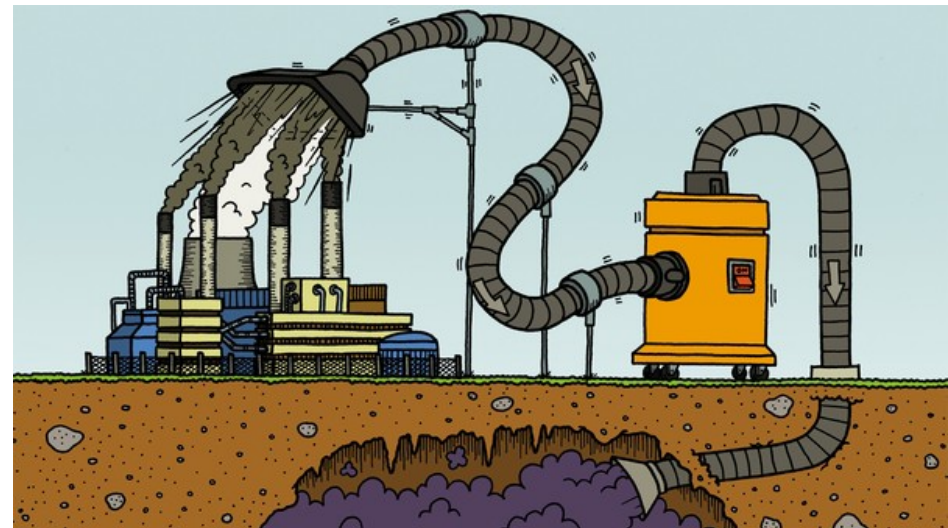
EUROPE: Bierzo Valley (Leon, Spain)

CIUDEN project 115 m. EUR

Figure 2.5. Registered unemployment in the El Bierzo district
May 2006 to March 2013



Source: Servicio Publico de Empleo Estatal.



Bierzo Valley (Leon, Spain) environment restoration services & green skills shortage



LEARNING FROM VULNERABLE 'BOSS' ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION?



Estimated 111 million tonnes of plastics will be displaced by 2030 due to the China ban.

Talanoa WG

Just Transition & Decent Work

WHERE ARE WE?

Climate Action Pacific Partnership, Suva (Fiji) 27 July 2018

1 year on - vision from CAPP July 2017



CAPP July 2017 recommendation to form a WG on the interlinkages of climate change, job creation and decent work, as a new thematic area to help accelerate climate action.

4 meetings – emerging issues:

- **Education & Skills:** engage youth & workforce – support through education systems (Primary, Secondary, Tertiary). Skills priorities.
- **Regionalism:** WG is an opportunity to create a regional consensus to have a PIC's policy on a Just Transition. Build the capacities of regional organizations to support the Just Transition.
- **Policy coherence:** partnerships with Pacific Organizations to bring issues to PIC's leaders.

8 Point Action Plan – October 2017

1. Through the Pacific voice and the Fiji Presidency, COP23 should recognize into the UNFCCC process the priority of **climate change intersecting with the world of work**. This includes all economic sectors, all economic activities, and all stakeholders (governments, employers, workers, civic society).
2. This WG should contribute to the **adaptation and mitigation committees** of UNFCCC – and actively participate in the review process.
3. Actions should be designed into work places to increase climate resilience as it impacts **security, peace and stability**. The impact of climate change events can lead to unemployment and internal/external migration which affect business activities and job security which can lead to conflict.
4. Financial mechanisms and interventions (GEF, GCF, multi-funding) shall include decent **local employment generation and skills development** as a key target for all the investments generated to mitigate and adapt to climate change while reducing unemployment, particularly for youth, women and disadvantage groups.

8 Point Action Plan (continue)

5. **Vulnerable sectors** (e.g. agriculture, tourism, building and construction, fishing, water, health, transport) that operate under 5 metres over the sea level or in the river banks will need a **dedicated just transition planning** to assist with business relocation, employment mobility and displacement in some cases. Dedicated financial resources should be allocated to design incentives together with local stakeholders that can include locally acceptable practices (cultural aspects) for vulnerable communities and informal workers into the process.
6. The **Just transition framework** shall be applied to high emitters and high polluting industry sectors to plan for employment mobility as economic activity in these sectors decrease.
7. Dedicated planning should be devised to take advantage of the **opportunities for decent job creation and green entrepreneurship** activities in all economic sectors but particularly in the environmental goods and services sector which can both help to mitigate and to adapt to climate change.
8. The WG, as initiated in the Pacific shall be inclusive in the **spirit of talanoa** and include governments (Ministries of labour, environment, others, employers, workers, and other stakeholders with also specialized UN agencies such as ILO.

Concluding remarks – CAPP 27 July 2018

Fiji's High-level Climate Change Champion COP23, [Minister Inia Seruiratu](#)

We need to develop structures to assure a process of Just Transition where jobs are assured in spite of disasters. We must elevate our ambitions and act now.

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