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Session Summary

Session Title	Accelerating the just transition to a low-carbon economy
Time	Monday Sept. 9, 16:30-17:30
Location	CC6
Interpretation	Spanish/French/Japanese
Moderator	Rasmus Nielsen, Senior Policy Advisor, TUAC
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Géraldine Ang, Senior Policy Analyst, OECD• Carlos Bravo, Secretary of Public and Social Policy, CCOO• Juan Manuel Cruz Palacios, Director General of labour relations, Acciona (Spain)• Vonda Brunsting, Director, Initiative for Responsible Investment at the Harvard Kennedy School (USA)

Session Overview

Increasing attention is being paid to the risks and opportunities for workers whose industries are impacted by the transition to a low-carbon economy. As countries continue to pursue the objectives set out in the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change, more than 141 investors representing USD 8 trillion in assets have signed a Statement of Commitment to Support a Just Transition on Climate Change. One important challenge for investors committed to a just transition for workers is to hear of specific cases and examples that embody the concept.

This session will look into specific examples of “just transition” and provide insight to trustees as to the role that pension funds can play to accelerate the just transition.

Géraldine Ang will provide offer insights into the speed and momentum of transition across the world and more specifically, OECD countries. **Carlos Bravo** will describe the experience of CCOO as an organisation and in negotiation with companies, in securing fair agreements for workers impacted by the transition. **Juan Manuel Cruz Palacios** will describe the experience of a Spanish multinational in negotiating agreements that contain transition elements with workers. **Vonda Brunsting** will conclude with a description of the opportunities for investors to play an active role in the just transition to a low carbon economy.