



2018 Workers' Capital Conference Session: The strategic role of investors in a just transition to a low-carbon economy

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Time: 14:45 – 16:00

Location: LiUNA Laborers' Local 261, 3271 18th Street, San Francisco, CA 94110

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As investor responses to climate change gain momentum, an awareness is growing that a poorly managed transition generates risks of “stranded workers” and “stranded communities” – both of which contribute to inequality and economic stagnation. Some investors are responding by integrating social dimensions into their responses to climate change.

This session will introduce a just transition framework that connects people and the environment in the climate related strategies that investors are considering. Using real-world examples, it will describe some of the complexities that arise on the ground as we transition to a low-carbon economy. It will then discuss how investors are working to integrate social factors into their climate responses in areas such as investment strategies, company engagements, capital allocation and policy advocacy and partnerships.

This session is part of the annual Workers' Capital Conference, organized by the Global Unions Committee on Workers' Capital, a joint initiative of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), the Global Union Federations (GUFs) and the Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC).

The annual Workers' Capital Conference is the premier forum for international collaboration and dialogue between trade unions and trade union/worker-nominated pension fund trustees. The CWC works to effect change in the global economy through the responsible investment of more than USD 35 trillion of workers' capital.

Speakers:

- Erin Hutson, Director of Corporate Affairs, LiUNA (USA)
- Kevin Thomas, Executive Director, SHARE (Canada)
- Thérèse Schets, trustee, Cleaners and Window cleaners fund & FNV (Netherlands)

Moderator:

- Nick Robins, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), (UK)

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