

U.S.-Canada-European Commission Trilateral Roundtable

The Employment Dimension of the Transition to a Green Economy

**Washington, DC
February 3 and 4, 2011**

**Location: U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20210**

Roundtable Day 1 – Thursday, February 3rd

8:15 – 9:00 am Registration

9:00 – 9:10 am Welcoming Remarks

9:10 – 10:00 am Setting the Context

The speakers will set the context for the roundtable by providing an overview of current green jobs policies and programs, highlighting promising policies and identifying policy challenges.

Moderator: Ms. Sandra Polaski
Deputy Undersecretary for International Affairs
U.S. Department of Labor

Speakers: Mr. Stefano Scarpetta
Deputy Director
Directorate for Employment, Labor and Social Affairs
Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Mr. Raymond Torres
Director
International Institute for Labor Studies
International Labor Organization (ILO)

10:00 – 10:15 am Break

A 21st Century Green Economy Workforce

10:15 – 11:45 am Panel 1: A Framework for Analyzing Green Jobs: Definition and Measurement

This session will offer perspectives on defining and measuring green jobs, including a comparison of U.S., Canadian, and EU approaches. Panelists will describe their different approaches in establishing definitions and measurements and the problems and challenges involved.

Moderator: Mr. Frank Vermaeten
Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Skills and
Employment Branch
Human Resources and Skills Development Canada

Speakers: Ms. Dixie Sommers
Assistant Commissioner, Occupational Statistics and Employment
Projections
Bureau of Labor Statistics
U.S. Department of Labor

Mr. Tom Bevers
Advisor
Belgian Federal Public Service Employment, Labour and Social Dialogue
and Chair of the Indicators Group and the Working Group on
Employment and Climate Change of the European Employment
Committee

Mr. Grant Trump
President
ECO Canada

11:45 am – 12:05 pm Demonstration of Best Practices (United States)

Arch Training Center's YouthBuild program
"Solar Suitcase"

12:10 – 1:40 pm Luncheon Discussion

Keynote Speaker: United States Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis

1:45 – 3:15 pm Panel 2: Effective Partnership Models for Green Jobs Training

This session will examine effective strategies to better align green workforce development policies with industry needs. Panelists will highlight successful partnerships with employers and training institutions and how to ensure that all stakeholders are working effectively and in the same direction.

Moderator: Ms. Kristin Schreiber
Head of Unit for External Relations, Neighbourhood Policy, Enlargement
and IPA
Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
European Commission

Speakers: Ms. Van Ton-Quinlivan
Director, Workforce Development
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
United States

Dr. John D. Wiebe
President and CEO
GLOBE Foundation
Canada

Mr. Robert Strauss
Head of Unit for the Employment Analysis
Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
European Commission

3:15 – 3:35 pm Demonstration of Best Practices (EU)

Ms. Christine Aumayr
Research Officer
European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions

3:35 – 3:50 pm Break

3:50 – 5:20 pm Panel 3: Green Skills and Training

This session will examine the value created for individuals and enterprises by specified training and credentialing. Panelists will identify the skills needed to prepare a green workforce and training curriculums that help them attain these skills.

Moderator: Ms. Gerri Fiala
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Employment and Training
U.S. Department of Labor

Speakers: Dr. Sarah White
Senior Associate
Center on the Wisconsin Strategy
United States

Ms. Linda Franklin
President and CEO
Colleges Ontario
Canada

Mr. Matthias Thorns
Deputy Director, Department of European and International Affairs
BDA – Confederation of German Employers

5:20 – 5:30 pm Wrap-up of Day 1/Announcements

Roundtable Day 2 – Friday, February 4th

9:00 – 9:15 am Recap of Day 1

Quality Green Jobs

9:15 – 10:45 am Panel 4: Green Jobs for Everyone

This session will explore the opportunities of green jobs by gender, age, and socio-economic status and examine whether green jobs can help serve as a pathway out of poverty.

Moderator: Dr. William Spriggs
Assistant Secretary for Policy
U.S. Department of Labor

Speakers: Mr. Chris Henderson
President Lumos Energy and Chairman Delphi Group
Canada

Ms. Sara Manzano-Díaz
Director
Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor

Mr. Egbert Holthuis
Head of Unit (acting) for Social Protection and Social Inclusion Strategy
Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
European Commission

10:45 – 11:05 am Demonstration of Best Practices

Mr. Bruce Pearce
President of Canadian Housing & Renewal Association (CHRA)

11:05 – 11:20 am Break

11:20 am – 12:50 pm

Panel 5: Making Green Jobs Quality Jobs

While green jobs offer many potential opportunities, some green jobs may entail health and safety risks or other problematic working conditions. Panelists will examine these challenges and possible ways to overcome them.

Moderator: Mr. Georg Fischer
Director for Analysis, Evaluation and External Relations
Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
European Commission

Speakers: Dr. David Michaels
Assistant Secretary of Occupational Safety and Health
U.S. Department of Labor

Mr. Ken Bondy
National Coordinator
CAW-TCA Canada

Ms. Anne Panneels
Advisor
European Trade Union Confederation

12:55 – 2:25 pm Luncheon Discussion: *Developing Countries and Green Jobs (ILO)*

The speaker will highlight examples of green jobs programs the ILO is helping to design in the developing world and the labor market impact of green growth in developing countries. An open discussion will follow.

Speaker: Ms. Ana Belen Sanchez
Climate Change Specialist
Job Creation and Enterprise Development Department
ILO

Creating a Sustainable Green Jobs Framework

2:30 – 4:00 pm Panel 6: Sustainability of Government Investments

This session will examine plans for sustaining green jobs initiatives following initial large government investments.

Moderator: Mr. Alexis Conrad
Director General, Skills and Employment Branch
Human Resources and Skills Development Canada

Speakers: Mr. David Foster
Executive Director
Blue Green Alliance
United States

Ms. Kaili Sermat-Harding
Director, Strategic Policy Branch
Government of Ontario, Canada

Mr. Patrick O'Riordan
Policy Coordinator for Sustainable Industrial Policy
Directorate General for Enterprise and Industry
European Commission

4:00 – 4:15 pm Demonstration of Best Practices (United States)

Mr. Sanji Kanth
Safety Engineer
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
U.S. Department of Labor

4:15 – 4:30 pm Break

4:30 – 5:30 pm Panel 7: Closing Remarks and Next Steps (Moderator: United States)

We will conclude by identifying the outcomes of the discussions and how the parties can collaborate more closely, both with each other and in working with developing countries.

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U.S. Department of Labor

Speakers: Ms. Jane Oates
Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training
U.S. Department of Labor

Mr. Frank Vermaeten
Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Skills and Employment Branch
Human Resources and Skills Development Canada

Mr. Georg Fischer
Director for Analysis, Evaluation and External Relations
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Attachment: Discussants

Discussants

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NAME	TITLE	ORGANIZATION/AGENCY
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Mr. Daniel Waterschoot	Administrator, International Affairs and Enlargement Unit	European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

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United States

NAME	TITLE	ORGANIZATION/AGENCY
Ms. Donna Addkison	Director, Family Economic Security Program	Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW)
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Ms. Bernadette Oliveira-Rivera	Fund Administrator	Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA)
Mr. Jeff Rickert	National Policy Director	Green For All

Ms. Barbara Shailor	Special Representative for International Labor Affairs	U.S. Department of State
Mr. Orson Watson	Community Revitalization Program Advisor	Garfield Foundation

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Mr. Paul Swaim	Principal Economist	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
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