

ILO WORKSHOP TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR STANDARDS IN RELATION TO A JUST TRANSITION HELD.

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A one-day tripartite workshop to Promote International Labour Standards (ILS) in Relation to a Just Transition has been successfully held by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) under the Trade for Decent Work (T4DW) project at the Fiesta Royale Hotel in Accra. About 25 participants were drawn from the Ministries of Agriculture, Lands and Natural Resources, Sanitation and Water Resources, Environment, Science and Technology, Youth and Sports, Works and Housing and the Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations. Others include government Departments and Agencies, as well as the Bank of Ghana, Ghana Employers Association, the Institute of Green Growth Solutions.

The workshop follows an earlier one in June 2023, to refresh the capacity of Tripartite Constituents and other state actors on the ILS, Decent Work, and the Guidelines for a Just Transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all. The workshop also sought to enhance the capacity of stakeholders on the linkages between the ILS and the Just Transition, to develop a roadmap to achieve the recommendations of the June 2023 meeting.

In her opening remarks, the National Programme Coordinator for T4DW project at the ILO, Dr. Akua Ofori-Asumadu, reiterated the aim of the meeting, which was to revisit the recommendations and conclusions of the June 2023 meeting and develop a roadmap for implementation. She also stressed the instrumental support of ILO and the T4DW in promoting ILS and Just Transition for a Greener economy.

In an opening remark delivered on behalf of the Director of Policy, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation at the Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations, a Deputy Director of at the Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations, Peter Antwi, expressed the Ministry's commitment to provide decent jobs and harmonious working conditions across all employment sectors of the country, as part of efforts to achieving a Just Transition in accordance with guidelines from the ILS.

In series of presentations at the Workshop, The National Project Coordinator for the Just Transition Project at the ILO, Gideon Mankralo, sensitized participants on the contribution of ILS to a Just Transition. He also informed participants that a database of Green Jobs had been developed by the ILO, in addition to a Green Jobs Policy Analysis report, which

formed the basis of the national Green Jobs Strategy. He however stressed the urgent need for awareness creation on Green Job interventions, as well as the training of inter-sectoral groups on the Multi-National Enterprises Framework.

Dr. Akua Ofori-Asumadu in her closing remarks reminded participants on the need to pay attention to the ILS in all efforts to implement Green Interventions or Initiatives, to ensure there are no breeches of ILO Standards in the implementation of these initiatives. She further urged all stakeholders to pursue the action points from the workshop in enhancing their capacity to implement Green Interventions.