

AGENDA

7:30 Registration Tables outside of **Salon A**

8:30 Call to Order in **Salon A** by **Ken Neumann**, USW National Director and **Joie Warnock**, Unifor Western Director

Welcome Message by The **Honourable Margaret McCuaig-Boyd**, Minister of Energy

Agenda Review and Remarks by **Mark Rowlinson**, Executive Assistant to the USW National Director & Blue Green Canada President

9:00 Keynote on Climate Change, the need for action, and Just Transition by **Diana Gibson**

9:35 Presentation on Alberta Coal Transition Coalition Town Halls by **Gil McGowan**, AFL President

Alberta's Coal Transition Coalition believes that the workers who have dedicated their careers to keeping the lights on should not be forced to bear an unfair burden for this transition. Issues such as pensions, severance, and a plan to address labour-retention strategies and other work force issues such as economic diversification can't be an afterthought; they need to be on the table along every step of the way as we reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

10:00 Panel Session on Just Transition and Alberta's 2030 Coal Phase out

The Climate Leadership Plan has set a goal of zero emissions from coal-fired electricity generation by 2030. Retiring coal-fired plants will be replaced by renewable energy and natural gas-fired electricity. The Government of Alberta has recently launched an Advisory Committee on Coal Communities to ensure workers and community members are consulted and heard, and to understand their challenges and ideas for the long-term economic sustainability of their communities. This panel discussion will tackle these issues and others related to making sure Alberta's transition to a low carbon economy is a just transition.

- Moderator: **Charley Beresford**, Columbia Institute and Blue Green Canada Chair
- Recording Moderator: **Susan Cake**, AFL
- Panelists:
 - Roy Milne**, USW Local 1595 President
 - Kim Conway**, Unifor Local 707A
 - Dale Marshall**, Environmental Defence
 - Gil McGowan**, AFL President

12:15 Lunch buffet in **Salon A**

1:30 Presentation on Creating Opportunities for Albertans as we Transition to a Greener Economy by The **Honourable Deron Bilous**, Minister of Economic Development and Trade

2:00 Panel Session on Training for Green Jobs and What is Needed for these Opportunities

The Climate Leadership Plan and the coal phase out are positive examples of good public policy. However, the move to renewables and low carbon energy sources must be fair and just for workers and trades and must provide good, secure, meaningful work. This panel brings together experts from various sectors to discuss the opportunities and imperatives for government and the private sector to work hand in hand with unions to ensure that policy enables good green, unionized jobs.

- Moderator: **Brandi Thorne**, United Brotherhood of Carpenters
- Recording Moderator: **Jonathan Sas**, Broadbent Institute and Blue Green Canada Board Member
- Panelists:
 - Scott Crichton**, IBEW 424 Edmonton Training Centre
 - Randall Benson**, Gridworks Energy Group and Training Centre
 - Lana Payne**, Unifor Atlantic Region Director
 - Kevin Lecht**, Insulators Local 110

3:30 Presentation on Renewable Power impact on Jobs by **Binnu Jeyakumar**, Pembina Institute

3:45 Panel Session on Renewable Power, 30% by 2030, and Good Green Jobs in Alberta

The Government of Alberta declared that 30 percent of electricity used in Alberta will come from renewable sources such as wind, hydro and solar by 2030. To achieve this, the Government will support 5,000 megawatts of additional renewable energy capacity for Albertans. It is estimated that at least \$10.5 billion in new investment will flow into the provincial economy by 2030 with the potential for 7,200 new jobs for Albertans as projects are built. This panel will discuss these issues and what must be done to ensure that jobs created by this plan are good, green, family supporting jobs for Albertans.

- Moderator: **Dan Woynilowicz**, Clean Energy Canada and Blue Green Canada Board Member
- Recording Moderator: **Cori Longo**, Canadian Labour Congress
- Panelists:
 - Binnu Jeyakumar**, Pembina Institute
 - Brian Campbell**, Unifor Energy Sector Director
 - Scott Lunny**, Assistant to the Director of USW District 3
 - Evan Wilson**, CanWEA

5:15 Wrap up with **Mark Rowlinson** and **Joie Warnock**

5:30 Reception in **Salon C**

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served along with more networking opportunities and a chance to celebrate the hard work everyone has put in today.