



JUST TRANSITION FORUM ASIA 2024

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1. OVERVIEW

The Loss and Damage Fund, which aims to provide financial assistance to nations most vulnerable and impacted by climate change, has been a hot topic of debate globally. The 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) of the United Nations Framework on Climate Change (UNFCCC) delivered a historic agreement on operationalizing the Loss and Damage Fund, with initial contributions of up to 700 million US dollars, to help developing countries cope with the devastating impacts of climate change. Following this milestone, negotiations are ongoing on how the fund is to be governed in an equitable manner; which countries should contribute; how adequate financial support can be mobilized; and how the funds should be allocated, disbursed and accessed by vulnerable communities and countries.

Based on this scenario, the fourth edition of Just Transition Forum Asia (JTFA) – a flagship international virtual event co-hosted by the Regional Climate and Energy Project of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Asia and Climate Action Network Southeast Asia (CANSEA) since 2021 – created the space for further discussions under the theme ***“Emphasizing Finance for Loss and Damage in Just Transition”***.

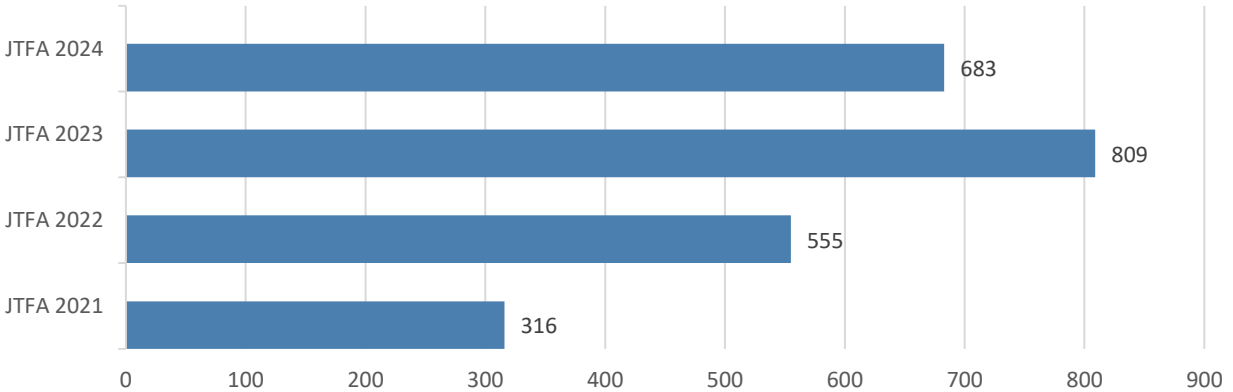
Held from 4 to 6 September 2024, this year’s forum featured representatives from the United Nations, governments, civil society organizations (CSOs), youth, trade union, academia and private sector to share their multistakeholder perspectives on loss and damage and just transition in two plenary panel sessions. These were complemented by 10 transformational labs hosted by various organizations to update participants on the latest developments on climate justice and finance across sectors, regions and countries. JTFA 2024 highlighted the urgent need for climate finance, called for collective efforts across borders and sectors to address challenges, and inspired innovative ideas and new collaborations to move forward and push for solutions that are equitable, sustainable, and just.

JTFA 2024 continued the trend of serving as a springboard for leading experts from governments, climate funds, businesses, think tanks, trade unions, youth and women organizations, CSOs and communities in Asia and beyond, to make policy recommendations on shaping a socially inclusive and climate-resilient future in the Asian region, based on just transition.

2. JTFA 2024 IN NUMBERS

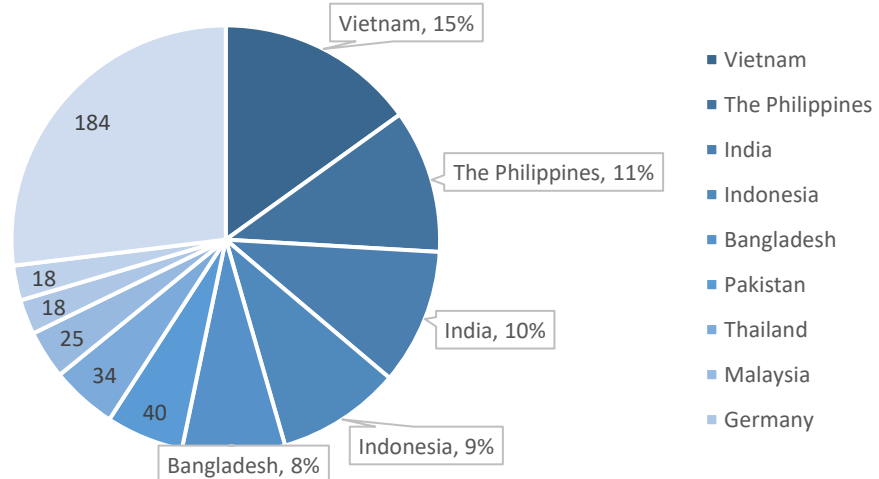
Six hundred and eighty-three individuals registered as participants and speakers for JTFA 2024 with a breakdown of 47% female, 44% male, and 9% other. The turnout rate during the three-day forum was 75%, equivalent to 512 attendees.

Figure 1. Number of registrations for JTFA: 2021-2024



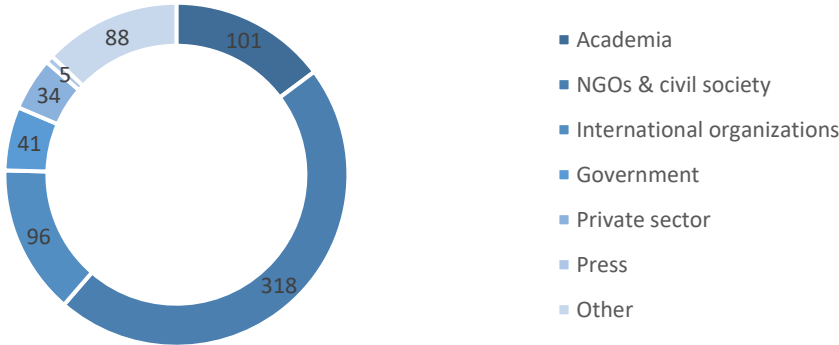
JTFA 2024 registrants represented 57 countries with the majority of them from Vietnam (103), the Philippines (74), India (70), Indonesia (64), and Bangladesh (53).

Figure 2. JTFA 2024 registrants by countries



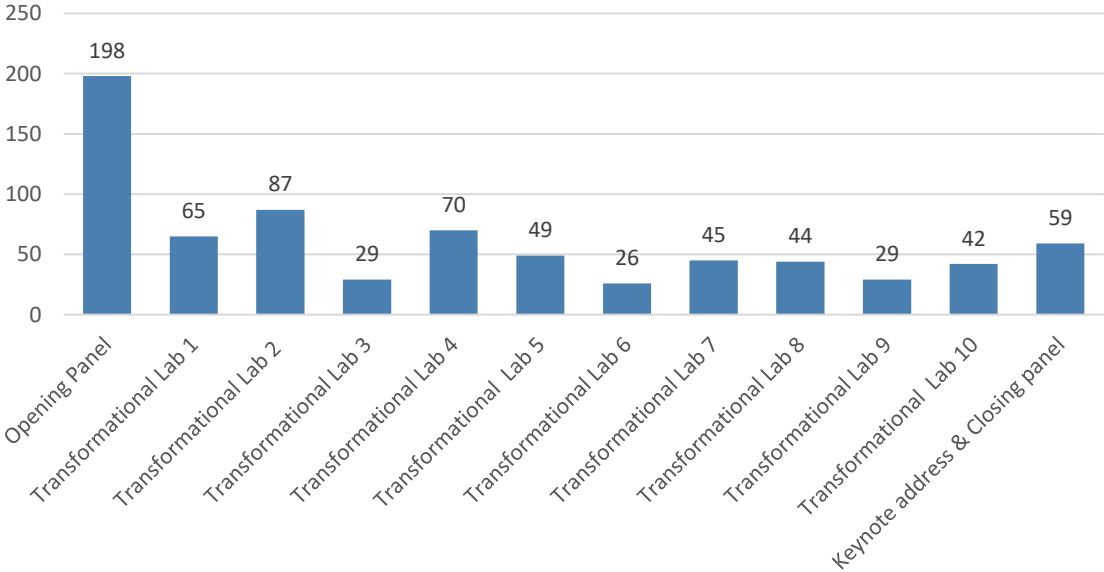
Among registrants, 318 (47%) were from NGOs (non-governmental organizations) and civil society, 101 (15%) from academia, and 96 (14%) from international organizations. The remainder were from the government, private sector, press and other sectors.

Figure 3. JTFA 2024 registrants by sectors



Since the start of the forum, there were 3,660 visits to the Zoom event lobby. The top three visited sessions were **“Opening panel: Financing for Loss and Damage – Multistakeholder Perspectives”** with 198 attendees, followed by the **“Transformational lab 2: Justice for Whom? Bridging Intergenerational Loss & Damage Agenda in Southeast Asia”** and **“Transformational lab 4: Financial and Economic Perspectives on Just Transition and Climate Justice”** which welcomed 87 and 70 participants respectively.

Figure 4. Number of attendees per session



3. OPENING AND CLOSING PANEL SESSIONS - HIGHLIGHTS

OPENING PANEL: Financing for Loss and Damage – Multistakeholder Perspectives

The opening panel session, moderated by Nithi Nesadurai, Director and Regional Coordinator of CANSEA, kicked off this year's forum with a discussion on a broader perspective on the energy transition: ***Finance for Loss and Damage in Just Transition***. He invited Harjeet Singh, Global Engagement Director at the Fossil Fuel Treaty Initiative, to deliver the opening address. Singh highlighted the urgent need for a well-funded and operational Loss and Damage Fund to address the devastating impacts of climate change. He stressed the importance of securing adequate funding, ensuring community access, developing suitable financial mechanisms, and fostering civil society engagement. While the newly established Loss and Damage Fund, hosted by the Philippines and supported by the World Bank, is a significant step forward, challenges persist in ensuring its effectiveness and timely delivery of assistance. Singh advocated for swift action, accountability, and contributions from historical polluters to ensure the fund's success. He also discussed immediate and long-term priorities for the Loss and Damage Fund, including formalizing the agreement with the World Bank, selecting the Executive Director, establishing a clear vision, and strengthening transparency and accountability.

The panel continued with a representative of the German Government. Dirk Meyer, Head of Division for multilateral development policy, transformation and climate, under the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, highlighted the significance of the Loss and Damage Fund as a key component of the just transition for vulnerable countries. He said Germany has been a key player in negotiating the establishment of the fund, has provided a significant financial contribution of 100 million US Dollars, and urged other countries to do the same. Meyer called for the prioritization of flexibility, pragmatism, and creativity in the Loss and Damage Fund's operationalization, which has focused on comprehensive risk management and capacity building. Regarding resource mobilization, Meyer acknowledged the need for a broad contributor base and innovative sources of finance, including leveraging private sector funding. Germany aims to integrate the fund into existing initiatives to avoid duplication.

Independent expert on international trade, climate, and development finance policy issues, Vicente Paolo B. Yu III, underscored the urgent need to address loss and damage caused by climate change, particularly in developing countries. He commended the progress made in establishing the Loss and Damage Fund and emphasized the critical importance of swift implementation and robust resource mobilization. Yu also advocated for the development of more effective methodologies and metrics to accurately assess loss and damage, urging their integration into national climate plans and increased international support. He called for a comprehensive approach to climate action that encompasses mitigation, adaptation, loss and damage, and response measures as interconnected elements. Yu also stressed the vital role of G77 unity in ensuring the successful establishment and operation of the Loss and Damage Fund.

Luanne Sieh, Group Chief Sustainability Officer of CIMB Banking Group, discussed the role of the private sector, particularly financial institutions, in addressing climate change-related loss and damage. She highlighted the motivations of CIMB Banking Group in setting ambitious decarbonization targets and providing sustainable finance. While the private sector is often more inclined towards mitigation efforts due to potential returns, Sieh suggested that banks can contribute by facilitating money flows and participating in innovative financing mechanisms, and provide funds through corporate social

responsibility. However, she stressed that expecting banks to fund loss and damage is unrealistic. Sieh recommended focusing on existing climate solutions, which are also cost saving.



KEYNOTE ADDRESS & CLOSING PANEL: Mobilizing Finance Mechanisms for Loss and Damage

The closing panel session, moderated by Franziska Schmidtke, Director of the Regional Climate and Energy Project of FES Asia, reiterated the goal of the forum, which is to bring multiple stakeholders together to solve the puzzle of the implementation of an integrated approach to just transition, especially in terms of a climate finance mechanism. The session began with Nithi Nesadurai of CANSEA, summing up the key takeaways from the opening panel session. Historical responsibility, human lives, justice, and fairness were central themes, with a call to focus on existing cost-saving solutions for climate change.

In his keynote address, Richard Sherman, Co-Chair of the Loss and Damage Fund Board at the UNFCCC, emphasized the vital role of civil society in driving the governance and implementation of the Loss and Damage Fund. He urged civil society to continue advocating for the fund's objectives and called for their support in addressing loss and damage effectively and efficiently. Noting that the fund has been granted legal personality, enabling it to sign agreements with international bodies, he stressed the importance of focusing on the real-world impacts of loss and damage and adopting practical implications for countries that are unable to adapt due to irreversible harm. Sherman affirmed that the fund aims to provide swift and specific support to vulnerable communities through reparations, rebuilding, and innovative approaches. Strategies for resource mobilization and funding access are being developed, with a focus on bottom-up approaches and community involvement.

The representative from Cambodia, His Excellency Lorn Limthay, Secretary of the Commission on Planning, Investment, Agriculture, Forestries, Rural Development, Environment and Meteorology of the National Assembly of Cambodia, called for urgent global action to address the loss and damage caused by climate change. He emphasized the need for a new, fair, and responsible framework for the Loss and Damage Fund, as well as equitable climate policies and timely technology allocation to impacted communities. He urged lawmakers and representatives to take immediate action and advocate for laws and policies that address loss and damage effectively. H.E. Limthay highlighted Cambodia's commitment to implementing

an action plan that addresses loss and damage equitably, responsibly, and in a gender-responsive manner. He also emphasized the importance of monitoring emissions reduction efforts to ensure progress towards climate goals.

Tejal Kanitkar, Associate Professor in the Energy, Environment, and Climate Change Program at the National Institute of Advanced Studies in Bangalore, India called for a more comprehensive approach to addressing climate change, particularly in developing countries. She emphasized the need for just transitions that go beyond developed nations and address the specific challenges faced by countries with limited infrastructure. Kanitkar also connected the issue of just transitions to the Loss and Damage Fund, advocating for reparations and compensation due to developing countries' lost share of the carbon budget. She criticized the effectiveness of private finance and suggested a different approach to financing loss and damage.

Aruba Faruque, Deputy National Coordinator of Youth Net Global and Adolescent Ambassador for Climate and Health at Bangladesh's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, underscored the importance of youth activism, community engagement, and global collaboration in addressing climate challenges. Based on her involvement in the Y-Just project and Youthnet for Climate Justice – Bangladesh, she advocated for community engagement, capacity building, and policy changes to address the impacts of climate change. Faruque also emphasized the significance of Bangladesh's policy framework, which recognizes the multi-dimensional impacts of climate change and prioritizes adaptation, shifting risks to resilience and building a prosperous economy upon that.

Tuti Suwartini, Chair of International Relations at the Pharmaceutical and Health Workers Union Federation of Indonesia, emphasized the need for developed countries to provide financial support for developing nations' decarbonization efforts. She criticized the Just Energy Transition Partnership (JET-P) program in Indonesia for its reliance on foreign debt and potential privatization of the energy sector. She pointed out that trade unions, which have limited involvement in the JET-P project, have called for a specific roadmap on climate finance to address workers' need.

At the conclusion of this session, Nithi Nesadurai, in his closing remarks, said the forum had been a resounding success from the perspectives of content, quality of speakers and response from participants. The forum had covered key issues on financing for loss and damage and just transition from the international, national and subnational perspectives. He thanked the speakers, lab hosts, and the organizing team for their contributions to the successful event. Nithi expressed special thanks to the participants who had taken the time to attend the 12 events organized as part of JTFA 2024.

4. TRANSFORMATIONAL LABS – HIGHLIGHTS

TRANSFORMATIONAL LAB 1 – Navigating the Path to Climate Justice: Insights and Strategies for a Just Transition in Building and Wood Industries

Host: Building and Wood Workers International (BWI)

The only way to build energy transition is to bring our workers, communities, and region along.

BWI and its partners provided insights into the challenges and opportunities associated with a just transition. A multi-faceted approach, focusing on vulnerable workers, community-based initiatives, and policy advocacy, was emphasized. By examining innovative strategies, researchers and practitioners concluded that a successful just transition requires tailored action plans addressing the specific needs of different groups. Speakers also highlighted the importance of policy interventions, such as increased representation in climate governance bodies, as well as collaborative engagement among governments, employers, unions, and community organizations through bipartite and tripartite dialogues.

Speaker lineup

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Lab 1 - Navigating the Path to Climate Justice: Insights and Strategies for a Just Transition in Building and Wood Industries

Host: Building and Woods Workers International (BWI)

Wednesday Sep 4, 2024
03:30 - 04:50 PM (GMT+7)

Julius Cainglet
Vice President, Research, Advocacy, and Partnerships, Federation of Free Workers (FFW)

Sister Rashim Bedi
Senior Coordinator, Self-Employed Women Association (SEWA)

Michael Wright
National Secretary, Electrical Trades Union of Australia (ETU Australia)

Moderator Wang Yan Ke
BWI Asia Pacific Regional Campaign Officer

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Transformational Lab
Hosted by Building and Woods Workers International (BWI)

Navigating the Path to Climate Justice: Insights and Strategies for a Just Transition in Building and Wood Industries

TRANSFORMATIONAL LAB 2 – Justice for Whom? Bridging Intergenerational Loss & Damage Agenda in Southeast Asia

Host: FES Philippines

Intergenerational and intersectional approaches must be embedded to drive the agenda on loss and damage.

FES Philippines consolidated intergenerational narratives on loss and damage by bringing together specialists, advocacy and campaign leads, policy practitioners, and youth voices in the sector. The lab commenced with a panel discussion where panelists uncovered economic and non-economic impacts of loss and damage in grassroots communities, mapped loss and damage financing mechanisms, and explored pathways to reframing vulnerability towards youth championing loss and damage movements. Participants then headed to three breakdown sessions and delved into (i) adaptive capacity of vulnerable communities in Indonesia and viable options such as climate mobility and migration; (ii) innovative financing mechanisms in the Philippines to tackle barriers in equitable access and ways to strengthen international cooperation and partnerships; and (iii) amplification of youth voices in policy advocacy and resource mobilization. The lab concluded by unifying intergenerational and intersectional actions for the climate agenda in Southeast Asia.

Speaker lineup



SPEAKERS

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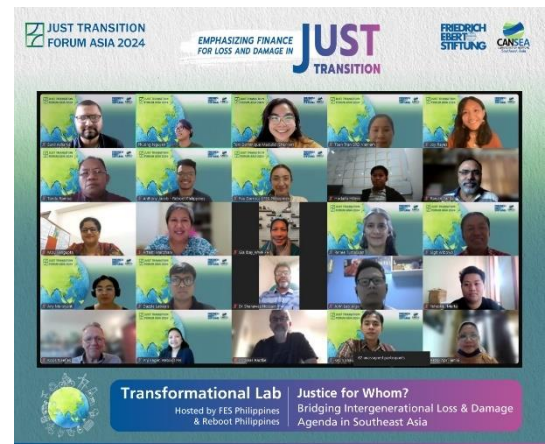
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Sunil Acharya
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Atty. Jameela Joy Reyes
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John Leo Algo
National Coordinator, Aksyon Klima

Moderated by
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Executive Director, Reboot Philippines Renewable Energy Transition Institute (RebootPH)



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Transformational Lab
Hosted by FES Philippines & Reboot Philippines

Justice for Whom?
Bridging Intergenerational Loss & Damage Agenda in Southeast Asia

TRANSFORMATIONAL LAB 3 – Climate Scorecard for Pakistan

Host: FES Pakistan

Transparency and accountability in climate finance are crucial to ensure effective utilization of resources.

FES Pakistan and its associates discussed the multifaceted challenges Pakistan faces in confronting climate change. Speakers underscored the devastating impacts of recent floods, the urgent need for increased climate finance, and the deficiencies in Pakistan's current governance systems. Experts emphasized the importance of developing a comprehensive national climate action plan, enhancing climate adaptation and mitigation measures, establishing a dedicated national climate fund, and strengthening local government involvement while fostering international cooperation in climate finance. The speakers also highlighted the disproportionate impact of climate change on women in Pakistan, advocating for gender-responsive policies and women's participation in decision-making. Transparency and accountability in climate finance procurement were identified as crucial factors in combating corruption and ensuring the effective utilization of resources.

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Lab 3 - Climate Scorecard for Pakistan

Host: FES Pakistan

Wednesday Sep 4, 2024
03:30 - 04:50 PM (GMT+7)

Dawar Hameed Butt
Team Lead, Climate Finance Pakistan

Ahmad Rafay Alam
Member, Pakistan Climate Change Council

Kashif Shaikh
Executive Director, Transparency International Pakistan

Larab Farhat
Policy Consultant

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CLIMATE SCORECARD FOR PAKISTAN
Drawing from assessment of Pakistan's Climate Governance Frameworks from "Financing Climate Action"
Ahmad Rafay Alam
Member of the Pakistan Climate Change Council

CLIMATE CHANGE IN PAKISTAN: LAW & POLICY ASSESSMENT
Ahmad Rafay Alam
Member of the Pakistan Climate Change Council

SAFEGUARDING CLIMATE FINANCE PROCUREMENT LESSONS AND BEST PRACTICES
TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

Climate and Gender: The Inter-sectional Paradox- Pakistan's Perspective
Larab Farhat
Policy Consultant

Transformational Lab
Hosted by FES Pakistan

Climate Scorecard for Pakistan

TRANSFORMATIONAL LAB 4 – Financial and Economic Perspectives on Just Transition and Climate Justice

Host: FES Thailand

Just transition is greening the economy in a fair and inclusive way, and creating decent work opportunities for all.

In Thailand, financial and economic strategies have only integrated social aspects to a limited level. Low-income and marginalized communities have been disproportionately affected by climate actions, both mitigation and adaptation, and necessary support remains inadequate. In this regard, experts in finance and economic sectors shared their knowledge and exchanged ideas on innovative solutions for just transitions and climate justice, spanning from country to city to industry and firm levels.

From identifying opportunities and challenges of financing for just energy transition in Thailand, speakers sought to leverage the country's tax policies and government spending to address environmental issues without exacerbating social tensions among local taxpayers and vulnerable populations. Industry-specific policies coupled with financial and regulatory support were proposed to reduce initial transition costs, promote innovation, and thus support companies in achieving efficient and long-term transitions. A well-executed transition to circular economy in Thailand would require sufficient investments in renewable energy infrastructure and sustainable practices; proper management of transition-related risks; and strategic economic incentives that drive sustainable behaviors while protecting vulnerable groups.

Speaker lineup



SPEAKERS

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Dr. Thaneer Chaiwat
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Programme Manager, FES Thailand

Dr. Kiriya Kolkulkarn
Professor, SDG Move, Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University



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Transformational Lab | Financial and Economic Perspectives on Just Transition and Climate Justice
Hosted by FES Thailand

TRANSFORMATIONAL LAB 5 – Urban Resilience: Combating Climate Loss and Damage

Host: FES Regional Climate and Energy Project in Asia

Nature-based solutions are the most sustainable and long-term measures for delivering infrastructure, services, and integrative solutions for cities.

FES Regional Climate and Energy Project highlighted the growing vulnerability of cities to climate change, particularly in the Global South, thereby underscoring the need for standardized methodologies to assess loss and damage, improve data collection systems, and increase funding for climate resilience. Nature-based solutions were recommended as the most sustainable and long-term measures for delivering infrastructure, services, and integrative solutions for cities. The group especially explored the disproportionate impacts of climate change on women in urban areas with unique vulnerabilities due to factors such as limited access to resources, traditional gender roles, and lack of participation in decision-making processes. Climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts must be inclusive and equitable to ensure that no marginalized groups are left behind.

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Lab 5 - Urban Resilience: Combating Climate Loss and Damage

Host: FES Asia Climate and Energy Project

Thursday Sep 5, 2024 02:00 - 03:20 PM (GMT+7)

Maja Bosnic
Economist in green and gender budgeting

Nguyen Quang
Former Programme Manager, UN-Habitat in Vietnam

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Transformational Lab Urban Resilience: Combating Climate Loss and Damage

Hosted by FES Asia Climate and Energy Project

TRANSFORMATIONAL LAB 6 – Just Transition Finance in China

Host: FES Shanghai

Transition finance supports the whole-of-economy transition towards lower and net-zero emissions and climate resilience.

With the goal of building a green financial system, a framework has been developed since 2021 under the leadership of the Chinese Central Bank, seeking to set up standards for different sectors and develop transition finance catalogues. This transformational lab looked at implications for sustainable and responsible investment to address critical global environmental challenges from interdisciplinary evidence-based research projects in China. With case studies in steel, information and communications technology and shipping industries, experts analyzed transition pathways and financial needs in critical sectors to provide policy recommendations for just financing plans. Discussions centered around how climate change affected corporate competitiveness, impacts of ESG (environmental, social, and governance) on financial institutions, and incentives for business and capital markets to engage in sustainable investment. Solutions to alleviate negative socioeconomic impacts of transition activities and investments were also elaborated for incorporation into the country's just transition finance system.

Speaker lineup

SPEAKERS JUST TRANSITION FORUM ASIA 2024

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Deputy Secretary-General, Green Finance Forum of 60 and Executive Director, Shanghai Jinsinan Institute of Finance

Xinyan Lin
PhD student, Duke University

Moderated by Marvin Müller
Project Manager, FES Shanghai

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Transformational Lab Hosted by FES Shanghai Just Transition Finance in China

TRANSFORMATIONAL LAB 7 – Influencing Just Energy Transition (I-JET) Implementation in Southeast Asia

Host: CANSEA

A successful JET requires community involvement, gender equality, and multi-stakeholder collaboration.

By analyzing case studies in Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines, CANSEA and its partners provided nationally and regionally specific insights to the I-JET project, highlighting the importance of inclusivity in the JET efforts in Southeast Asia. Speakers emphasized the need for community involvement, gender equality, and multi-stakeholder collaboration to ensure a just and equitable transition. By prioritizing participation, inclusivity, and community-led initiatives, countries can ensure that the transition benefits all stakeholders and contributes to a more sustainable and equitable future. To achieve this, experts recommended addressing social risks and building capacity for effective participation. A successful JET must address broader societal implications and ensure that all voices are heard in decision-making processes.

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Lab 7 - Influencing Just Energy Transition Implementation in Southeast Asia

Host: Climate Action Network Southeast Asia (CANSEA)

Thursday Sep 5, 2024 03:40 - 05:00 PM (GMT-7)

Sandra Winarsa
Energy and Climate Advisor, Humana Foundation, Indonesia

Rei Panaligan
President, Center for Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology, Philippines

Siti Fatimah
Senior Programme Officer, Treat Every Environment Special, Malaysia

Irvan Tengku Harja
Policy Coordinator, Influencing Just Energy Transition project, Oxfam in Asia

Moderator Nachatira Thuraichamy
Senior Project Coordinator, CANSEA

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Influencing Just Energy Transition Implementation in Southeast Asia

Hosted by Climate Action Network Southeast Asia (CANSEA)

TRANSFORMATIONAL LAB 8 – Empowering Youth for Just Energy Transition in Vietnam and the Philippines

Host: The Green Youth Labs

Young people are climate ambassadors in the transformative journey to a sustainable future that leaves no one behind.

Despite representing over one-third of ASEAN’s population, youth are often missing from the energy transition debate and policy-making process. With the aim to advocate and empower youth engagement in climate actions, the Green Youth Labs provided a platform for young leaders from Vietnam and the Philippines to share their insights and showcase their impactful works. An Open Letter from Vietnamese youths kickstarted and presented youth-driven recommendations for the government, local agencies and organizations, and educational institutions to promote linkages and partnerships that enable active participation of youth, minority, vulnerable, and marginalized groups.

Youth representatives from the Philippines continued to highlight a roadmap to a just energy transition developed by Youth for Just Transition (Y4JT) – a network of over 40 youth organizations in the country. The lab ended with an interactive session where participants exchanged knowledge, discussed opportunities and challenges facing them, learned from others’ experience, and explored joint efforts to drive a greener, more equitable energy future for all.

Speaker lineup

SPEAKERS

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Founder, Viet Nam Youth Parliament (VNYP), Mekong chapter

Allein Laisse Espinoza
Programme Director, Reboot Philippines

Quian C. Tagaduar
Co-founder, i_space and member of Youth for Just Transition Network Philippines (Y4JT)

Moderated by
Nguyen Hoang Ngan
Coordinator of the Green Youth Labs project, FES Vietnam

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TRANSFORMATIONAL LAB
Hosted by Green Youth Labs

Empowering Youth for Just Energy Transition in Vietnam and the Philippines

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TRANSFORMATIONAL LAB 9 – Loss & Damage Finance – A Myth Buster

Host: FES India

Coordinated efforts are needed to make sure the Loss and Damage Fund benefits the most affected grassroots communities.

FES India discussed the multifaceted challenges and opportunities presented by climate change. Key topics explored included the Loss and Damage Fund, adaptation and resilience strategies, global cooperation, funding mechanisms, and a just transition. Experts underscored the necessity of coordinated, community-level efforts to address these intertwined issues, emphasizing the importance of considering specific communities rather than broad regional approaches. Speakers recommended enhancing institutional capacities, shifting from disaster recovery to proactive adaptation, developing alternative funding models to attract private sector investment, exploring debt-free financing options, and prioritizing vulnerable groups. They also highlighted the interconnected nature of these challenges and the need for coordinated efforts to ensure a more equitable and sustainable transition to a low-carbon future.

Speaker lineup



SPEAKERS

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Jhalak Aggarwal
Programme Associate, International Cooperation Team, Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW)

Pradeep Kumar Jena
Chief Secretary & Chief Development Commissioner, Government of Odisha & Trustee, OUIDF

Moderated by Ashish Mehta
Founder of Second Nature Sustainable Solutions

Prarthana Borah
Leader, Sustainability Vertical, Momentum India

Prof. Anil Kumar Gupta
Coordinator of Technical Advisory Committee of National Institute of Disaster Management



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TRANSFORMATIONAL Lab
Hosted by FES India

Loss & Damage Finance – A Myth Buster

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TRANSFORMATIONAL LAB 10 – Implementing Just Coal Transition in East Kalimantan, Indonesia

Host: CANSEA

A holistic approach with the involvement of all stakeholders is the underlying factor for enabling transformational just coal transition.

This transformational lab provided updates on the implementation of just coal transition activities in East Kalimantan – part of the Innovation Regions for a Just Energy Transition project (IKI JET) in Indonesia funded by the International Climate Initiative of the German Government. The project, now in its second year of implementation, is led by a consortium comprising of GIZ, ILO, CANSEA and YMH, Union Aid Abroad – APHEDA, WI and IISD. Members of the consortium highlighted key outcomes of their engagement to date on the ground since 2023 with different stakeholders – government agencies at the provincial and local levels, coal mine owners, labor unions, and communities.

One highlight was that the latest draft of the Indonesian national long-term development plan dated January 2024 has reflected elements of IKI JET’s advice submitted in May 2023 (i.e. narrative of justice in energy transition and prioritizing support to fossil regions). Secondly, preliminary draft concepts of a Regional Consultation Forum on JET for East Kalimantan and South Sumatra are now available, resulting from consultation processes involving tripartite and non-tripartite actors in the two regions. The session concluded by highlighting that a holistic approach that would enable phenomenal developments and serve as a case study for real-world implementation of just coal transition from a developing country context.

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Lab 10 - Implementing Just Coal Transition in East Kalimantan, Indonesia

Host: Climate Action Network Southeast Asia (CANSEA)

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Friday Sep 6, 2024
02:00 - 03:20 PM (GMT+7)

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International Labour Organization (ILO)
Jakarta Office, Indonesia

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Sharan KC
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Union Aid Abroad, APHEDA

Jannis Beutel
Researcher, Wuppertal Institute,
Germany

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Transformational Lab Implementing Just Coal Transition in East Kalimantan, Indonesia

APPENDIX 1: JTFA 2024 PROGRAM

Wednesday, 4 September	
2:00 - 2:10 PM	Opening and welcome remarks by Franziska Schmidtke - Regional Director, Climate and Energy Project, FES Asia
2:10 - 3:10 PM	<p>OPENING PANEL: Financing for Loss and Damage – Multistakeholder Perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Harjeet Singh - Global Engagement Director, Fossil Fuel Treaty Initiative and Member, United Nations' Technical Expert Group on Comprehensive Risk Management ● Dirk Meyer - Head of Division of multilateral development policy; transformation; climate, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany ● Vicente Paolo B. Yu III - Thematic Coordinator, Loss and Damage and Global Stocktake, G77 and China, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change ● Luanne Sieh - Group Chief Sustainability Officer, CIMB Banking Group and Steering Group Member, Net Zero Banking Alliance <p>Moderated by Nithi Nesadurai - Director & Regional Coordinator, CANSEA</p>
3:10 - 3:30 PM	Break and networking
3:30 - 4:50 PM	<p>Transformational labs (parallel sessions)</p> <p>LAB 1 - Navigating the Path to Climate Justice: Insights and Strategies for a Just Transition in Building and Wood Industries Host: Building and Wood Workers' International (BWI)</p> <p>LAB 2 - Justice for Whom? Bridging Intergenerational Loss & Damage Agenda in Southeast Asia Host: FES Philippines</p> <p>LAB 3 - Climate Scorecard for Pakistan Host: FES Pakistan</p>
Thursday, 5 September	
2:00 - 3:20 PM	<p>Transformational labs (parallel sessions)</p> <p>LAB 4 - Financial and Economic Perspectives on Just Transition and Climate Justice Host: FES Thailand</p> <p>LAB 5 - Urban Resilience: Combating Climate Loss and Damage Host: FES Regional Climate and Energy Project in Asia</p>
3:20 - 3:40 PM	Break and networking
3:40 - 5:00 PM	<p>Transformational labs (parallel sessions)</p> <p>LAB 6 - Just Transition Finance in China Host: FES Shanghai</p>

	LAB 7 - Influencing Just Energy Transition Implementation in Southeast Asia Host: CANSEA
Friday, 6 September	
2:00 - 3:20 PM	Transformational labs (parallel sessions) LAB 8 - Empowering Youth for Just Energy Transition in Vietnam and the Philippines Host: The Green Youth Labs LAB 9 - Loss & Damage Finance – A Myth Buster Host: FES India LAB 10 - Implementing Just Coal Transition in East Kalimantan, Indonesia Host: CANSEA
3:20 - 3:40 PM	Break and networking
3:40 - 4:40 PM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS & CLOSING PANEL: Mobilizing Finance Mechanisms for Loss and Damage Keynote address by Richard Sherman - Co-Chair, Loss and Damage Fund Board, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● H.E. Lorn Limthay - Secretary of the Commission on Planning, Investment, Agriculture, Forestries, Rural Development, Environment and Meteorology of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia ● Tejal Kanitkar - Associate Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, India ● Aruba Faruque - Deputy National Coordinator, Youth Net Global and Adolescent Ambassador for Climate and Health, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh ● Tuti Suwartini - Chair of International Relations, Pharmaceutical and Health Workers Union Federation, Indonesia Moderated by Franziska Schmidtke - Regional Director, Climate and Energy Project, FES Asia
4:40 - 5:00 PM	Closing remarks and vote of thanks by Nithi Nesadurai - Director & Regional Coordinator, CANSEA