



Trade Union Climate Summit, June 29th 2015

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Welcome from SEIU 32B; Overview of Summit agenda and goals

MORNING DISCUSSION

The Road to Paris: Perspectives on International Labor's Program and Strategy

9:15 –10:15 a.m. Part 1: Unions, the Paris climate talks, and the “inside-outside” approach

Are the December 2015 talks the last chance for the UN to produce an effective global agreement? What do unions and their allies want or expect from the Paris meetings?

Facilitator: **David Boys**, Deputy General Secretary, Public Services International

Maite Llanos, Trade Unions for Energy Democracy, summary of the COP 21 preparations

Fabienne Cru-Montblanc, National Executive Committee, Confédération générale du travail (CGT) with **Marie-Christine Naillod**, Policy Advisor, CGT, on the perspective of French unions leading into the Paris talks

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10:15–10:30, Break

10:30–11:30 a.m.

Part 2: Connecting the climate fight to the struggle against austerity and inequality: opportunities in Southern Europe

Could the rise of the left in Greece and Spain help ‘energy democracy’ and climate protection become central to the anti-austerity agenda of unions across Europe?

Facilitator: **Chris Baugh**, Asst. General Secretary, Public and Commercial Services Union, **UK**

Yiorgos Archontopoulos, President, EYATH's Union (Thessaloniki water workers), **Greece**

Fatima Aguado Queipo, International Secretary, and **Francisco Javier Cabezos Rubio**, Secretary of Workers Health, Environment and Public Sector, Federación de Servicios a la Ciudadanía - Comisiones Obreras (FSC-CC.OO) **Spain**

Simona Fabiani, Responsible for Environment and Land, Confederazione Generale del Lavoro (CGIL), **Italy**

11:30-11:35 Break

11:35–12:30, Part 3: North- South perspectives on the need for a ‘programmatic shift’

Making the case for a bold and transformative trade union program to address the social and ecological crisis.

Facilitator: **Alana Dave**, Education Director, International Transport Workers Federation

Wol-san Liem, Korean Public Service and Transport Workers' Union (KPTU) **Korea**

Diego Azzi, Advisor, Central Unica dos Trabalhadores (CUT), **Brazil**

Asbjorn Wahl, International Advisor, Union of Municipal and General Employees, **Norway** & Trade Union Network for Europe

DISCUSSION-----

12:30–1:15 Lunch

AFTERNOON DISCUSSION: Carbon Battlegrounds: Canada and the United States

1:15–2:15, Part 1: Power shift in Canada: Unions, ‘extreme energy’ and the rising movement for a truly sustainable future

Inspired by the recent election results in Alberta, and the rise of the indigenous and student movements, unions are challenging the oil industry and its allies in new and creative ways.

Facilitator: **Sari Sairanen**, Director of Health and Safety, UNIFOR

Donald Lafleur, Executive Vice President, Canadian Labor Congress (CLC)

Mirelle Pelletier, Advisor, Confédération des syndicats nationaux, Québec (CSN)

DISCUSSION-----

2:15–2:30, Break

2:30 p.m–3:30 p.m. Part 2: U.S. Labor’s changing climate politics and the implications for organizing and membership engagement

Key unions in the U.S. have formed a formidable political alliance with the oil, coal and gas industries. But important voices in U.S. labor are articulating an approach to climate change that is science-based, internationalist, economically transformative, and able to inspire and move union members.

Facilitator: **Sean Sweeney**, Director, International Program for Labor, Climate & Environment, Murphy Center, CUNY.

Estela Vazquez, Executive Vice President, 1199 SEIU Healthcare Workers East

Fernando Losada, Collective Bargaining Director, National Nurses United

Judy Sheridan-Gonzalez, President, NYS Nurses Association

Christopher Erikson, Business Manager, Local 3, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

DISCUSSION-----

3:30 –3:45, Break

3:45 –4:45 p.m. Part 3: Beyond ‘Blockadia:’ Building a new ‘socio-ecological’ mass movement

Supported by many unions, ‘green industrial policy,’ with its emphasis on jobs and ‘rebuilding the middle class’ is in deep trouble. Meanwhile, Naomi Klein’s new book [This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. The Climate](#) points to the need for ‘deep social change’ grounded in ‘reciprocity and cooperation.’ Can such a narrative help address our own ‘ambition deficit’ and inspire the next great movement?

Facilitator: **Lenore Friedlaender**, Assistant to the President, SEIU 32BJ, **United States**

Comments from:

Denise Fairchild, President and CEO, Emerald Cities Collaborative

Jacqui Patterson, Director, NAACP Environmental and Climate Justice Program

Bill Fletcher Jr., Host, *Global African*

Dean Hubbard, Director, Sierra Club Labor Programs

4:45–5:00 Closing comments and next steps

[Reception to follow, hosted by 32BJ SEIU](#)