



Innovation through Co-Determination

The Role of Employees in Climate Protection

Friday, 7 December 2018

Venue: German Pavilion, COP 24, Katowice (Hall E, Stand 11)

Unions around the world agree that climate change poses a serious threat to workers and communities worldwide and thus demand strong and ambitious actions to combat global warming. In this combat, workers have a special role to play – they are the affected ones, but also drivers of change with enormous potential for innovation. The panel will discuss the question of which political framework is needed to activate this potential, to include workers in climate protection measures and to foster innovation. Successful examples for innovative measures will be shared and discussed with the audience.

3:30 pm Welcome

Stefan Körzell, Member of the Executive Board of the German Trade Union Confederation (DGB)

3:35 pm Keynote

Norbert Gorißen, Head of Division “International Climate Finance, International Climate Initiative” at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)

3:45 pm Panel Discussion:

How do we create an environment in which employees can realize their innovation potential and initiate climate protection action?

Norbert Gorißen, Head of Division “International Climate Finance, International Climate Initiative” at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)

Samantha Smith, Director of the Just Transition Centre

Montserrat Mir, Confederal Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)

Stefan Körzell, Member of the Executive Board of the German Trade Union Confederation (DGB)

4:35 pm Presentation of operational examples of innovation and co-determination

Angelika Thomas, IG Metall

Grzegorz Trefon, KADRA

Rebecca Okello, COTU-K

4:55 pm Conclusion

Frederik Moch, Head of the Department Industry, Services and Structural Policy at the DGB

Chair: Frederik Moch, Head of the Department Industry, Services and Structural Policy at the DGB

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