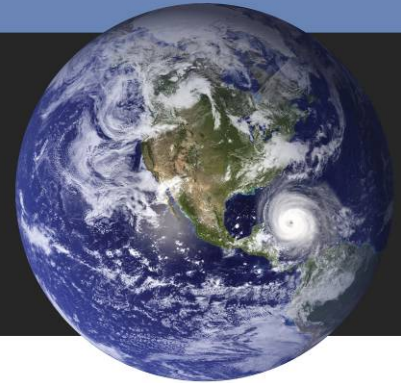


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A North American Labor Assembly on Climate Crisis: Building a Global Movement for Clean Energy



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SESSION ONE, MONDAY A.M.

WELCOME:

Dean Harry C. Katz, Cornell ILR School,
Ed Ott, Executive Director, New York Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO

PLENARY ONE:

THE CHALLENGE

9:00am-11:00am

Human civilization is waking up to the reality of global warming and the threat of catastrophic climate change. Unions around the world are beginning to respond to play their part. But much more needs to be done—and done quickly.

Introduction: **David Foster** – United Steelworkers

Keynotes: **Dr. Robert Socolow** – Carbon Mitigation Initiative, Princeton University
John Hall – U.S. House of Representatives, New York 19th District

Respondents: **Cathy Duvall**, Political Director, Sierra Club
Hilary French, Worldwatch Institute

Moderator: *Jill Kubit, Cornell Global Labor Institute*

Special Guest: Senator Bernie Sanders



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SESSION ONE – ROUNDTABLES*

11:10 A.M.– 12:30 P.M.

**Speakers from the U.S. do not bear country identification*

A1 *A Plan to Fight Global Warming*

Q&A with Dr. Robert Socolow, Carbon Mitigation Initiative, Princeton University

A2 *Can Green Jobs Drive Reindustrialization?*

Ed Murphy, Workforce Development Institute
Kelly Bennett, Sterling Planet
Werner Schneider, Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund, DGB - Germany.
Lee Smith, National Photovoltaic Construction Partnership
Brian Darcy, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 18- L.A.
Marco Trbovich, United Steelworkers
Marty Aikens, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 103
Michael Northrop, Sustainable Development Program, Rockefeller Brothers Fund
Jeff Grabelsky, Cornell ILR

B3 *Beyond Kyoto: How Can Labor Shape the Next Global Agreement?*

Gemma Adaba, International Trade Union Confederation—ITUC
Lucien Royer, Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD
Hank Frundt, American Federation of Teachers, Local 2274
Anne Panneels, Federación General del Trabajo de Bélgica, FGTB – Belgium
Patrick Bond, Centre for Civil Society, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban – South Africa
Daphne Wysham, Institute for Policy Studies
Arthur Wheaton, Cornell ILR, US –facilitator

B4 *Can We Control Emissions by Trading Carbon?*

Joel Yudken, High Road Strategies
Jeff Rickert, Apollo Alliance
Jill Kubit, Cornell Global Labor Institute
David Arnold, Green UNISON, U.K.
Andy King, United Steelworkers,
Joël Decaillon, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation
Michael K. Dorsey, Dartmouth College



C5 *Local Struggles, Global Realities: Perspectives from the Environmental Justice Movement*

Cecil Corbin-Mark, West Harlem Environmental Action
Angela Lomosi, International Trade Union Confederation, African Region
Miquela Craytor, Sustainable South Bronx
Kate Pfordresher, Apollo Alliance, New York City
Lisa Donner, Center for Working Families – New York
Tim Frank, Good Jobs First/Sierra Club
Sandy Pope, President, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 805, NY
Rebecca Rotzler, Green Party Deputy Mayor, New Paltz – New York
Elizabeth Yeampierre, Environmental Justice Alliance, New York City
K.C. Wagner, Cornell ILR (facilitator)

C6 *Organizing and Union Representation in the Renewable Energy Sector*

Lauren Asplen, IUE-CWA
James Rogers, United Auto Workers
Joshua Bienstock, Resolve It, Inc.
Rob Witherall, United Steelworkers
Mary Broderick, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Lynn Hinkle, United Auto Workers
David Spooner, Transport & General Workers Union – U.K.
Jesper Lund-Larsen, United Federation of Danish Workers
Jerry Waters, Utility Workers
Trang Tran, Workforce Development Institute



SESSION TWO, MONDAY P.M.

PLENARY TWO: *ENERGY ALTERNATIVES, CONSERVATION, AND EMPLOYMENT.*

1:15pm- 2:45pm

What would a new, largely non-carbon energy economy look like? What new jobs will be created by the use of renewable sources of energy (solar, wind, biofuels, etc), by expanded public transportation systems, and through conservation (such as retrofitting buildings)? How can unions organize or ensure representation in a low carbon economy?

Keynote: **Leo Gerard**, President, United Steelworkers

Respondents: **Roger Toussaint**, President, Transport Workers Union. Local 100

Mindy Lubber, Executive Director, Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies—CERES

Joël Decaillon, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation

Werner Schneider, Alliance for Work and Environment, Confederation of German Trade Unions (DGB) – Germany

Moderator: *Sean Sweeney, Cornell Global Labor Institute*

SESSION TWO – ROUNDTABLES

2:55 – 4:15 P.M.

A7 *Can Coal be Clean and Nuclear be Safe?*

Jerry Waters, Utility Workers of America

Mark Williams, Genergy

Diane Heminway, United Steelworkers

Bill Banig, United Mineworkers of America

Pierre-Jean Coulon, Confédération Française des Travailleurs Chrétiens, CFTC – France

Mary Olson, Nuclear Information and Resource Service

Jim Hunter, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

Howie Hawkins, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 317

Gene Carroll, Cornell, ILR - facilitator



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A8 *An End to Sprawl? Planning a Mass Transit Future and Smart Urban Growth*

Robert Ginsburg, Center on Work & Community Development, Chicago
Greg LeRoy, Good Jobs First
Bruce Hamilton, President, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1700.
Roger Toussaint, President, Transport Workers Union Local 100
Anabella Rosemberg, Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD
Larry Hanley, Int. VP, Amalgamated Transit Union
Michael Renner, Worldwatch Institute
Deron Lovass, National Resources Defense Council
Peter Lazes, Cornell ILR (facilitator)

B9 *Can Workers and Communities Adapt and Respond to Climate Change? A North-South Approach*

Bheki Ntshalintshali, Congress of South African Trade Unions – South Africa
Aminur Repon Chowdhury, Free Trade Union Congress, FTUC – Bangladesh
Monica Onyia, Trades Union Congress – Nigeria
Barbara Byrd, Oregon State AFL-CIO
Jehan Decrop, Confederation des Syndicat Chretiens, CSC – Belgium
Sari Sairanen, Canadian Auto Workers
Jessica Bailey, Rockefeller Brothers Fund
Ted Glick, Climate Crisis Coalition
Maria Figueroa, Cornell Global Labor Institute (facilitator)

B10 *Is Green Business Good for Unions?*

Jaoquin Nieto, Comisiones Obreras – Spain
Michael K. Dorsey, Dartmouth College
Brad Markell, United Auto Workers
Winston Gereluk, Public Services International – Canada
Liza Featherstone, *The Nation*
Mindy Lubber, President, Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies
Lauren Aspin, IUE –CWA
Lois Gray, Cornell ILR (facilitator)

B11 *A Question of Balance: Work Styles, Working Hours and a Low Carbon Future*

Mark Weisbrot, Center for Economic and Policy Research CEPR
Joël Decaillon, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation
Lisa Pecherot, Confédération Française Démocratique du Travail, CFDT – France
Peter Cressey, University of Bath – UK
Denis Gregory, Ruskin College – U.K
Alexander Rakow, New York Hotel and Motel Trades Council
Rebecca Givan, Cornell ILR (facilitator)



C12 Sustainability Bargaining, “Green Reps” and the Greening of the Workplace

Robert Sneddon, Community, – UK (facilitator)
Lynn Hinkle, United Auto Worker, Local 879
Caroline Molloy, Trades Union Congress, TUC – UK (facilitator)
Mike Wright, Director, United Steelworker .
Ron Carver, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Ports Division
Anne Marie Lorde, National Union of Public Workers, NUPW – Barbados
Arne Jensen, Metal Workers Federation – Denmark
Sally Klingel, Cornell ILR (facilitator)

C13 No More Kicking and Screaming: Can Labor in North America Take the Lead on Climate Crisis?

Joe Uehlein, Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies, CERES
Bob Baugh, Energy Task Force, AFL-CIO
Margrete Strand, Senior Trade Representative, Sierra Club
Nick DeCarlo, Canadian Auto Workers
Allan Cholger, United Steelworkers
Eric Frumin, UNITE - HERE
Jeremy Brecher – Global Labor Strategies
Alejandro Villamar - Frente Auténtico del Trabajo – Mexico



SESSION THREE, TUESDAY A.M.

PLENARY THREE: *ADVANCING AN EFFECTIVE POLITICAL AND LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AT HOME AND ABROAD.*

9:00am- 10:45am

What are the top political and legislative priorities in the North America and in other countries? What are the goals of the Blue-Green Alliance?

Welcome: **Randi Weingarten**, President, United Federation of Teachers

Keynote: **Carl Pope**, Executive Director, Sierra Club

Respondents: **Ken Neumann**, National Director of Canada, USW
Jaoquin Nieto Sainz, Comisiones Obreras, and *Sustainlabour* – Spain
Olivier Deleuze, United Nations Environment Program

Moderator *Sally Alvarez, Cornell ILR Labor Programs*

SESSION THREE – ROUNDTABLES 11:00 – 12:30

A14 *Low Carbon Diet: Unions, Sustainable Agriculture, and Biofuels*

Holger Bartel, Industriegewerkschadt Bauen-Agrar-Umwelt, IG BAU Germany.–
Germany

Mary Mecartney, United Farm Workers

Temistocles Marcelos, Central Única dos Trabalhadores, CUT –Brazil

Stanley Gacek, AFL-CIO

Peter Poshen, International Labor Organization (co-facilitator)

William Kramer, Rutgers University, NJ Ports Project (co-facilitator)

Jesper Lund-Larsen – United Federation of Danish Workers – Denmark

Edgardo Garcia – ATC, Nicaragua – to be confirmed

Pat Purcell – United Food and Commercial Workers, Smithfield campaign



A15 *Energy Efficient Buildings and Job Creation: A Strategy for Union Growth?*

Werner Schneider, Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund, DGB – Germany
Brian D’Arcy, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 18- Los Angeles
Mary Broderick, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, solar coordinator
Marco Trbovich, United Steelworkers
Anne Paneels, Federación General del Trabajo de Bélgica, FGTB - Belgium
James Barry, Service Employees International Union, Local 32BJ
Ken Margolies, Cornell ILR (facilitator)

A16 *Running on Empty? Assessing the Prospects for Fuel Efficient, Electric or Hydrogen Vehicles*

Brad Markell, United Auto Workers
David Robertson, Canadian Auto Workers
Deron Lovass, National Resources Defense Council
Bhairavi Desai, New York Taxi Workers Alliance

B17 *State Power? Exploring the Role of Regulation, Taxation and Public Investments in Addressing the Climate Crisis*

Daphne Wysham, Sustainable Energy & Economy Network
Joel Yudken, High Road Strategies.
Charles Komanoff, Carbon Tax Center .
George Sterzinger, Renewable Energy Policy Project.
Sean Sweeney, Cornell Global Labor Institute
Pierre Bobe, Syndex – France
Winston Gereluk, Public Services International – Canada
Laura Martin Murillo – Sustainlabour – Spain

B18 *Shareholder Activism and Climate Risk*

Richard Ferlauto, American Fed.of State, County, and Municipal Employees
Victor Silverman – Pomona College
David Boys – Public Services International
Don Kirshbaum, Connecticut State Treasurer’s Office
Jonathan Tasini, Labor Research Association
Ariane Van Buren, Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies, CERES
Rita Bugzavich, IUE – CWA
Lowell Turner, Cornell ILR



C19 *Blue-Green Alliances: The Global Experience of Union-Environment Coalitions and Campaigns*

Jerry Van Den Berge – Abvakabo-FNV - Netherlands
Dave Foster, United Steelworkers
Joe Radisich, International Longshore and Warehouse Union, ILWU
Marty Aikens, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 103
Jim Rogers, Pres. Association of Legal Aid Attorneys, United Auto Workers
Ron Carver – International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Ports Division
Giuseppe D’Ercole – Confederazione Italiana Sindacati Lavoratori, CISL – Italy
Joe Uehlein, Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies, CERES
Kate Bronfenbrenner, Cornell ILR (facilitator)

C20 *Say What? Labor Education and Membership Involvement in Addressing Climate Crisis*

Dave Spooner, International Fed.of Worker Education Assocs & TGWU – (co-facilitator)
Alana Dave, Education Dir., International Transport Workers Federation
Laura Martin Murillo, Sustainlabour – Spain
Winston Gereluk, Public Services International
Anne D’Orazio, Pres., American Federation of Teachers, Local 2431 – U.S.
David Arnold, Green UNISON – U.K.
Joseph Wilson, Brooklyn College Graduate Center for Worker Education
Ian Eddington, University of Southern Queensland – Australia
David Raleigh, IUE - CWA
Pamela Whitefield, Cornell ILR, (co-facilitator)

12:30 – 1:30 LUNCH



SCHEDULE OF ROUNDTABLES

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