

**September 14, 2023**

To: Local Union Presidents, Secretary-Treasurers and Financial Secretaries, All Staff

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## **Climate Change & Our Jobs: Building an Economy Where No Worker is Left Behind**

**Delta Hotels Toronto Airport and Conference Centre | International AB  
November 10-12, 2023**

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Greetings,

Unifor is pleased to convene the second national conference on Climate Change & Our Jobs. The event will present panels and workshops to build an economy where no one is left behind; an economy that is built around good, stable, union jobs for today and into the future. Speakers will include labour and community leaders, as well as experts in economic transition.

Whether you work in energy, or in aerospace, in aviation or in rail, in social services or in telecommunications, the world of work is transforming. As a union, we have seen how companies make the necessary changes to compete in an environmentally sustainable economy, while workers bear the greatest impacts.

The plenaries, workshops and discussions during this conference will focus on the importance of climate-proofing our workplaces and reducing impacts on workers by building resilience and adaptive capacity for workers. Our discussions will contribute to Unifor's National Climate Taskforce.

Unifor is a visionary union; we plan, we fight.

With climate challenges increasingly impacting our workplaces, our union believes it's time to get organized and advocate for workplaces that are sustainable, safer, and part of the solution to climate change, while preparing ourselves for the transition to a decarbonized economy.

This conference will discuss the opportunities that exist for green job creation, enhanced energy efficiency and conservation, the adoption of clean technologies and improvement of workers' lives and working conditions.

This conference will be an important, integral part of our on-going and future activities to ensure sustainable work in a transforming environment.

The conference begins at 6:30 p.m. E.T., Friday, November 10, 2023, and ends at 12:00 p.m. E.T., Sunday, November 12, 2023, with breakfast and lunch provided during working hours. Registration takes place on Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Local unions should cover delegate expenses as per the Local Union Expense Policy which you can find [here](#).

Please make every effort to send delegates (leadership, political and community environmental activists) to this important conference. If you have any questions regarding the Conference, please send all inquiries to [healthandsafety@unifor.org](mailto:healthandsafety@unifor.org).

Looking forward to seeing you there and participating in these very important discussions.  
In solidarity,



Vinay Sharma  
Director, Health, Safety & Environment

c.c. Lana Payne, Len Poirier, Daniel Cloutier, Gavin McGarrigle, Samia Hashi, Jennifer Murray, Executive and Assistants to the National Officers, National Representatives, National Health & Safety Coordinators

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## REGISTRATION & CONFERENCE INFORMATION

### Registration

You can register your local participants via our online registration by visiting <https://register1.unifor.org>

Your local username and password is the same as you were provided for Canadian Council registration. If you need your password resent or require additional assistance with registering, please email [registration@unifor.org](mailto:registration@unifor.org).

The registration deadline is October 26, 2023.

### Registration Fee

A payment of \$75.00 is required for the conference.

Cheques can be made payable to Unifor and sent to the following:

**Unifor National Office**  
**Attention: Health and Safety Department - Unifor Climate Change & Our Jobs**  
**115 Gordon Baker Road**  
**Toronto, ON M2H 0A8**

Cheques must be received in advance of the conference, clearly indicating the local union and the number of delegates attending to ensure that the required material is available to all participants.

### Reservations

Unifor has negotiated a special rate and reserved a block of rooms at a group rate of \$169 per night for single and double occupancy at the *Delta Hotels Toronto Airport & Conference Centre*. 655 Dixon Road, Toronto, Ontario.

To book your group rate, please call the hotel at 416-244-1711 and reference the Unifor Climate Change & Our Jobs Conference.

Deadline for hotel reservations is Thursday, October 26, 2023.

## Travel

Savings have been offered to our delegates from two airlines. If you wish to take advantage of these savings, please following the instructions below for one of our participating providers:

### Air Canada

Toll Free: 1-888-247-2262

TTY 1-800-361-8071

Online: [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca).

Promotional Code: **NTGVJ9U1**

### West Jet

Toll Free: 1-888-937-8538

TTY: 1-877-952-0100

Online: [www.westjet.ca](http://www.westjet.ca)

Promotional Code: **6R6Q7XY**

*Please note that the code only applies to fares outside of Basic or Business bookings.*

## Dietary Restrictions & Allergies

If any participants require special meal requirements or have any dietary concerns (food allergies), please advise us in advance of your arrival by emailing [healthandsafety@unifor.org](mailto:healthandsafety@unifor.org).

## Covid-19 Protocols

The health and safety of our members and staff during Unifor conferences is a priority. The COVID-19 virus is still present and requires us to work together to ensure that everyone participating in the event, as well as their families and loved ones, are kept safe. Unifor has adopted a union-wide comprehensive policy on COVID-19 prevention for Unifor events. Full vaccination and mask-wearing is strongly encouraged for all individuals in attendance. All public health guidelines as outlined by the regional public health unit will be followed for this event.

## Accessibility

Unifor is committed to dismantling barriers that exclude our membership from equal participation in their Union and will take every reasonable step to address any substantiated, human-right related needs requiring accommodation. Please email requests to [healthandsafety@unifor.org](mailto:healthandsafety@unifor.org).