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Greetings,

## "Just Transition – Ensuring a Future that Works for All" Delta Marriott – Saskatoon, SK September 22-24, 2019

The Health & Safety and Environment Department, along with the HSIRT (Health and Safety Industrial Relations Training) Fund, is pleased to help convene the first Just Transition Conference. The 2 and half day-long event features panels and workshops integrating climate, energy and environmental justice. Speakers include labour leaders, community leaders, and experts in transition as well as those with experience in other jurisdictions.

Unifor represents workers employed in the energy fossil fuel sectors and transportation manufacturing as well as many other climate impacting sectors that will be affected. While companies make the necessary changes to compete in an environmentally sustainable economy, we must recognise the concerns of workers who believe they will lose their jobs. They are the backbone of our communities and they must be guaranteed a fair economic future. Redeployment, the chance to further develop their skills and make a contribution in new sectors with secure employment opportunities must be an integrated package of guarantees.

The Conference plenaries, workshops and discussions will focus on the importance of climate policies aimed at reducing emissions along with those aimed at building resilience and adaptive capacity. These large table discussions that will take place at the conference will set the tone for Unifor's position on carbon footprint reduction and job security as the entire country moves forward to address the need for climate change initiatives.

It is important that your Local Union is part of the discussion!

Delegates are expected to arrive on Sunday, September 22 the conference starts at 7:00 p.m. and the conference ends Tuesday, September 24 at 5:00 p.m.

Local unions should cover delegate expenses as per union policy, travel, per diem and lost time.

A room block has been held at a group rate of \$149 CAD per night at the Delta Marriott, 405 20th Street, Saskatoon, SK. 1-306-665-3322 <u>Book your group rate here</u>.

Last Day to Book Rooms: Thursday, August 22, 2019

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Conference fee is \$250 per delegate and \$150 for a partner. This includes Sunday reception, Monday/Tuesday Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Please make every effort to send delegates (leadership, political and community environmental activists) to this important conference.

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