

Webinar on

Gendered Pathways to Just Transition for MSMEs in India

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As India accelerates its journey to a low-carbon and environmentally sustainable economy, integrating a just transition approach is needed to maximize social and economic opportunities and ensure that the gains from a low carbon transition benefit all and the transition leaves no one behind. Therefore, there is a need to identify and implement gender-transformative measures that ensure that women benefit equally and are not vulnerable to the negative impacts of the transition.

Micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) contribute nearly 29% of India's GDP and employ over 110 million workers. Women constitute about 24% of the total workers in MSMEs, which is greater than women's participation in any other industrial segment in India. Women also own about 20% of the total enterprises and about 22.24% of the women-owned enterprises are concentrated in rural areas and are likely to be informal micro units. However, women's share of labor income in India is only 18%, almost half the global average. Further, women led enterprises are largely unregistered and home-based, making them more vulnerable to market and climate risks, which makes them susceptible to miss out on available government and institutional support.

This webinar explores the gendered pathways to just transition for MSMEs in India. It will examine the current gaps and the need for addressing women's issues in the MSME sector, including:

- Gendered workspaces and labor market segmentation
- Social norms and gendered barriers
- Access to productive resources
- Policy landscape

Agenda

Opening Remarks	Michelle Armstrong, Head of Philanthropy at Ares Management Corporation and Executive Director of the Ares Charitable Foundation
Keynote address	Sharan Burrow, former General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
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Panel Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kavya Michael, Post-Doctoral Researcher, Chalmers University• Sabina Dewan, Founder and Executive Director, Just Jobs Network,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tarun Shukla, Senior Lead, PanIIT Alumni Reach for India Foundation,• Ashim Roy, Member of the AFWA International Secretariat, and,• Sucharita Bhattacharjee, Policy Analyst and Deputy Head, CUTS International, Kolkata
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