Statement

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COP31 a 'missed opportunity' on just transition says ActionAid

Reacting to the new draft text on Just Transition, **Teresa Anderson the Global Lead on Climate Justice at ActionAid International, said;**

"Climate action should make people's lives safer, and their jobs more secure. Last year's COP30 decision to set up a Just Transition Mechanism was a historic opportunity to help workers and communities around the world to navigate the threats and opportunities of climate action.

"The role of COP31 was to hammer out the details of the new Mechanism and bring it to life. But thanks to developed countries' unsuccessful efforts to limit this to workshops and a website, COP31 became a missed opportunity, and critical decisions have been pushed back to next year. The delay lets down those who face precarious livelihoods and rising living costs, and whose concerns must be at the centre of climate planning.

"At the same time, however, smallholder farmers around the world can celebrate that the just transition negotiations took the landmark step of endorsing agroecological farming approaches. Climate talks have sent a powerful signal that farmers deserve support to transition to agroecology, a people-centred climate solution that works with nature instead of against it."

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