

AMS SUSTAINABILITY DECEMBER SYMPOSIUM OUTLINE

OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

This Consultation happens at a moment of synchronization. The design of this consultation will be centred on the interests of the students and the environmental necessities we face.

Additionally, it is innovation and solutions for the challenges we face collectively that we can expect to generate, especially surrounding the topic of Just Recovery.

- Date: December 4th, 2020 4:00-5:30 PM PST
- Topic: Green and Just Recovery

WHAT TO EXPECT

1. To create a dynamic consultation for everyone, reflection tasks and pre-work assignments prior to the session will help us get collective intelligence and strong connections.
2. An introduction by our expert speaker with relevant information about the topic.
3. A space for discussion, Q&A and to connect with peers, The Climate Hub and The AMS.

OBJECTIVES

1. Reach a level of common understanding about how provincial and federal Just Recovery plans work.
2. Expose how can we make a Just Recovery happen with the development of solutions for the COVID-19 Crisis and climate emergency related issues.
3. Connect peers, encourage clubs to get involved and stimulate innovation for a just recovery at UBC.

SCHEDULE

- Part 1. Guest Speaker + Q&A (40 minutes): In this section, we will be inviting a guest speaker to talk about climate change and how to achieve a just recovery. The speaker will also inform participants about current events that are happening and how they can get involved as well.

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- Part 2. Consultations (30 minutes): Here the participants will have a chance to talk and share reactions, stories or comments on the presentation via breakout rooms. Facilitators from the AMS and Climate Hub will run an activity to receive feedback from students on planned questions.
 - Notetakers/facilitators.
- Part 3. Club Updates and Networking (20 minutes): all the clubs and undergraduate societies will provide their monthly updates. Climate Justice UBC and UBC Climate Hub will emphasize their opportunities on climate change/just recovery.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS/TOPICS TO DISCUSS

- Discussion of Just Recovery, application to students + advocacy
 - COVID-19 relief plan (federal + provincial)
- Energy transitions and workers' rights: supporting fossil fuel workers (just transitions)
 - Employment advocacy
- TMX stance: should AMS take one? If anti-pipeline, how would that stance be implemented to be effective?
- Allow students with differing views to have a safe place to discuss and express their views on these matters.
- Understand the diverse needs of various stakeholders and student groups
- Allow the AMS and the VPX and VPAUA's office to have a clearer stance on certain issues and go from there to develop a strategic plan that complies with the result of the consultation talk
- Create a solidified document of the transcript and hopefully a consensus for future reference for the AMS when creating climate-related external policies and/or advocacy strategies.
- Theme questions around:
 - Put people's health first
 - Provide economic relief directly to the people
 - Help our workers and communities
 - Create resilience for future crises

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- Build solidarity and community across borders - do not empower authoritarians

GUEST SPEAKER POSSIBILITIES

- Any suggestions?...

