First Dialogue WUR KB Research project Just Transition

Just transition: how to make it happen? 2 December 2021

Transitions are increasingly seen as the answer to the global challenges of today: food insecurity, climate change, health crisis... Leaving no one behind is an often-used motto to promote these transitions, with ‘just’ being the key descriptor.

But what makes transitions just or unjust? And how can we ensure justice in transitions?

These questions were at the core of the first of the dialogues series: ‘Just transition: how to make it happen’.

In this series, we aim to explore and deepen the questions that pop up when one aims to make sure transitions are just. The outcomes of the dialogues will flow into the development of an operational framework that helps to put just transitions into practice. The outcomes will also be useful to improve the positioning of Wageningen University & Research (WUR) into the ongoing political and practical dialogues on just transitions.

Aim of the dialogues is to inspiring, contact with new people, extend networks as well as promote findings and bring in critical reflections.

Focus first dialogue

As the first in a series, the focus of this dialogue was on exploring what we as WUR experts mean by Just Transition, and which related topics we would like to address in future dialogues.

Ruerd Ruben and Arjen Buijs kicked off the dialogue by sharing their ideas and vision on Just Transition, after which the subject was further explored in dialogue form.