

International Forum for Coal Regions in Transition

14.-15.10.2024 in Pretoria, South Africa and online

Background

The Just Energy Transition in Coal Regions - Interregional Platform (JET-CR Platform) is a core component of the project “*Innovation Regions for a Just Energy Transition*” (IKI JET), which aims to support coal-dependent regions tackle the socio-economic challenges associated with energy transitions. The JET-CR Platform is a joint German-EU initiative implemented in Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Mongolia, South Africa, Thailand, and Viet Nam. The main goal of JET-CR is to create a network of coal regions to facilitate peer-to-peer exchange, strengthen policy dialogue and support the (co)creation of knowledge.

The IKI JET project organizes International Forums to strengthen policy dialogue amongst stakeholders from coal regions and the international community, focusing on critical issues related to just energy transition and sharing experiences. This year, the Forum is organized together with the project “*Just Transition to a Decarbonised Economy for South Africa*” (JUST SA) in Pretoria, South Africa, from October 14-15, 2024, in a hybrid form.

Target group

Decision-makers and stakeholders in coal regions (e.g. energy and mining companies, labour movement, civil society initiatives and NGOs).

Interpretation

The sessions will be livestreamed in English with simultaneous interpretation to Spanish, Bahasa Indonesian, Vietnamese, Thai, and Mongolian.

Objectives

- Present JET initiatives in the IKI JET partner countries, highlighting challenges, best practices, and experiences.
- Share insights on South Africa’s policy experiences and the role of Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMME) Facilities in the just transition agenda.
- Provide networking opportunities for stakeholders from IKI JET regions to connect with each other and with international communities.

Agenda - Monday 14.10.2024

08:30 **Check-in and registration**

09:00 **Housekeeping**

09:05 *Keynote Speech*

Welcome

Philipp Schattenmann, Director "Innovation Regions for a Just Energy Transition" (IKI JET)

Dudzile Sibiya, Regional Government of Mpumalanga South Africa

09:20 *Session 1*

Placing Justice at the Center of Energy Transition Strategies

Indonesia | Colombia | USA

Improving transparency, public participation, and social inclusion for a JET-
Aryanto Nugroho, National Coordinator Publish What You Pay (PWYP)

Energy communities in Colombia - *María Elena Huertas, POLEN Transiciones Justas*

Community benefit plans and Just Transition in the U.S. - *Allison Smith, National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL)*

10:30 *Session 2*

Coal Transitions as Energy Systems Transformations

Focus: Mongolia | Chile | Indonesia

Framing remarks: Accelerating people-centred transitions for the coal sector -
Matthieu Prin, International Energy Agency (IEA)

Balancing power and heat demand without coal: sand battery pilot project in
Mongolia - *Erdenedorj Batbayar, Bichura LLC*

Coal-fired power plant reconversion to biomass - *Jorge Moreno, INODU*

Transformation of Indonesia's energy system to achieve NZE 2060 - *Arionmaro Asi Simareme, Perusahaan Listrik Negara (PLN)*

11:45 **Break**

12:05 *Session 3*

Coal Mine Closure and Use of Post-Mining Areas

Thailand | South Africa (tbc)

Mae Moh Smart City development plan in Thailand - Ariya Khamya, Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT)

Methane emissions from coal mining, Ryan Driskell Tate, Global Energy Monitor

Krabi mining project, Greenpeace Southeast Asia THA (tbc)

13:10 *Intervention*

IKI JET Circle of Friends: The Just Coal Transition Platform (JCTP)

Adritha Subbiah, Southeast Asia Energy Transition Platform (ETP)

13:15 **Lunch**

14:15 *Session 4*

Regional Economic Diversification and Job Creation

South Africa | Colombia | Chile

Presentation of the National Employment Vulnerability Assessment (NEVA) of South Africa - *Ian Steuart, Trade & Industrial Policy Strategies (TIPS)*

Policies for economic diversification in Colombia: a bottom-up initiative - *Alejandro Echavarría, Colombian Natural Resources (CNR)*

Regional economic diversification in Chile - *Ayleen Polanco, Ministry of Energy SEREMI Antofagasta / Tomás Andres Gil Breytmann, GIZ*

15:25 **Break**

15:45 *Session 5*

Leveraging the Voice of the Labour Movement in the Global Coal Transition

South Africa | Chile | Colombia

Framing remarks - International Energy Agency (IEA) and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)

Just transition and the labour movement in South Africa - Boitumelo Molete, Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU)

Just transition in the coal mining sector in Colombia - Gerardo Ortiz, Trade Union Mining Sector Colombia SintraDrummond

Just transition and economic diversification in Chile - Daniel Moreno, Coal power Union-ENGIE

A sectoral approach to just transition - Paule France Ndessomin, Regional Secretary, IndustriALL Africa

17:00 **Conclusion and closure**

17:30 **Reception and dinner**

Enjoy some food and drinks and use the chance to meet and connect with other colleagues working on just energy transitions.

Agenda - Tuesday 15.10.2024

08:30 **Check-in and registration**

09:00 **Welcome**

09:15 *Keynote Speeches*

Opening

Dr. Dion George, Honourable Minister of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE)

H.E. Andreas Peschke, German Ambassador to South Africa, Lesotho and Eswatini

European Commission (to be confirmed)

Thomas Schaef, GIZ, Country Director, South Africa, Lesotho & Eswatini (to be confirmed)

10:15 *Session 7*

JUST SA's Role in Supporting Regional Economic Diversification in Mpumalanga

*Grant awards to selected SMME's by Nomfundo Tshabalala, Director General of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE)
Rest Kanju, Indalo Inclusive*

11:15 *Session 8*

The SMME Facility: Empowering Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises in South Africa

Marian Engelbarts, GIZ

12:00 **Lunch**

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