

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**

09:10 *Keynote Speech*

Welcome

Samuel Mabena, Chief Directorate Climate Change Mitigation & Specialist Monitoring Services, Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE)

Duduzile Sibiyi, Mpumalanga Provincial Government, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA)

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

09:30 *Session 1*

Placing Justice at the Center of Energy Transition Strategies

Indonesia | Colombia

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

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)

Transformation of Indonesia's energy system to achieve NZE 2060 - Arionmaro Asi Simaremare, Perusahaan Listrik Negara (PLN), Division of Energy Transition and Sustainability

Building a Resilient Energy Transition: Challenges and Lessons from the Chilean Coal Phase-Out - Victoria Frohlich, Inodú

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

11:45 **Break**

12:05 *Session 3*

Coal Mine Closure and Use of Post-Mining Areas

Thailand | South Africa (tbc)

Mine land and water rehabilitation in South Africa - Nonhlanhla Radebe, WWF South Africa

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

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

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

South Africa's experience of economic diversification at the regional level - Ian Steuart, Trade & Industrial Policy Strategies (TIPS)

Just Energy Transition in Chile, progress and challenges for socio-environmental equity: The role of human capital and gender - María José González, Ministry of Energy Chile

Transmission Linesworkers Initiative - Tomás Andres Jil Breytmann, GIZ Chile

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

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: Khwezi Mabasa, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) and Matthieu Prin, International Energy Agency (IEA)

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

A sectoral approach to just transition - Tendai Makanza, IndustriALL Global Union - Sub-Saharan Africa Region

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

Just transition in the coal mining sector in Colombia - Gerardo Ortiz, SintraMined

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

Enrico Brandt, German Deputy Ambassador to South Africa, Lesotho and Eswatini

Pencho Garrido Ruiz, Deputy Head of Mission, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of South Africa

Joanne Yawitch, JETP Project Management Unit (PMU)

Samuel Mabena, Chief Directorate Climate Change Mitigation & Specialist Monitoring Services, Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE)

10:15 *Session 6*

The Role of SMMEs in the Just Transition

Rest Kanju, Indalo Inclusive

Selected SMMEs announced by Dr Sibusiso Nxumalo of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE)

11:00 **Break**

11:15 *Session 7*

The SMME Finance and Support Structures in South Africa

Panel discussion: with PCC, Indalo Inclusive, MGCA, and others

12:10 **Closure**

12:15 ***Lunch***

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