

Just Energy Transition in Coal Regions

Community of Practice (CoP) for Asia

Advancing labour and social solutions

Background

The project "Innovation Regions for a Just Energy Transition" (IKI JET) aims at supporting key stakeholders of coal regions to plan for and implement regional just energy transition pathways away from coal and towards a low-carbon energy system, consistent with the Paris Agreement and the ILO Just Transition Guidelines.

Coal is the single largest source of global temperature rise. The transition to a low-carbon economy is not only necessary to combat climate change but also represents a significant structural shift in the global economy, which can bring significant opportunities for employment and income generation, if properly managed by adopting a Just Transition approach.

For some Asian countries, where coal plays a significant role in the economy, the transition to renewable energy poses both challenges and opportunities. It is crucial that stakeholders in regions heavily reliant on carbon-intensive industries such as coal mining are equipped with the necessary knowledge and capacities in terms of

planning and policymaking in order to minimize the negative impacts of the transition and maximize its benefits, making sure that no one is left behind.

This requires robust social dialogue among government representatives, workers' organizations, and employers' organizations to develop mechanisms that support economic diversification, reduce disparities, and establish social protection systems to cushion job losses.

This Community of Practice (CoP) in Asia is part of the ILO's broader efforts to generate and share knowledge in the area of Just Transition, promote peer-to-peer learning and employ a South-South and Triangular methodology Cooperation (SSTC) facilitate knowledge exchange countries facing similar challenges in climate change adaptation and Just Transition. including in the coal sector. The CoP focuses on policymakers and other stakeholders involved in just energy transition processes, namely government, workers and employers representatives, as well as academia and CSOs.

Objectives

This event aims to consolidate the CoP and to contribute to these ongoing efforts by allowing participants from different countries to share their good practices and lessons learned, share information and knowledge about existing tools and resources, and foster dialogue with tripartite constituents and relevant stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific region in relation to Just Energy Transition.

The event will take place in East Kalimantan, Indonesia, a region central to the country's coal industry. This official launch event, scheduled for the 18 and 19 March 2025, will bring together key stakeholders from across the region to discuss the challenges and opportunities associated with just energy transitions, share best practices, and adopt a collaborative action plan for the CoP.

Thematic focus

The two-day event will include a series of sessions focused on regional dimensions of just energy transition, capacity building, social dialogue, policy frameworks, and financing mechanisms. The event will culminate in a field visit to a coal mine, providing participants with a firsthand look at the initiatives being implemented to ensure the reduction of carbon emissions as well as the preparations for the energy transition involving workers and local communities.

Participants

Participants to this event will consist of:

- Government officials from the Ministry of Labour, representing Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Mongolia and the Philippines
- Government officials from the Ministries of Energy and Environment, representing Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Mongolia and the Philippines
- Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS), Republic of Indonesia
- Union representatives at national and regional levels
- Employers and mining industry associations
- Research institutions and academia
- Civil society organizations

In the efforts of delivering as One UN, and in order to maximize outreach efforts, the ILO is collaborating with the Energy Transition Partnership led by UNOPS for this event.

Just Energy Transition Community of Practice (CoP) Event Agenda:

Location: The Sutasoma Tribrata Hotel, Jakarta, Indonesia

Dates: 18- Wednesday 19 March 2025

Duration: Two Days

Time	Session	Speakers		
Day 1 – Tuesday 18				
08:30 - 09:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee			
09:00 - 09:45	Opening Remarks	Ms. Simrin Singh, Country Director, ILO Indonesia and Timor-Leste		
		Mr. Nizhar Marizi, Director of Energy and Mineral Resources, BAPPENAS		
		Mr. Surya Lukita Warman, Head of Labour Market Centre, Ministry of Manpower of Indonesia		
		Ms. Marianne Rosas, Advocacy Specialist, Employers Confederation of the Philippines		
		Mr. Satoshi Tamai, Director of Planning and Coordination Asia Pacific, International Trade Union Confederation		
09:45 - 10:05	Introduction to IKI JET and the Just Energy Transition Community of Practice (CoP) for Asia	Ananda Alonso Nacher, Technical Officer for Just Energy Transition, ILO		
10:05 - 10:15	Special Remarks on the Just Energy Transition and Human Rights	Dr. Elisa Morgera, UN Special Rapporteur on Climate Change and Human Rights, OHCHR		
10:15 - 10:30	Coffee Break			
10:30 - 12:00	Session 1: Just Energy Transition: Countries' Overview Mongolia Indonesia Thailand	Facilitated by Fredy Guayacan, Senior Specialist on Environment and Decent Work, ILO		

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	The Philippines	
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch Break	
12:45 - 14:15	Session 2: Economic diversification and transformation in the framework of Just Energy Transition. • Presentation on the Regional Consultation Forum • Presentation on Economic Diversification Study by GIZ • Presentation on JETP Standard 9 on Economic Diversification	Facilitated by Muce Mochtar, IKI JET Project Coordinator, ILO Speakers: Hari Wibawa, Head of Economic Division, BAPEDDA South Sumatra Wahyu Gatut Purboyo, Head of Economic Division, BAPEDDA East Kalimantan Fajar Lizmawan, Energy Advisor, GIZ Catharine Winata, JETP Secretariat
14:15 - 14:30	Coffee Break	
14:30 - 16:00	 Session 3: Skills development and Partnerships for the Just Energy Transition ILO and skills for green transitions. UNOPS study on skills for energy transition Just Transition Position Paper from Trade Unions in Indonesia Community-based Energy Transition 	Speakers: HaeKyeung, ILO Technical Officer on Skills for future Fathah Zuhri, Country Lead for Innovation and Technology, UNOPS/ Energy Transition Partnership Martua Raja, Head of International Relations, KSBSI Bren Wiratsongko, Project Manager, Yayasan Rumah Energi
16:00 - 16:15	Summary of Day 1	Ananda Alonso Nacher, JET Technical Officer, ILO
16:30- 18:00	Dinner	

Day 2 – Wednesday 19				
09:00 - 10:45	Session 4 : Presentation by Geo Dipa Geothermal Company followed by Q&A session.	Geo Dipa Energy		
10:45- 11:00	Coffee Break			
11:00 - 12:00	Session 5: Interactive thematic discussion, sharing country experiences: • Institutional Arrangements • Skills development • Social Protection and Labour Market Policies • Financing the Just Transition	Facilitators: Dede Sudono, ILO METI Skills Officer Abdul Hakim, Programme Officer, ILO Aang Darmawan, Senior Advisor on Energy, UNDP		
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break			
13:00 - 16.00	Session 5 : Continuation of the Interactive discussion: Presentations to the plenary	Selected participants		
16.00 - 16.30	Wrap Up	Ananda Alonso Nacher, Technical Officer for Just Transition, ILO		
16.30 - 17.00	Closing	Diego Rei, Labour Market Specialist, ILO Country Office for Indonesia and Timor Leste		
17:00 - 18:00	Dinner			

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