



DRAFT PROGRAMME AND AGENDA

JUST TRANSITION FRAMEWORK IMPLEMENTATION FORUM

EMALAHLENI MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA, 12 OCTOBER 2022

The Presidential Climate Commission has recently adopted a Just Transition Framework. This policy is built on a deep process of stakeholder engagement, and the development of a social compact around critical elements of the transition (e.g., decarbonisation combined with green growth, skills development, and social support).

As part developing the Just Transition Framework, a series of engagements were undertaken with eight (8) communities around South Africa which represent those, dependent on, and/or directly impacted by fossil fuel and energy value chains, including the imminent transition facing the broader economy.

The broader PCC outreach on the Just Transition was success in many ways, including:

- (1) Consolidating the views and concerns of affected communities and sectoral stakeholders regarding what constitutes a just transition and its principal elements.
- (2) Building trust and understanding between social partners and opportunities for further collaboration and dialogue
- (3) Establishing a consensus regarding the principal elements of a just transition which will be built into the national Just Transition Framework

Failure to sustain a coordinated response to climate change can be traced to several root causes, which inhibit the ability of South Africa to create and implement a just transition pathway:

- Failure to integrate climate transition planning into policy—consistently, coherently, across sectors.
- Lack of consensus among social partners, given historical inequalities, vested interests, and mistrust; and
- Lack of resources to undertake the just transition, including financial and human capacity.

The first two barriers reflect disagreements between economic actors regarding the nature and extent of climate action, regarding:

- The decarbonization pathway, considering implications for energy mix coal phase-out.
- Governance and capability in the public sector, in the wake of state capture.

- Ownership of resources (public versus private).
- The trade-offs between preserving natural capital and accelerating economic development; and
- The implications of climate transition for economic structure and racial transformation objectives.

The PCC informed by the initial engagements and feedback from various stakeholders has identified the need to continue to engage the communities and social partners in a second phase of its Just Transition Framework development and conduct dedicated Just Transition Outreach Engagements to bring to the forefront the benefits, timelines, opportunities, and change that the country will undertake to introduce a just transition. The purpose of this phase of community engagements is to:

- 1) Engage with community, youth and women's organisations in South Africa that are most affected by the climate transition to deepen dialogue around the just transition.
- 2) Starting and supporting social dialogue processes involving unions, communities, government, and business, with participation from investors and experts.
- 3) Building up to a conference of civil society groups and other social partners (including government, business, and labour) that focuses on the measures and capabilities.

As governments, environmental and health professionals, and scientists grapple with saving lives and finding solutions to deal with climate change and associated extreme weather events, the question of how to prepare for ongoing 'climate disruption' is a more significant challenge that we will have to face.

The consultation will also discuss South Africa's response to this challenge based on learning and recommendations that emerged from the previous phase of Just Transition Framework Consultations.

The intended outcome entails achievement of consensus—or at least sufficient resolve—between key stakeholders involved in the just transition, enabling a common set of objectives to be adopted and a coherent programme of action to be undertaken towards these objectives.

JUST TRANSITION FRAMEWORK IMPLEMENTATION CONSULTATION

EMALAHLENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA

12 OCTOBER 2022 – 09:00 – 14:30

EMALAHLENI CIVIC CENTRE – MUNICIPAL BANQUET HALL,

SESSION 1: PROGRESS UPDATE ON JUST TRANSITION FRAMEWORK		
09:15 – 09:25	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Emalahleni Local Municipality
09:25 – 09:35	Overview of Objectives and Adoption of Agenda	Facilitated Discussions
09:35 – 10:00	PCC Presentations and Feedback on Just Transition Framework	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">What was raised in last meeting and how has it been addressed.An overview of the Just Transition Framework and the next steps in terms of implementation.	PCC Secretariat
10:00– 11:00	Panel- Update on Mpumalanga Province Just Transition Initiatives and Programme	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mpumalanga Provincial Climate CompactEskom Komati Power Station RepurposingEnergy Transition and Mining	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Department of Mineral Resources and EnergyMpumalanga Green Cluster AgencyDept. of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARDLA)GOGTA / SALGA
Tea Break		
SESSION 2: CONSENSUS BUILDING AND SETTING PRIORITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION		
11h30– 12:30	PRESENTATIONS AND SUBMISSIONS ON EMERGING ISSUES AND SOCIAL PARTNERS PROGRAMMES ON THE JUST TRANSITION	
	NGOs and Community Organisations 11:30 – 12:00	CONSENSUS BUILDING What constitutes a sufficient coalition of interests for change? And what governance and partnership models are required are build a social compact for the just transition CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT What Institutional capacities are needed to enable a just energy transition and PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS What are the immediate and Mid-term Programmes needed to champion the JTF implementation in the districts GOVERNANCE, POLICY, AND PLANNING What is the required input into national legislation, policy, and planning process. How do we realise justice principles in continuous engagement
	Discussion	
	Labour and Workers 12:00 – 12:30	
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	SME Development Industry and Investment Initiatives 12:30 – 13:00	
	Discussion	
Local Government Just Transition Response – Steve Tshwete and Emalahleni Local Municipality 13:00– 13:30		
13:30 – 14:00	CONSOLIDATING AN IMPLEMENTATION MODEL ON THE JUST TRANSITION	
14:00– 14:15	SUMMARY AND WAY FORWARD	
14:15	Closure and Vote of Thanks	
Lunch and Departures		