



**PRESIDENTIAL
CLIMATE COMMISSION**
TOWARDS A JUST TRANSITION

3rd Meeting of the Presidential Climate
Commission on The Just Energy Transition
30 July 2021

Executive Director's Report

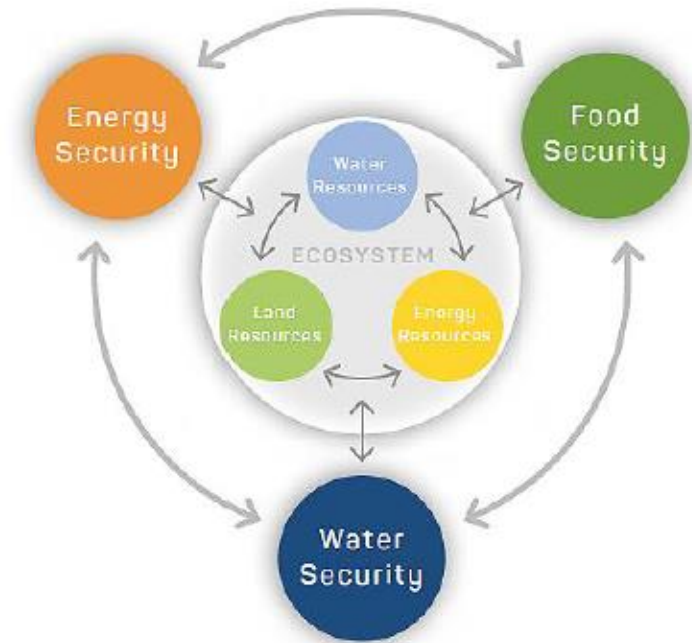
NDC recommendations

- ▶ PCC recommendations on NDC based on PCC stakeholder engagement (7 May), additional research and modelling work and PCC special meeting (4 June)
- ▶ Report handed over by Deputy Chair to President and Minister DFFE on 1st July 2021
- ▶ Report supported by outstanding modelling work undertaken by UCT ESG, CSIR, NBI
- ▶ More work needed on cost and investment models and climate finance mechanisms
- ▶ NDC report recommended packaging of investment opportunities (both adaptation and mitigation) to leverage international support, with Just Transition Transaction for Eskom an immediate priority



Framework for Just Transition

- ▶ Aim is to develop practical guide about how to apply just transition in the planning and implementation of net-zero climate-resilient development pathways
- ▶ Anticipated outputs:
 - Desktop review of existing policy and implementation work relating to a just transition
 - Short policy briefs that unpack issues on key topics – dimensions of social justice, employment, the coal transition, sector governance, financing
 - Stakeholder engagement and consultation – constituency and place based as well as thematic – involving key stakeholders and social partners in substantive dialogue about the elements that make up a just transition
- ▶ Steering committee established and research team (TIPS) appointed to lead technical work
- ▶ Commissioners encouraged to involve constituencies and organizations in development of framework
- ▶ Draft framework will be tabled at PCC meeting on 29 October, and once adopted will inform future PCC and social partners' planning



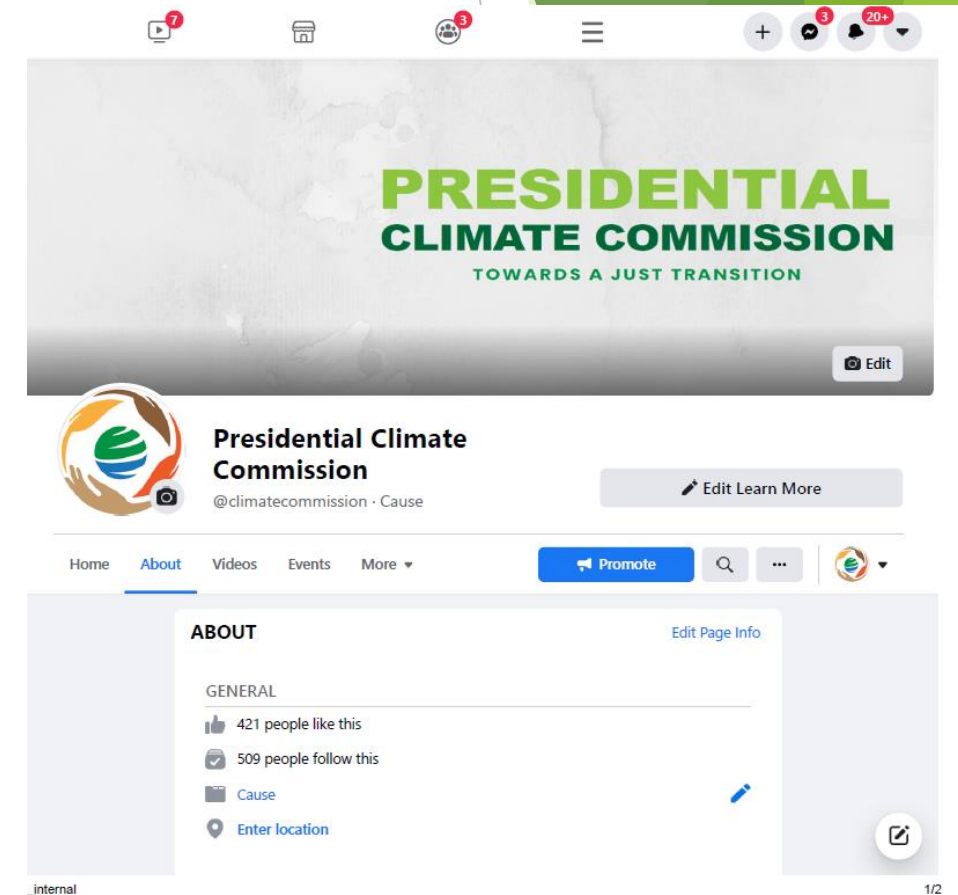
Energy sector decarbonisation

- ❑ Aim is to map out business-as-usual and decarbonisation scenarios for the energy sector to get to net-zero CO₂ emissions by 2050, building on PCC discussions on 30 July
- ❑ Anticipated outputs:
 - ▶ Literature review regarding scientific approaches, definitions & timeframes to achieve net-zero emissions
 - ▶ Developing decarbonisation pathways for energy sector focusing on electricity, industrial and transport sectors
 - ▶ Modelling and assessment of economic, financial, social, and environmental impacts of the different scenarios, as well as co-benefits in terms of water and air quality, job creation and economic development
- ▶ With support from UK PACT, CSIR appointed to lead technical work, and Steering Committee will be established to oversee involvement of stakeholders and delivery of outputs
- ▶ Project timeframe is approximately 7 months, with a report on just energy transition in first quarter 2022



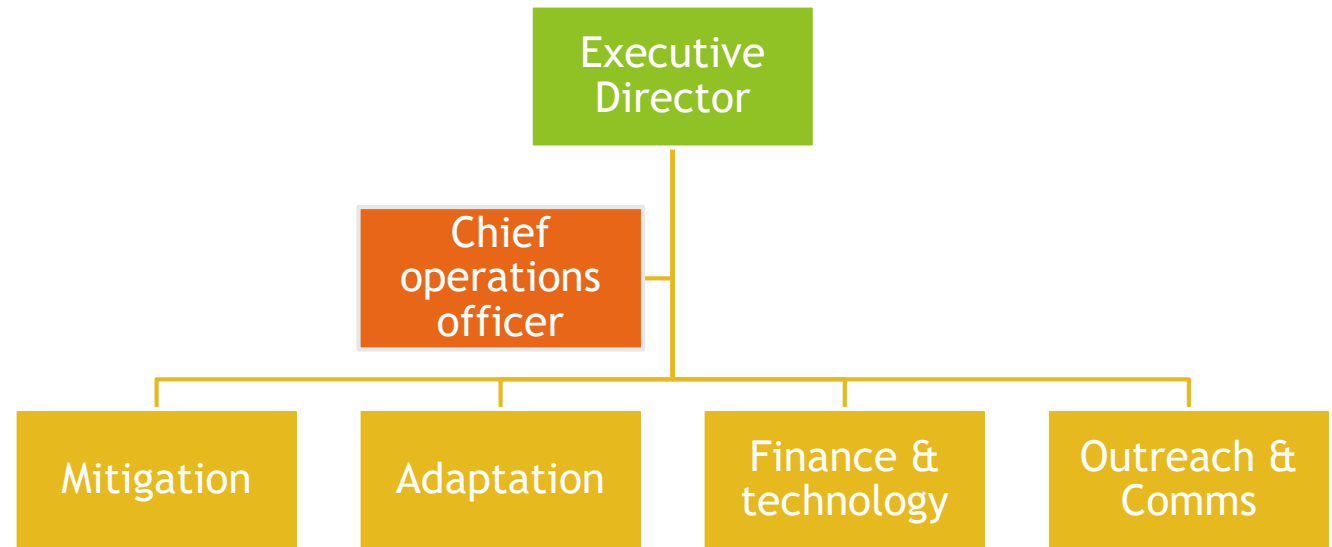
Outreach & communications

- ▶ Media contact list and liaison function established, and media advisories sent out about key events
- ▶ PCC website went live on release of the NDC Recommendations Report, and has since had over 1000 visits
- ▶ Additional interactive layers being added, with a webpage and discussion forum on just transition
- ▶ Database of interested persons on website will be sent short monthly email 'brief', to be developed into fuller newsletter in time
- ▶ Logo & corporate ID developed and applied to online and virtual platforms
- ▶ Social media presence via Facebook (live broadcasts with a total of 31k people reached), Twitter (impressions range between 13k – 17k) and LinkedIn
- ▶ For next quarter deployment of an automated pre-scheduled calendar of tweets, posts and messaging which will create a more even spread of engagements and continue to build a steady following
- ▶ COVID regulations and infection rates remain a barrier to face to face engagements, but hybrid events being planned for JT consultations



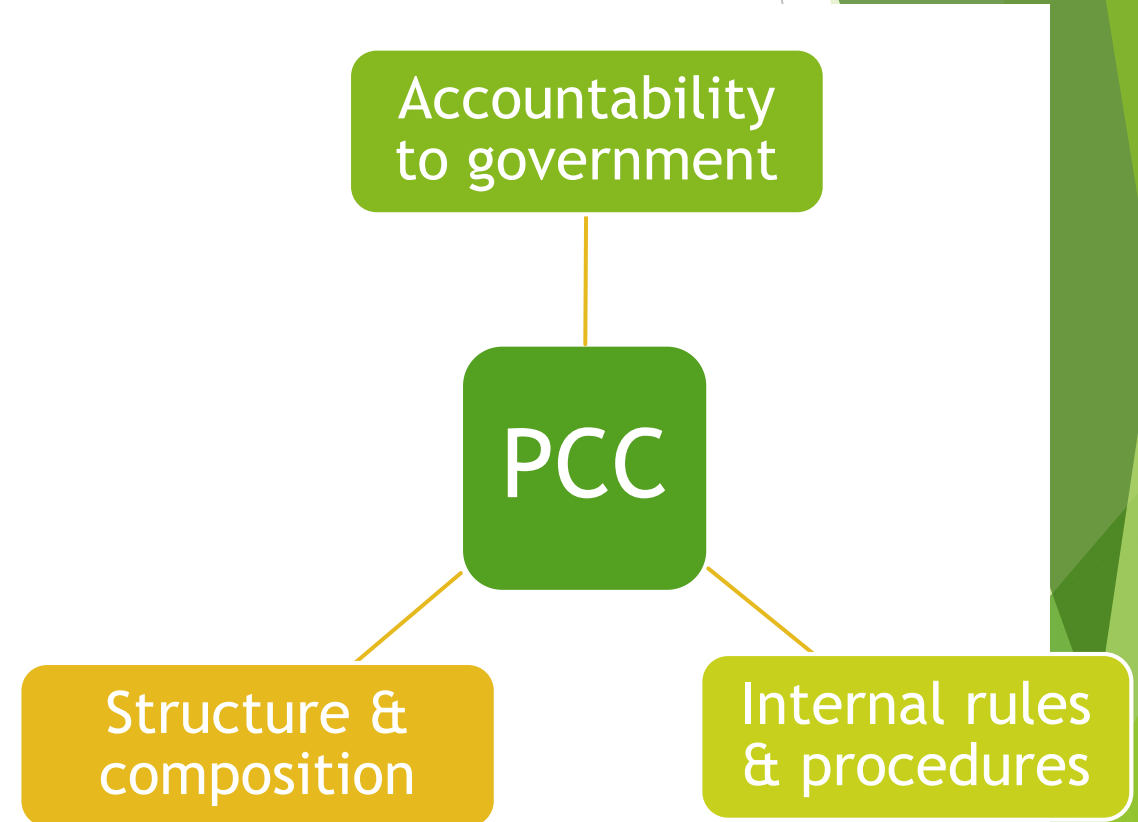
Institutional review

- ▶ With support of WRI, an institutional review of Secretariat has been initiated to make recommendations regarding:
 - ▶ Options for institutional location of the secretariat
 - ▶ Accountability relationships between Secretariat, PCC and other stakeholders
 - ▶ Functions and high-level mapping of business processes
 - ▶ Required human resource capacity
 - ▶ Organogram for a capacitated Secretariat
- ▶ Recruitment for top 5 management positions has commenced



Charter and MOU

- ❑ With support of WRI, PCC has put together a legal team to draft charter, rules and procedures to guide the work of the Commission
- ❑ MOU to be drafted between government and the Commission setting out basis for government support to Commission and reporting and accountability relationships
- ▶ Drafts to be discussed at PCC meeting scheduled for 29 October 2021 and work will conclude within the next four months



International climate councils



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MEETING
18-19 MAY 2021

- ▶ UK Climate Change Committee in partnership with Chile Scientific Committee on Climate Change and Sweden Climate Policy Council hosted two day conference of international climate councils on 18 and 19 May 2021
- ▶ 22 climate councils from across developing and developing world shared experiences, which were informed by a background paper in which the SA Presidential Climate Commission featured as a case study
- ▶ The conference emphasised the importance of a socially just low-carbon transition, a robust science basis to inform decision making, and the independence of findings for Councils to provide objective and effective policy advice
- ▶ It has been agreed to establish an ongoing forum for sharing experiences between climate councils, and the International Climate Councils initiative will be launched at COP26.





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