

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Community Members to Join the Presidential Climate Commission's Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group

About the Presidential Climate Commission

The Presidential Climate Commission (PCC) was formally created by the President of the Republic of South Africa in December 2020, comprising government ministers and representatives from many major stakeholder groups in South Africa: business, labour, civil society, research and academic institutions, and youth.

The PCC's mandate is to provide independent advice on South Africa's climate change response, with the overarching aim of realising a long-term just and sustainable transition to a low-carbon, climate-resilient economy and society. The PCC also monitors and evaluates progress towards the country's mitigation and adaptation goals.

In executing this mandate, the PCC conducts evidence-based research and communicates findings transparently; and works in an open and transparent manner with all stakeholders, with the aim of building social consensus around the complex and challenging decisions required to successfully navigate a just transition.

The PCC is supported by:

- (1) A **secretariat** that presses forward the agenda of the PCC, commissioning research and policy work, arranging robust dialogue and consultation processes, and preparing strategic communications; and
- (2) **Working groups** that advance work on topical issues for the just transition, including mitigation, adaptation, climate finance, and monitoring and evaluation.

This is a call for nominations for up to three community members in South Africa to join the PCC's monitoring and evaluation working group (M&E WG).

About the Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (M&E WG)

The M&E WG plays critical role in guiding the PCC's tracking work, in line with the mandate set out in the draft Climate Change Bill and the objectives laid out by President Ramaphosa when forming the PCC.

In fulfilling this mandate, the M&E WG is:

- Developing a monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) system, including indicators to monitor and evaluate the just transition in South Africa
- Tracking just transition actions, and related mitigation and adaptation policies and linkages to broader sustainable development efforts
- Preparing a biennial flagship State of Climate Action report (i.e., tracking and reporting South Africa's climate response and progress towards a just transition)
- Conducting additional ad hoc analyses in support of the PCC's mandate and objectives towards evidence-based planning and adaptive management

About the Call for Nominations for Community Members to Join the Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group

The PCC and the M&E WG are committed to embodying procedural justice. Indeed, the M&E work must be developed in an inclusive basis, particularly with community members who are already feeling the brunt of South Africa's hardships and are at the leading edge of those impacted in the transition e.g., from communities directly affected by the fossil fuel economy, the Just Transition and climate change.

The PCC's M&E WG is seeking nominations for up to three representatives from affected communities to join the working group. The aim is to ensure that community perspectives are heard and included in the work of the WG. The community representatives would advise and bring to the Working Group their expertise gained through daily living in the areas affected by the fossil fuel economy, the Just Transition decarbonisation processes and climate change impacts. They would be able to import community priorities, a community perspective and a ground truthing of information in the Working Group.

Criteria for Selection

Up to three community representatives may be selected according to the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated lived experience with the just transition, with the fossil fuel economy and/or with the impacts of climate change e.g., community member in coal impacted area, worker employed in a coal mine (or ex-employee), small-scale farmer or small business owner, etc.
2. Demonstrated knowledge of or involvement in a community organisation, climate change debates, just transition and/or monitoring and evaluation activities
3. Support from a community-based or local organisation and commitment to bringing the perspectives of that organisation to the working group
4. South African citizen over the age of 18

The community representatives will be selected by Commissioners and M&E WG members, per the above criteria. The selection process will ensure diversity of representation, including age and gender.

The community representative should not be an office bearer of or advocate for a political party but may be a trade union shop steward (not union management).

The PCC will cover the data costs for community members to attend online meetings as well as the costs to attending the annual in-person meeting.

Application Process

Interested community representatives should submit an **expression of interest** to join the PCC's M&E WG to katie@climatecommission.org.za by **Wednesday 2 August**. The expression of interest should be no longer than one page and must demonstrate the meeting of criteria (1) – (4) above. Applications not meeting these criteria will not be considered.