



PRESIDENTIAL
CLIMATE COMMISSION
TOWARDS A JUST TRANSITION

Executive Director's report to Commission

Update on PCC activities since last quarterly Commission meeting

Friday 13 September 2024

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More information on specific programmes in Working Group Chair's reports



Commencement of 7th Administration

- Commissioners were invited to Presidential inauguration - 19 June
- PCC briefed Minister DFFE - Wed 17 July, followed by more in depth briefings on adaptation (19 Aug) and mitigation (11 Sept)
- Participation in NEDLAC briefing to DoEL Minister – 23 Aug
- Briefing to Minister Tau and DTIC Strat Plan session - Sat 24 Aug.
- Presentations made to DoEL (21 August) and DFFE (22 August) portfolio committees
- Participation in NEDLAC 30-year review process and compilation of climate report - 23 Aug
- Bilateral with NPC and discussion on Medium Term Development Plan with DPME - 4 Sept



Recent PCC reports and recommendations

State of Climate Action Report

- Comprehensive assessment of climate action
- Approved by Commission in June
- Handed over to DG DFFE 25 July

Just Transition Financing Mechanism

- How to scale finance for just transition
- Approved by Commission in June
- Launched at NT Climate Resilience Symposium 15 July

Employment Opportunities in MP

- ST private sector-led job opportunities in Mpumalanga
- Findings discussed in webinar on 29 Aug
- Report to be approved in this meeting



Some of the work in pipeline

Climate change response fund

- Literature review completed
- Public dialogue held on 30 July
- Policy proposals to be tabled at net A&R WG and Commission meeting

Municipal JET state of readiness

- State of readiness for JET implementation assessed in 10 municipalities
- Results shared with Mayors & project partners at business breakfast on 27 Aug
- Follow up work with municipalities underway

NDC recommendations

- PCC gearing up to make recommendations to DFFE on NDC update
- Work includes mitigation, adaptation, just transition & finance components
- Approach to be discussed in this Commission meeting



Some of the work in pipeline (cont.)

Just transition

- Socially owned renewable energy pilots
- Economic complexity model for Mpumalanga
- Skills pipeline for critical sectors
- Labour legislation reforms required for just transition

Energy transition

- Development of open access electricity grid model
- Study into electricity pricing and subsidisation mechanisms in the context of a competitive energy market

Adaptation

- Planning for 3 sectors – water, built environment, climate-smart agriculture
- Investment plan for adaptation & resilience
- Impact of increased temperatures & heat stress on workplace



Stakeholder engagement

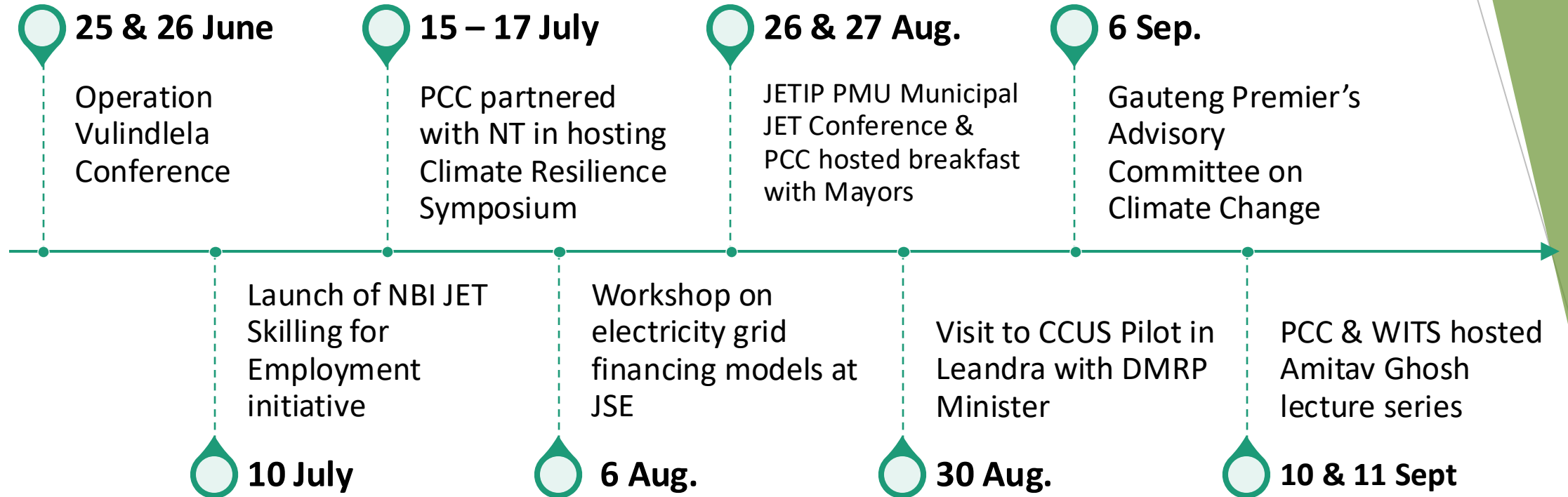
- Green Youth Indaba - 12-14 June
- Intergenerational Dialogue - 13 June
- Youth engagement with Netherlands embassy - 26 June
- SAREM workshops on industrial opportunities - 9 to 11 July & 18 July
- Labour capacity building workshop - 23 & 24 July
- Komati Regional Development - 2 Steering Committee meetings & 3 community engagements
- Identifying private sector led employment opportunities in Mpumalanga - 9 community, 3 labour & 5 company meetings
- IKI SA Community Thematic Exchange on Youth - 13 August



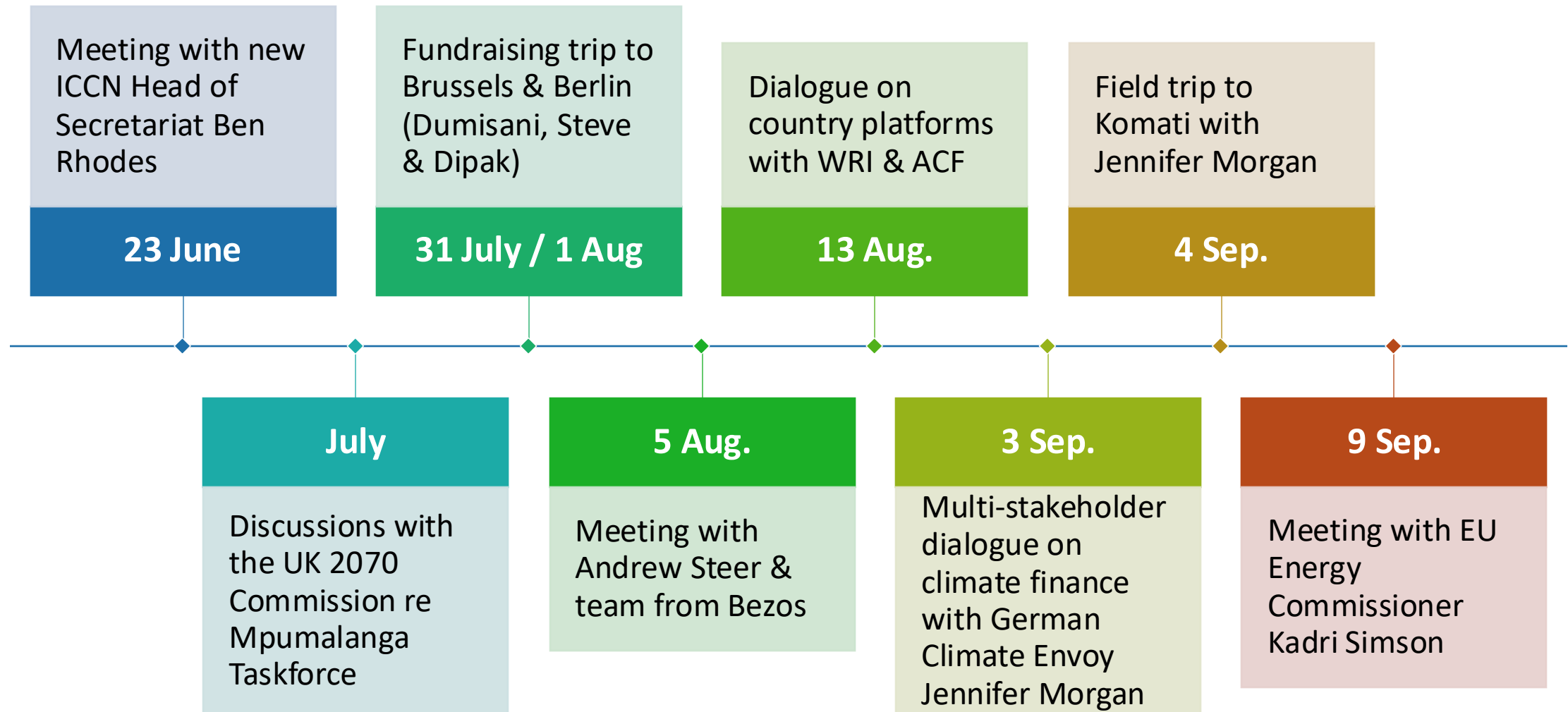
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Other major events & conferences



PCC international engagements

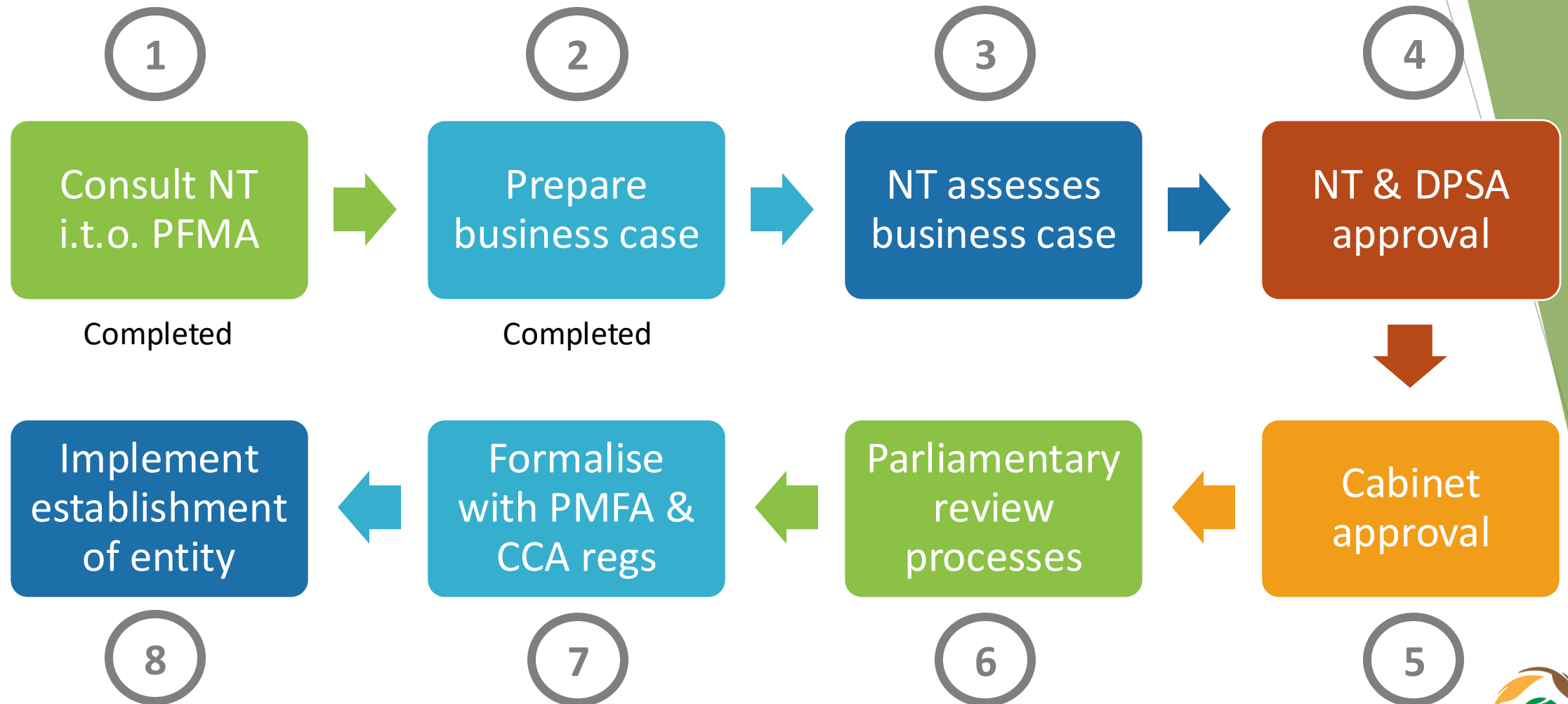


Finances

- NEDLAC received unqualified audit for 2023/24 financial year
- ACF received unqualified audit for 2023 financial year
- PCC has submitted MTEF budget via NEDLAC for 2025/26 to 2027/28
- Strategic and business planning process has started earlier this year - deadlines Oct 2024 & Jan 2025, respectively
- Commission breakaway session on 23 & 24 Oct will discuss strategy and input into plans
- Discussions with Bezos Earth Fund, UK PACT and IKI at advanced stage, with detailed funding proposals submitted



Process to establish PCC as public entity



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DFFE preparing regulations to give effect to Climate Change Act provisions



PCC Charter is being reviewed and will be amended to bring it in line with legislation



Establishment process will take up to 2 years



PCC to remain at NEDLAC until process completed i.t.o. MOU between DFFE, DPME, DoEL and NEDLAC



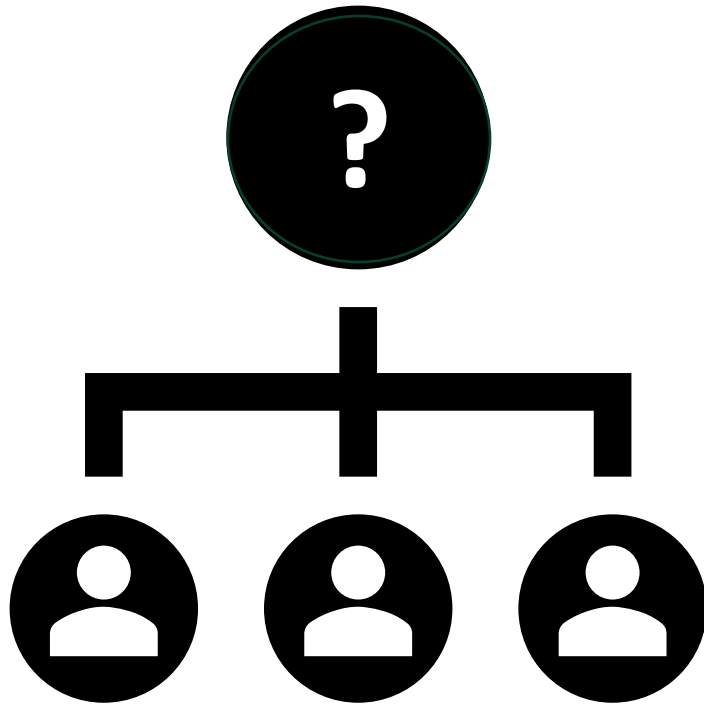
PCC budget remains on DoEL budget vote and reports as Programme 4 under NEDLAC

Vacancies on Commission



- Five vacancies have arisen on Commission
- Nominations have been obtained from following organisations:
 - COSATU – Boitumelo Molete
 - Eskom – Mteto Nyathi
 - CER – Brandon Abdinor
 - Minerals Council – Mzila Mthenjane
 - FEDUSA – nomination awaited
- New Commissioners will be inducted and consulted re working groups in which they will participate

Recruitment of new ED



- Appointment process to be in line with Climate Change Act, which gives Minister DFFE the prerogative to appoint ED
- Following consultation with NT and DFFE, contract duration limited to three years, renewable by mutual agreement
- Post advertised in national newspapers and on social media on Friday 2 August 2024, and closing date extended to 13 September
- Shortlist to be submitted to Minister, who will appoint an interview panel
- Interviews & background checks to be completed during October
- Cabinet approval to be obtained during November
- Start date for new ED is 1 January 2025, with a 3-month handover period with current ED



COMMUNICATIONS PLAN ROLLOUT 3rd QUARTER 2024

	COMMUNICATIONS INTERVENTIONS	Oct	Nov
Communications Strategy Development	<div><div>1.</div><div>Working Draft Communications and PR Strategy Implementation</div></div> <div><div>2.</div><div>Komati Communications and Community Engagement Plan</div></div> <div><div>3.</div><div>COP 27 Pavilion and Side Events</div></div> <div><div>4.</div><div>Finalisation Climate Action Campaign –Resource and Institutional Mechanism (COMM Partnership)</div></div>	Finalisation Communications Strategy Implementation Plan	Launch Climate Action Brand ahead of COP
Media Relations	<div><div>1.</div><div>Media Capacity Building Workshop</div></div> <div><div>2.</div><div>Weekly Print and Online Opinion Pieces.</div></div> <div><div>3.</div><div>Media Monitoring and Analysis</div></div> <div><div>4.</div><div>Media Breakfast with SANEF and National Press Club and Foreign Correspondents Association</div></div>	<div>KEY MESSAGES & NARRATIVES TO BE DEVELOPED</div> <div><div>•</div><div>Municipal Support</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Economic Diversification</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Climate Finance</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Just Energy Transition</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Adaptation Investment Plan</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Climate Response Fund</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>COP 29</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Revision of SA NDC 2025</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Climate Change Act</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Key Message from the State of Climate Action Report</div></div> <div><div>•</div><div>Power Station Decommissioning</div></div>	
Digital and Website Development	<div><div>1.</div><div>Development of a Massive Online Course (MOOC) – Adaptation</div></div> <div><div>2.</div><div>Development of Climate Mitigation Modelling Online Platform</div></div> <div><div>3.</div><div>Translation of PCC Website into IsiZulu and Sepedi</div></div>		
Events and Stakeholder Engagement	<div><div>1.</div><div>Launch of the HSRC .Perception Survey</div></div> <div><div>2.</div><div>Follow-up Stakeholder and Sectoral Consultations</div></div> <div><div>3.</div><div>International engagement in SA (Mainly with IPG and Development partners</div></div>		
Major Publications and Reports	<div><div>1.</div><div>Short Term Employment Strategy for Mpumalanga</div></div> <div><div>2.</div><div>Komati PCC Recommendations Review Report</div></div> <div><div>3.</div><div>Launch of the Climate Action Report Story Series (Exhibition , Videos, Online Stories)</div></div>		

Women are at the centre of just energy transition



Women walk home after getting water from a borehole in the Silobela village in Carolina, Mpumalanga. Picture: Paballo Thekiso

By Opinion | Published Aug 7, 2024

By Yuri Ramkissoon

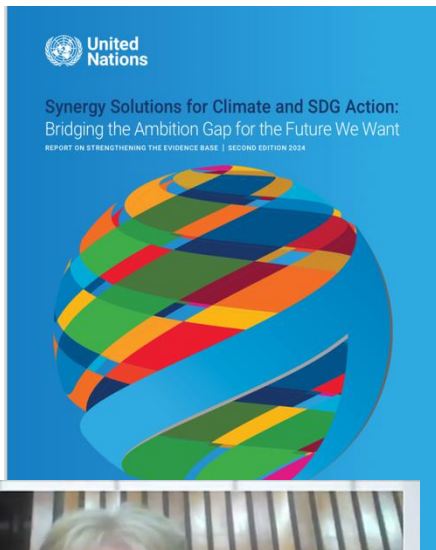
Speeding up climate action is an investment in SA's prosperity



The survey found that South Africans approve of efforts to move away from coal to other forms of energy like solar and wind, says the author. Picture: Henk Kruger/Independent Newspapers

By Opinion | Published Jul 24, 2024

By Melissa Fourie

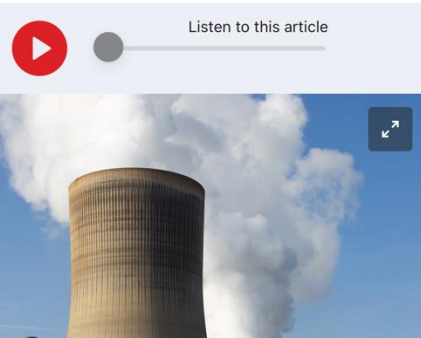


Eskom, contradictory policy tripping up SA climate targets, say president's advisors

26 Jul
Lameez Omarjee

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5 Comments



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Commission report calls out SA over tardy climate action

Country is moving too slowly to wean itself off coal to meet its ambitious targets, authors say

25 JULY 2024 - 19:01

by TIM COCKS



Picture: T23RF/yulufu

SA, the world's 14th-biggest carbon emitter, has made strong commitments to climate action but is moving too slowly to wean itself



By Khwezikazi Windvoel



Khwezikazi Windvoel is a municipal project finance manager in the Presidential Climate Commission Secretariat responsible for climate finance and innovation. Photo: Supplied

By Opinion | Published Jul 17, 2024

SA's shift to a low carbon economy should not leave coal mining workers behind

THE first half of 2024 has not been spared of intensified heat waves, forest fires, floods and drought, with the impact devastating on workers, enterprises, and communities. These threats are particularly severe for those already facing socio-economic challenges, including women, persons with disabilities, youth, and migrant workers, among others. The country's economy has long been underpinned by carbon-intensive industries such as coal mining and energy production, providing it with livelihoods for many within the coal belt in primarily Mpumalanga. Equally we must accept that it is these high carbon emitting industries that have driven and contributed to our industrialisation both globally and in our own country, and in the same breath led to environmental degradation primarily in the form of

ENGINEERING DISSENT



ZIMASA VAZI

South Africa has committed to a just and effective climate change response through a long-term, just transition to a climate-resilient and low carbon economy. This response has objectives of managing climate change impacts through interventions that build our resilience and make a fair contribution



THE potential for job losses remains a trigger for anxiety and insecurity for many workers, the writer says. | HENK KRUGER/Independent Newspapers

verse taking climate action towards a circular economy could yield much needed jobs. It is, therefore, critical that workers and communities within the coal value chain are not negatively impacted in South Africa's decarbonisation pathway, and also do not carry the overall burden of the transition. To mitigate against these job losses, government, private sector and labour

ment in South Africa and globally which mooted the notion of a "just transition" more than a decade ago. The workshop's focus was beyond building capacity of labour but sought to critically engage labour on issues ranging from social protection measures, re-skilling, new economic opportunities, and quality and sustainability of jobs as some of the key concerns for

tion that considers expanding existing economic sectors and also developing new economic sectors to diversify the Mpumalanga's economy. The early findings of this research report advocate not just the creation of new green jobs but also wider economic diversification of the coal belt, the adoption of social protection measures as well as the re-skilling and



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Local government should seize the opportunity presented by Climate Change Act



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(Cogta), Velenkosini Hlabisa, reaffirmed that should be the role of South Africa's third tier of government, says the author. Photo: File

By Opinion | Published Jul 31, 2024

By Yuri Ramkissoon

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DEFEND TRUTH

ISS TODAY OP-ED

South Africa's unity government could build a united front on a just transition



A drought-hit maize field in Ventersdorp on 27 February 2015. (Photo: Gallo Images / Foto24 / Simone Kley).

By Yonela Diko and Dhesigen Naidoo



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Commissioners have played an active role in PCC strategy and activities, we are grateful for your ongoing support

Our sincere thanks to outgoing Commissioners Melissa Fourie, Jacques Hugo & Nikisi Lesufi