



**PRESIDENTIAL
CLIMATE COMMISSION**
TOWARDS A JUST TRANSITION

Climate Talks: Multistakeholder Community Dialogue – Outline PCC Process

Gert Sibande District Offices – Mayoral Parlor – Ermelo
15 January 2024

Overview

Key Electricity Planning Document

Climate Change
Response actions
and measures

Just Transition

Economic
Development
Pathways

- Market signal for investment in new power generation and localisation
 - Electricity affordability
 - Access
 - Job creation and industrialisation
 - Skills development
 - Impact on climate change and air quality

49% – People
Living in Poverty

0.63% – Gini
Coefficient

33% –
Unemployed

IRP Process

1. The IRP in Context

- 1.1. The Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) is a living plan that is expected to be regularly reviewed as necessitated by changing circumstances.
- 1.2. The main purpose of the IRP is to ensure security of electricity supply necessary by balancing supply with demand, while considering the environment and total cost of supply.
- 1.3. South Africa continues to pursue a diversified energy mix that will provide security of supply while ensuring compliance with its emission reduction plan. South Africa's approach to energy security is in line with international trends and developments.

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PCC Process – Overview

- PCC Multistakeholder dialogue – TBC
- Extended Commissioner Net-Zero working group
- PCC Commissioners to review and PCC to discuss IRP at Commission meeting 16 February 2024
- Critical appraisal of the IRP – technical critique and stakeholder responses.
- PCC to provide technical support to Nedlac Process – fostering and building consensus

MEDIA RELEASE: THE PCC WELCOMES THE RELEASE OF THE IRP 2023 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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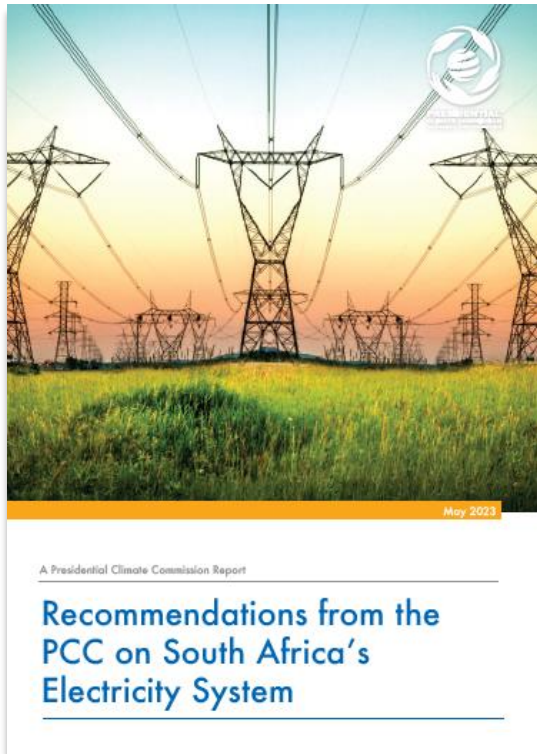
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RELEASE OF THE INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN (IRP) TIMEOUS FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S FUTURE ELECTRICITY PLANNING

The PCC welcomes the release of the IRP 2023 for public comment by the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy.

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In April 2023 the Presidential Climate Commission made recommendations on Electricity Planning



- Given the current limitations on grid access, a spatial planning approach is recommended. Investment in upgrading and expanding the grid (both Transmission and Distribution) is essential.
- The Presidency needs to undertake a major study into pricing reform in a transparent and participatory manner. This would include considerations of local government business models and the need to alleviate energy poverty (FBE).
- The Just Transition needs to be a focus in the short and long term, aligned with the Just Transition Framework:
 - To create additional jobs government should incentivise green industrial development, economic diversification, and the localisation of key transition value chains, particularly in regions that are at-risk.
 - Investing in human resource and skills development is an immediate priority.
 - Support those most impacted by load shedding, particularly SMMEs and indigent households, as well as provide and enhance social protection measures, particularly for those workers and communities impacted by the coal transition.
- At a minimum we should invest in a least cost pathway (variable renewables, storage and peaking) and seek all opportunities to accelerate the transition.

Principles for a just transition

Distributive justice

- Equitable distribution of risks and responsibilities addressing direct impacts of transition

Restorative justice

- Redress of historical damages in order to rectify or ameliorate situations

Procedural justice

- Empowering workers, communities, and small businesses so that they can define their own development and shape how decision makers respond

Thank you



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