



**PRESIDENTIAL
CLIMATE COMMISSION**
TOWARDS A JUST TRANSITION

PCC's Theory of Change for a Just Transition

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Problem statement

- Climate change is rapidly accelerating, threatening lives and livelihoods
- Profound shifts underway in terms of global economy & low-carbon technology
- Inaction in the face of such change threatens to unwind SA's developmental gains
- Challenges with implementation :
 - Weak implementation capacity and resource constraints
 - Lack of consensus amongst social partners
 - Climate risks and just transition not integrated into policy and action
- Pace of transition needs to be sustainable and aligned with South Africa's development needs



Just Transition Outcomes

What are we trying to achieve?



1

Effective institutions that support an **inclusive, growing economy** and build people's **capabilities** to respond to climate change.



2

Decarbonisation of the economy at a **pace and scale** that optimizes for development outcomes (jobs, livelihoods, human development)



3

People are at the centre of decision-making to adapt to climate change and its social and economic impacts

Simplified 'if-then' statement

If institutions can be strengthened and supportive of an inclusive economy, while...

... decarbonising the economy at a pace and scale that optimizes for development, by...

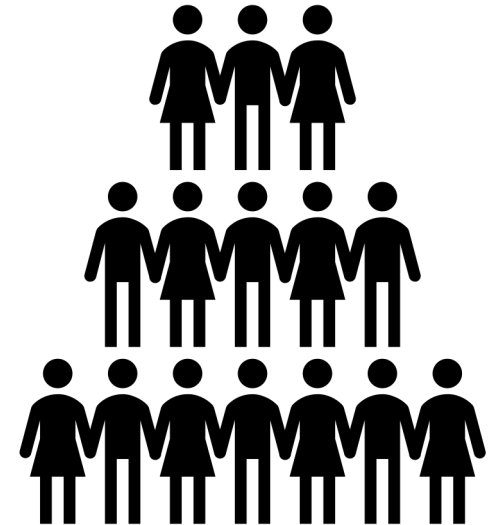
... placing procedural, distributive and restorative justice at the centre of decision-making, then...

... South Africa will transition to a low-carbon economy and a just, climate resilient society with an improved quality of life for all by mid-century.



MISSION OF THE PCC

- *Build a compact between social partners*
- *around a just climate transition*
- *through an inclusive, transparent, action-oriented process*
- *informed by science*



PCC as a change enabler



INSIGHT: Provide the evidence base to support better decision making by social partners



INCLUSION: Forge consensus between diverse stakeholders & social partners to build support for policy and action required for just transition



IMPACT: Influencing policy, promoting economic change, monitoring implementation and providing advice where action falls short

PCC theory of change

Impact

Collective action for just transition based on inclusive process

Long-term outcomes

- Enabling conditions for actors to implement just transition
- Finance, capacity & technology mobilised to achieve just transition

Medium-term outcomes

- Knowledge and evidence informs planning & implementation of just transition
- Increased awareness & engagement improves consensus on just transition

Short-term outcomes

- Meaningful stakeholder engagement
- Research and advice about just transition, adaptation & mitigation
- Advice and support about means of implementation



PCC projects to give effect to 3 outcome areas

Insight

Employment & skills strategies

Net-zero pathways & updated NDC

Grid & pricing studies

Water, food & built environment studies

Finance tracking

Inclusion

Communication campaign

Community consultations

Stakeholder engagement

Youth engagement programme

Publications & webinars

Impact

Partnership implementation model

JT & adaptation financing mechanisms

Advice to LG on project structuring

Social ownership models

M&E on JT implementation
e.g. Komati, JETIP

