



PRESIDENTIAL
CLIMATE COMMISSION
TOWARDS A JUST TRANSITION

Executive Director's report on activities for period Dec 2022 – Feb 2023

24 February 2023



PRESIDENT CYRIL RAMAPHOSA

STATE — of the — NATION ADDRESS

President Cyril Ramaphosa
delivers the State of the
Nation Address

**19H00 | THURSDAY
9 FEBRUARY 2023**

CAPE TOWN CITY HALL



“As we take these actions to resolve the energy crisis, we are mindful of the risks that climate change poses to our society.

Extreme weather events in the form of drought, floods and wild fires increasingly pose a risk to the health, well-being and safety of people.

We will continue our just transition to a low carbon economy at a pace our country can afford and in a manner that ensures energy security.

We will undertake our just transition in a way that opens up the possibility of new investments, new industrialisation and that, above all, creates new jobs.

The Presidential Climate Commission is guiding much of this work, and, in doing so, building a new model for inclusive and collective decision making, incorporating the individuals, workers, and communities that are most affected in the transition.”

President Ramaphosa, SONA 2023

Some key events from last quarter

Event	Date
Workshop with DHET & stakeholders on skills for just transition	7 December 2022
Presentations to World Science Forum	6+7 December 2022
Presentation to Eskom Board	18 January 2023
Engagement with ABSA Exco at their Just Transition Day	27 January 2023
Briefing to Parliamentary Portfolio Committee	27 January 2023
Meeting with EU & member states on support for Just Transition	31 January 2023
Briefing to Gauteng Premier's Advisory Committee on Climate Change	2 February 2023
Presentation to NEDLAC Labour School	2 February 2023
Engagement with mining industry co-hosted with Anglo and ACF	7 February 2023
Presentation to Mining Indaba	8 February 2023
Presentation to Mpumalanga PEC lekgotla	12 February 2023
Launch of CBAM paper	15 February 2023
Workshop on Mpumalanga economic development strategy	16 February 2023



Supporting implementation of a Just Transition



Recommendations on Just Transition Implementation Plan

- At Cabinet's request PCC will make recommendations on implementation plan, based on assessment of existing initiatives, and consultation with social partners - MISTRA hired to undertake work
- As input to this process, and drawing on work of EDP, a social partnering model has been developed that shifts focus from planning to implementation

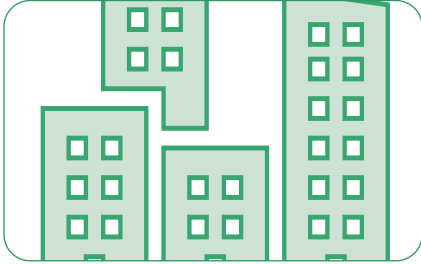


Economic development strategy for Mpumalanga coal belt

- Support to Just Transition Coordination Unit in MP DGs office and collaboration with province & partners on economic strategy to inform Provincial Development Plan
- Genesis Analytics appointed to develop employment strategy, which will inform a skills development strategy and bottom-up stakeholder engagement and social activation process

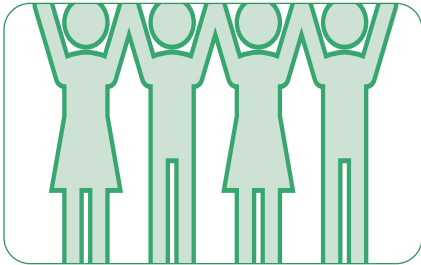


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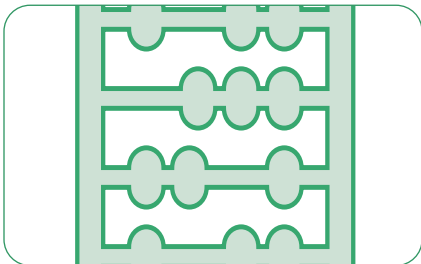
Just Urban Transition policy paper

- Just Urban Transition paper finalised in partnership with NT City Support Programme, World Bank and African Centre for Cities
- Funds raised from Bloomberg for an urban resilience programme



Financing a Just Transition

- Concept paper on how to finance Just Transition developed
- More detailed design of JT financing mechanisms and institutional arrangements being undertaken with Intellidex



M&E for Just Transition

- With support from UNOPS, design of JT M&E system underway
- Community based monitoring to be tested in programme
- M&E working group held workshop with DPME, DFFE and various orgs



Outreach & communications



- Programme of community engagements continues, with focus on Mpumalanga
- Conference on economic opportunities in just transition being convened in partnership with SA Youth Economic Council
- Youth essay series initiated – adverts placed requesting proposals
- In depth engagements with religious sector and indigenous peoples movements planned for March
- Publication and launch of various PCC reports (JT Financing, CBAM, Just Urban Transition, KZN floods, Gqeberha water crisis)
- Tender put out for upgrade of website



Highlights from thematic areas of work

(to be covered in more detail in Commissioner reports)

Mitigation

- Building on last year's energy dialogues, stakeholder consultations underway leading to draft recommendations on energy mix & governance

Resilience & adaptation

- Assessments of KZN floods and Gqeberha water crisis completed
- Water resilience investment plan being developed with DBSA, NPC & NT

Climate finance

- Biennial tracking of climate finance flows has commenced
- Consultations underway on JET-IP to inform PCC recommendations

M&E

- State of Climate Action report to be prepared and released before COP 28



Working Groups continue to meet at least quarterly and process work of Commission

Working Group	Date of last meeting
Net-zero pathways	26 January 2023
Monitoring & evaluation	06 February 2023
Finance and governance	10 February 2023
Climate finance & innovation	15 February 2023
Resilience & adaptation	17 February 2023

Proposed allocation of new Commissioners to Working Groups:

- Zama Khanyile (Finance & governance)
- Janse Rabie (Resilience & adaptation)
- Malusi Mpumlwana (Monitoring & evaluation)
- Shafick Adams (Resilience & adaptation)
- Lungisa Fuzile (Climate finance & innovation)



Institutional arrangements

- Integration into NEDLAC as a separate programme, with most staff appointed on contract
- Long term financial stability secured with R21,5m government budget allocation for 2023/24 and R46m raised from donors
- New staff that have joined PCC:
 - Michelle Histerman – adaptation research manager
 - Khwezikazi Windvoel – climate finance project manager
- Presentation to Portfolio Committee on 27 Jan 2023 & participation in provincial hearings on Climate Change Bill (underway)
- In anticipation of Act's promulgation, feasibility study and business case for establishment of P as statutory body being undertaken



Planning and reporting matters

- Abridged annual review submitted to Presidency before SONA (report included in meeting pack)
- Detailed report on PCC's activities to be finalised and submitted for approval by PCC in April 2023 (via Finance & Governance Committee)
- PCC activities from October 2022 (when PCC joined NEDLAC) will also appear in NEDLAC Annual Report to be finalised in May 2023
- PCC NEDLAC Budget for 2023/34 has been finalised, including donor funds to be transferred to NEDLAC
- Detailed business plan for PCC activities for 2023/24 (financed by both NEDLAC and external donor funds) to be completed and submitted for approval in March (via Finance & Governance Committee)





Thank you

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