

Komati's Transition

Assessing Progress, Lessons, and Challenges

Presentation to the Commission
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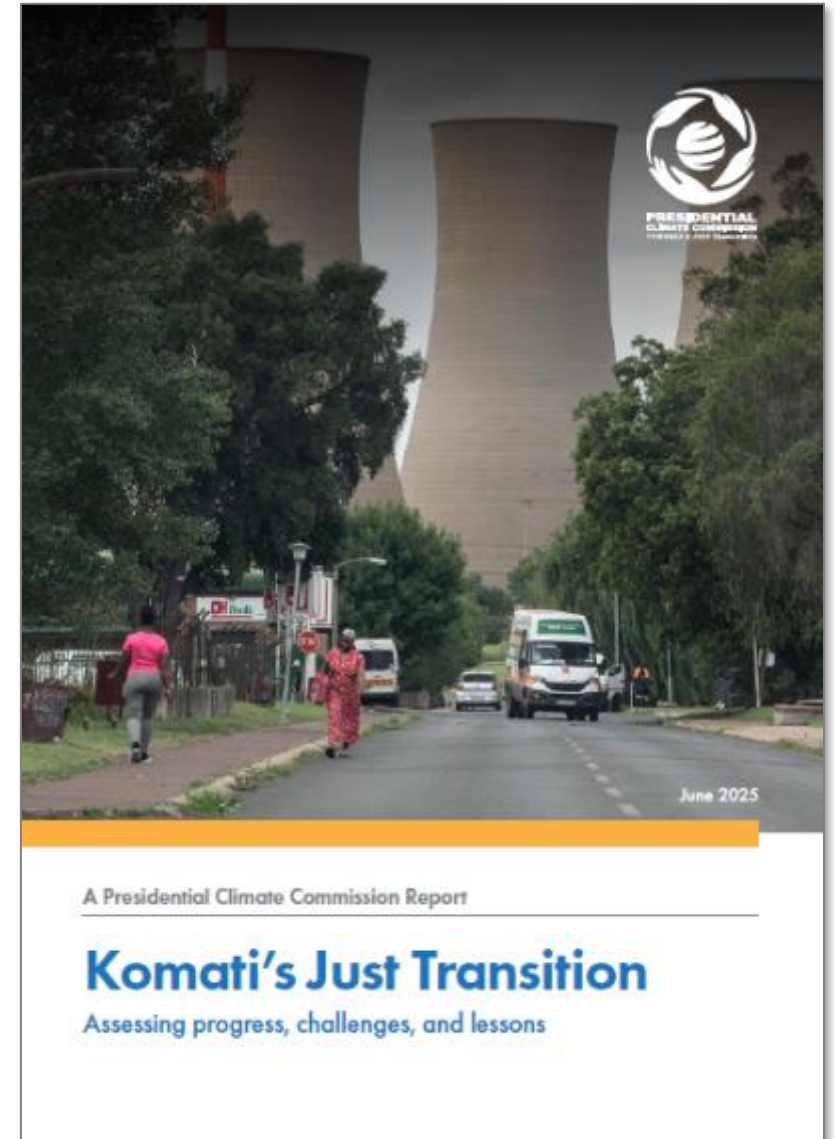


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Approach and Methods

- Led by PCC's M&E WG since Sep 2024
- Mixed-methods approach: document review, interviews with 14 stakeholders, and desktop research
- Broad peer review process to ensure balance and credibility
- Presented and consulted in Komati in May 2025
- Focused on balance—honest about the challenges but constructive in proposing solutions and highlighting lessons



Component A: Decommissioning and Rehabilitation

- Backed by USD 33.5 million loan from the World Bank
- Delayed by procurement challenges and uncertainty over infrastructure demolition
- World Bank approved expedited hiring of Owner's Engineer by July 2025
- Highlights need for early, coordinated planning in future transitions



Component B: Repowering with Renewables

- Moderate progress; Owners Engineer appointed; procurement underway
- Phase 1 includes 150 MW BESS, 72 MW solar PV, and synchronous condenser
- Wind component dropped due to environmental constraints—limiting total renewable output
- BESS and solar construction expected to begin in Oct–Nov 2025





Component C: Socioeconomic Development

- Strongest visible progress—but significant structural challenges remain
- Nearly 400 individuals trained, but job placement lags behind
- R11 million Social Employment Fund launched in Jan 2025—short-term jobs for 300 people
- Business cases under development for six local economic projects
- Infrastructure projects (clinic, community hall, ECD centre) hindered by funding



Main Takeaways

- Stakeholder engagement has improved—greater trust and participation
- Severe capacity constraints at all levels are slowing progress
- Coordination is better but fragile—needs clearer roles and channels
- Timing is critical—future projects must embed just transition from day one
- Shifting narrative from loss to opportunity requires trust, transparency, and delivery

