

# Circle of Friends

## Concept Note

### I. Innovation Regions for a Just Energy Transition (IKI JET)

<b>Project duration</b>	<b>December 2022 - May 2026</b>
Commissioning parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) under its International Climate Initiative (IKI)</li> <li>• Directorate General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA) of the European Commission (EC)</li> </ul>
Project consortium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, joint project coordinator</li> <li>• Climate Action Network International (CAN International)</li> <li>• International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)</li> <li>• International Labour Organisation (ILO)</li> <li>• International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) - Just Transition Centre*</li> <li>• Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy</li> </ul>

\*Participation under review

The global project Innovation Regions for a Just Energy Transition (IKI JET) aims to make a substantial contribution to accelerating the transition away from a coal based, unsustainable energy system towards a net zero emission and climate resilient energy system, reducing greenhouse gas (GHG)

emissions from coal use, while ensuring environmental protection, inclusive and sustainable economic development with decent employment opportunities along with social protection in selected coal regions in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

### II. Overview Circle of Friends

For further strategic alignment and operational cooperation, the project will establish a “Circle of Friends” (CoF). The CoF is an external group of organisations (public, social, private, and academic), initiatives or projects that pursue targets aligned with the project goals, and with which the project seeks to interact. The results

of these interactions are, among others, strategic guidance, conceptual exchange, coordination or joint implementation of activities, synergies etc. The list of members forming part of the CoF will be updated regularly according to the project’s needs.

The CoF is divided into two layers of involvement: a general group and a core group.

The general group includes all members that stated an interest to interact with the project and whose activities have synergies with the project outputs and outcomes. Their interactions with the project are mainly of operational nature, the contributions to the project shall be integrated following the subsidiarity principle, and may for example include joint or follow-up activities,

workshops, exchange of information, analysis and data, expert inputs to dialogues, speaker placements, advise to counterparts and partners in specific topics, joint strategy development, among other.

The core group of members of the CoF is composed of up to 11 members of special strategic or operational importance to the project. In addition to the operational interactions described above, the core CoF contributes regularly to strategic exchanges.

### III. What's in it for you as member of the Core CoF?

- Contribute with strategic advice to a global innovative project on Just Energy Transition
- Regular (at least annual) strategic meetings with low workload for CoF
- Make use of synergies and leverage own activities around Just Energy Transition
- Expand your network on Just Energy Transition
- The CoF will not participate in the decision making of IKI JET

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