



## G20 Energy Transition Working Group Side Event

# Just transition in coal mining regions in Indonesia and South Africa

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**Date:** Thursday, 3 July 2025

**Time:** 09:00–10:30 Johannesburg | 14:00–15:30 Jakarta

**Format:** Virtual (Zoom)



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## Background

The transition away from coal presents both pressing challenges and transformative opportunities for countries that depend on coal for energy and employment. In coal-dependent economies such as Indonesia and South Africa, achieving a just energy transition means not only reducing emissions but also safeguarding livelihoods, promoting social inclusion, decent jobs, and sustainable enterprises, and creating new pathways for sustainable development. As part of South Africa's 2025 G20 Presidency, and building on the voluntary principles for just, affordable, inclusive, and clean energy transitions as adapted by the G20 Energy Transitions Working Group (ETWG) under Brazil's Presidency, this virtual policy dialogue offers a timely space to reflect on national experiences and strengthen cooperation among countries of the Global South.

This event marks the first in a series of five virtual policy dialogues jointly organized by the UN Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) and partners in South Africa and Indonesia. This dialogue will also feature as a G20 side event of the Energy Transitions Working Group in support of Priority Area 2 on Just, Affordable and Inclusive Energy Transitions. The dialogue sets the stage for knowledge exchange on just transitions in coal mining regions - drawing on actionable measures with practical insights, including under the Partnership for Action on Green Economy, from Indonesia and South Africa, and reflecting on the broader global policy agenda. The series will continue through November 2025, focusing on key building blocks of a just transition: social dialogue, skills development, financing, and international cooperation.

## Session objectives

The objective of the session is to inform the non-negotiated Presidency G20 Document under Outcome 2 on Socio-economic Safeguards for Fossil Fuel-Dependent Regions, building on the outcomes of the first ETWG priority 2 outcome 2 side event on 18 June.

More specifically, the session objectives are to:

- Share progress, challenges, and opportunities in implementing a just transition in coal-reliant regions of Indonesia and South Africa;
- Highlight national strategies and social dialogue practices supporting the coal phase-out in both PAGE partnering countries;
- Foster mutual learning and solidarity between G20 and Global South partners.

## Provisional agenda

Time	Item
0:00-0:10	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b>  Brief framing of the dialogue series and G20 context  <i>Dr. Moustapha Kamal Gueye, Director, ILO Priority Action Programme, Just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies</i>



0:10–0:35	<b>Spotlight on Indonesia</b> <p><i>Mr. Leonardo A.A. Teguh Sambodo, Deputy for Food, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs at the Ministry of National Development Planning/Bappenas, Indonesia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenges and opportunities in coal phase-out</li> <li>• Role of the Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP)</li> <li>• Regional-level social dialogue and transition measures</li> </ul>
0:35–1:00	<b>Spotlight on South Africa</b> <p><i>Mr Thebe Mamakoko, Senior Energy Negotiator at the Department of Energy, South Africa</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coal phase-out and inclusive transition challenges</li> <li>• Lessons from the JETP and provincial-level plans</li> <li>• Role of social dialogue and employment strategies</li> <li>• The significance of safeguards</li> </ul>
1:00–1:25	<b>Moderated panel discussion and Q&amp;A</b> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><i>Ms. Lebogang Mulaisi, Executive Manager Policy and Research, Presidential Climate Commission, South Africa</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Tanya Van Meelis, Head of Policy Unit, Congress of South African Trade Unions</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Dr. Moustapha Kamal Gueye, Director, ILO Priority Action Programme, Just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key questions on implementation, inclusion, and financing</li> <li>• Audience questions and interaction via chat or live Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
1:25–1:30	<b>Closing remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflections on key discussion points</li> <li>• Implications of the debate for G20 ETWG deliberations and documentation</li> </ul> <p><i>Dr. Thabo Hlalele, Energy Centre Research Manager, CSIR</i></p>

## Languages

English and Bahasa Indonesia (simultaneous interpretation provided)

## Registration and zoom links

Registration is available via [this link](#).



Direct access to the zoom meeting on 3 July is available via [this link](#).

## Organizers and contacts

The G20 Side Event is organized by the Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) in close cooperation with the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). The International Training Centre of the ILO will be in charge of outreach, logistics and facilitation.

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