



The Just Transition Workshop in brief

As you may be aware that Mpumalanga is home to over 80 percent of the country's coal production by volume and hosts 12 out of 15 large Eskom coal-fired power stations, making the province a significant contributor to GHG emissions. The province is also home to Sasol's large petrochemical complex in Secunda, which is one of the world's point GHG emitters. Coal and related value chains are important for the province's economy and employment. Coal and related activities also play an important role in the government's revenue and provision of public services.

In this regard, President Cyril Ramaphosa unveiled the Accelerated Coal Transition Investment Plan (ACT IP) for South Africa in October last year as part of the Just Transition Programme. Besides the ACT IP, various initiatives are being implemented in Mpumalanga as the focal point of Just Energy Transition. These include industries, governments, communities, international development partners, etc.

While these initiatives make essential contributions to the just transition agenda, there is a lack of a centrally coordinated strategy and approach that seeks to optimize benefits derived from the opportunities arising from the just transition program. This may lead to duplication of efforts and disintegrated responses, consequently deriving minimal benefits. **Therefore, there is a need to ensure coordination, alignment, and synergy of these activities by developing an integrated provincial Just Transition Plan to bring all these initiatives into a single regional plan of action.**

The Mpumalanga Provincial Government (MPG) is convening this workshop of all role players within the Just Transition space, which will take place on **11-12 May 2023 at Graceland Casino Hotel, Secunda.**

Theme

The team of the workshop is, **"Towards an Integrated Collaborative Mpumalanga Just Transition Plan"**.

Objectives/Outcomes

The objectives of this workshop are:

- to take stock of ongoing and planned Just Transition related initiatives in the province;
- develop an integrated collaborative just transition plan for the province going forward; and
- create a coordination and collaboration mechanism to facilitate synergy and streamline the efforts of various stakeholders.

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