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A JUST ENERGY TRANSITION ("JET") FOR SOUTH AFRICA

Criticality of a holistic Just Energy Transition plan in South Africa

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Background – Climate Change

- The world is now warming faster than at any point in recorded history.
- Global Warming and the emissions of greenhouse gasses (GHG's) will have disastrous effects if left unchecked.
 - Manufacturing Goods
 - Deforestation
 - Agriculture
 - Generating Power by burning fossil fuels
- Climate Change is a global issue and we all must do our part.





Our Planet our Problem



- We need to think green to combat climate change.
- Reduce Carbon emissions by switching to renewable energy solutions.
- Reducing the emissions caused by industry & transportation by opting for greener technologies
- Investing in more space-efficient forms of agriculture to reduce the deforestation of land.





CO₂ Emissions in South Africa



- Coal Based electricity is still the business of the day in SA.
- South Africa has committed to moving away from Coal powered generation.
- Prompted cause for a just transition into a greener energy sector.



Why a Just Energy Transition?

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- A massive shift towards Renewable Energy to stave off climate change is needed and is inevitable.
- Coal value chain accounts for 5% of GDP and provides employment for about 200 000 workers
- Rapid increase in RE will cause the displacement of these people.
- Thus, a successful transition is a just transition
- No one should be left behind.



Who is most affected?

- Communities most impacted by the fossil fuel economy.
- Commonly marginalized segments of the black community.
- Employment in these sectors will half by 2045.
- These jobs are not necessarily accessible to workers and communities currently dependent on the coal sector.





What is a just transition?



- Everyone has access to affordable and clean energy.
- Communities democratically decide how this clean energy transition plays out for them.
- Policies are crafted that ensure the benefits of a clean energy economy are equitably distributed.
- New Financing options are developed that address and remedy the harmful practices of the past.



• Workers displaced by the transition are supported and prepared for a just transition.



 Impacts on people and environment are considered at every step and diverse ecosystems are protected.

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Case Study – Gauteng Province Energy Outlook Study

- Energy security is a major concern for the South African economy.
- Increased electricity shortages and the implementation of load shedding since 2008.
- Prompted the development of strategies such as Gauteng Integrated Energy Plan (GIEP) in 2008, Gauteng Integrated Energy Strategy (GIES) in 2010 and Gauteng Energy Security Strategy (GESS) in 2016 by the Gauteng Provincial Government (GPG).
- Energy Security identified as one of the 8 game Changers to fast-track economic growth.



GESS Vision



"A <u>resilient and energy secure province</u> that invests in <u>diversified low-carbon energy</u> <u>sources</u> and innovative technologies, that delivers <u>reliable and affordable energy services</u> to all citizens and contributes to an economically transformed and modernized and reindustrialized Gauteng City Region" – Gauteng Integrated Energy Strategy



Gauteng Baseline Energy – Energy Supply & Demand

- It is critical to understand the holistic energy landscape to better plan for the JET.
- The GP energy supply is dominated by electricity (40%), followed by diesel (23%) and petrol (18%). The rest of the supply constitute for the other 19%.





Gauteng Energy Landscape – Electricity Supply

- Electricity in GP is split between Eskom and Municipal areas.
- The three Metros, CoE (24%), CoJ (27%) and CoT (16%) make up two-thirds (67%) of Gauteng's Electrical Demand.
- If considering only the municipal areas of supply, these three Metros make up 91% of the electrical demand.





Gauteng Energy Landscape – Peak Electricity Demand Benchmark





Gauteng Energy Landscape – Liquid Fuels & Gas Supply

- Diesel and petrol dominate the liquid fuel and gas supply in GP.
- Transport sector dominates liquid fuels and gas energy demand in GP at 57% consumption.





Gauteng Energy Landscape – CO₂ Emissions

- The CO₂e emissions show the three metros (CoJ, CoE, and CoT) and Emfuleni municipality to have the greatest contribution to the emissions.
- Emfuleni municipality due to high industrial activity (especially steel making).





Key Drivers Impacting Future Energy Demand in GP

- 1. Gauteng is an economic and financial hub (contributing >33% of SA's GDP in 2017)
- 2. Gauteng is a place of opportunity with highest percentage of population in the country.
- 3. Gauteng is a gateway to surrounding provinces.
- 4. High number of developments

To facilitate development in a structured and coordinated manner, the province has developed plans and strategies that inform change and growth. These are: Gauteng Spatial Development Framework, 2030; Gauteng Spatial Perspective, 2030; Gauteng Integrated Transport Master Plan, 2013; The Development of an Industrial Policy for Gauteng Province, Draft 2010; Gauteng Growth Management Perspective, 2014; Five developmental corridors of Gauteng; The Mega Cities.



GP Electricity Demand Forecast

- Electricity is expected to continue to be the biggest contributor to GP's future energy outlook.
- GP electricity demand is expected to grow from 13,021 MVA in 2020 to 16,686 MVA in 2025.





GP Electrical Energy Forecast

- Electrical energy is forecasted to grow at a higher rate for Eskom's areas of supply than for the municipalities.
- Largely, municipal areas of supply have reached saturation, and there is limited land available for future developments.





GP Energy Forecast per Municipality





GP Energy Forecast per Source







GP Recorded Energy Projects per Municipality - Total (2021)





GP Recorded RE Projects per Municipality – MW Capacity (2021)





GP Calculated CO₂ Reduction per Municipality – Tonnes







- SSEG and IPP Developers approaching municipalities in GP some with well developed proposals but others with the commercial case not sufficiently explained.
- Need to standardize project financial model for checklist, easy assessments, comparisons,







Project Support



- Direct project support vs Programmatic support
- Such support must evidently reflect the legal framework and parameters which apply to municipal-level IPPs.
- Direct project support focuses on a specific IPP at a time
- Programmatic support is more wide-ranging, and it is anticipated that the PPP approach is likely to become more prevalent at the municipal level, and that arranging these in the form of a PPP programme rather than as individual projects will "commoditise" these contracts and speed up delivery.





• A web-based system to record and process energy projects information to allow for collaboration and visualization – internal website and external website (for the public).





Concluding Remarks

- Creating a holistic JET plan requires to first understand the existing sources and demand of energy, and how much energy is consumed.
- Availability and quality of data is critical. Key municipal stakeholders should be engaged to explain project benefits and to solicit their participation.
- Municipalities should be assisted to develop policies, processes and tariffs for embedded generation.
- A standard financial standing checklist should be developed, in consultation with National Treasury, to be used by municipalities. Also, a standard PPA should be developed to be used as a template across the municipalities.





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