



Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP) with South Africa

Concept

The Just Energy Transition Partnerships (JETPs) bring donor countries together with ambitious emerging and developing countries to achieve the 1.5°C target of the Paris Agreement.

In order to accomplish the ambitious JETP climate targets, the partner countries work with the G7 and other donors to develop tailor-made policy and investment plans. These plans cover necessary reforms, investments and concrete projects for the energy transition. To make the transition just, there is a strong focus on social aspects, alongside climate policy objectives. The only way for the transition to succeed is when the population contributes to it and if particularly vulnerable people are taken into account. As a consequence, JETPs not only promote climate action, but also support the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

JETPs combine proven and innovative approaches of international cooperation: they build on ownership of the partners, they pool support provided by bilateral donors and multilateral banks to deliver on a joint objective and they put an increased focus on private investments.

Objectives of the JETPs

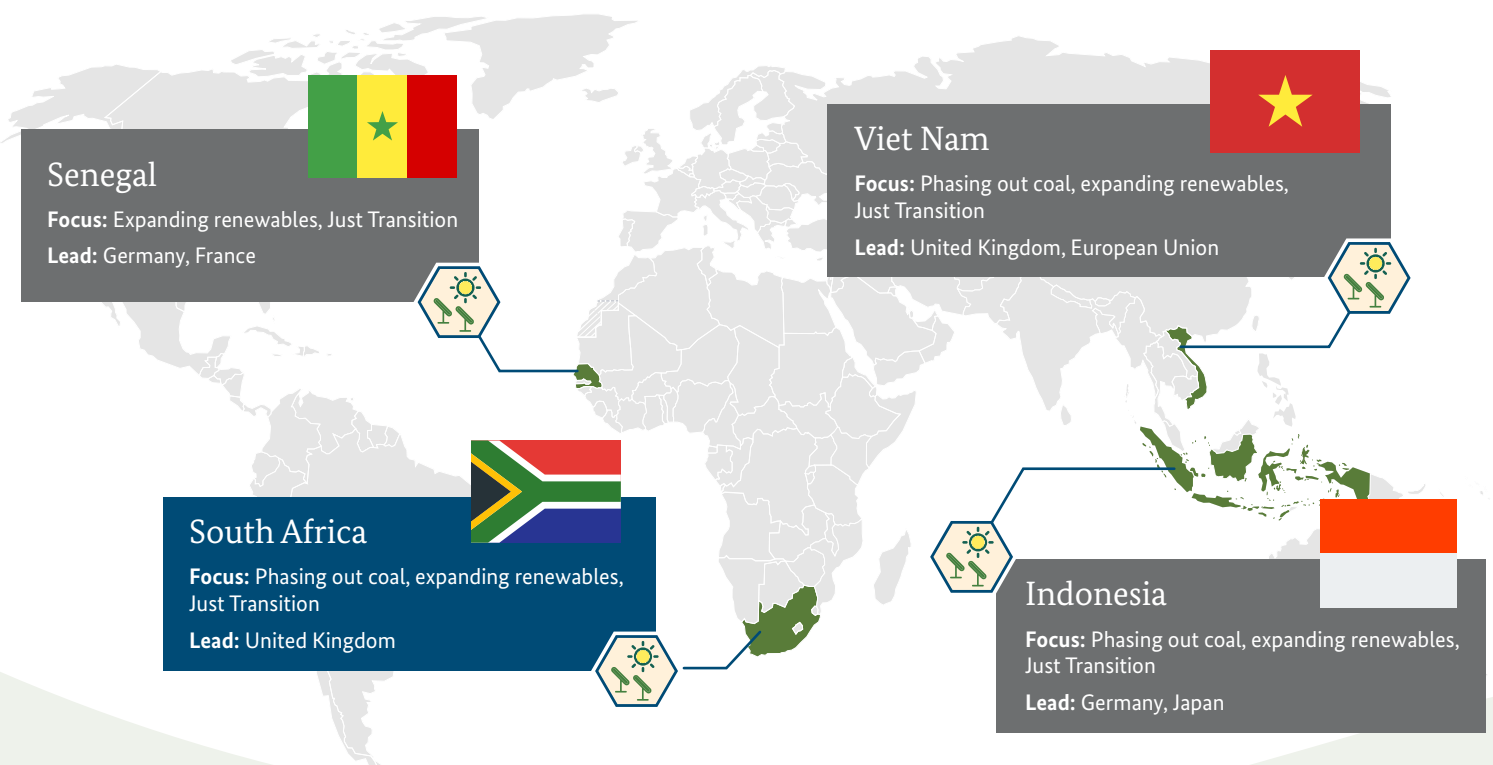


Accelerate the global energy transition

by expanding renewables and phasing out fossil fuels



Shape a socially just energy transition





Net zero emissions by 2050

in accordance with South Africa's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)



Focus: Social justice

through targeted support for women, young people and affected workers

Topics and objectives of the JETP with South Africa

The JETP with South Africa was forged at the 26th World Climate Conference in 2021 as the first partnership of its kind, in which a group of donors comes together to support a partner country in realising its ambitious climate goals and a just energy transition.

The contributions of the donors, namely Germany, France, Canada and the European Union, are coordinated by the United Kingdom. In 2023, the Netherlands and Denmark also joined the partnership. The investment plan elaborated together with the international partners sets out the priorities and investments up to 2027, whilst an implementation plan defines concrete goals.

The JETP supports South Africa's coal phase-out and promotes renewable energies. In doing so, focus on social justice is important, because 200,000 people in South Africa rely directly and indirectly on the coal sector to earn their living. In order to create alternative income opportunities for these people, the structural transformation of the Mpumalanga coal region is being driven forward: new industries are to be established, and small and medium-sized enterprises are being supported. Further training programmes qualify those affected for green jobs. Social justice also means ensuring access for all to affordable electricity. The transition from coal to renewable energy sources is making this possible.

The South African JETP places a strong emphasis on the private sector for the expansion of renewable energy. To succeed in this regard, South Africa has amended legislation and carried out necessary regulatory reforms. This has already led to a noticeable increase in private investments in renewable energy.



Learning on the job. A trainee installing a solar PV panel as part of a practical training. © GIZ / Dumisani Ncube

IN PRACTICE

Green jobs for a just energy transition

To support the just transition of South Africa's economy, the Career Path Development for Employment project assists people affected by the energy transition. Through a combination of vocational training, private sector involvement and targeted support measures, the project supports them in finding new jobs in green sectors like solar energy and energy efficiency.

It has already assisted 910 young South Africans, 589 of them women, in transitioning to the labour market. In addition, the project has so far supported 590 small entrepreneurs, including 351 women, to create green jobs.

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