

# South-to-South Cooperation on Just Transitions

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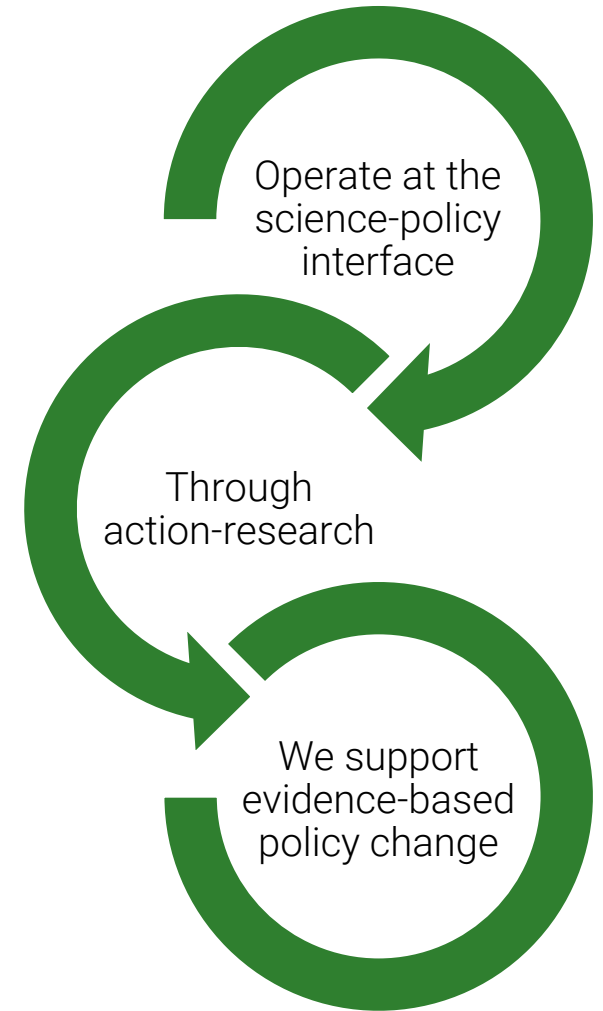
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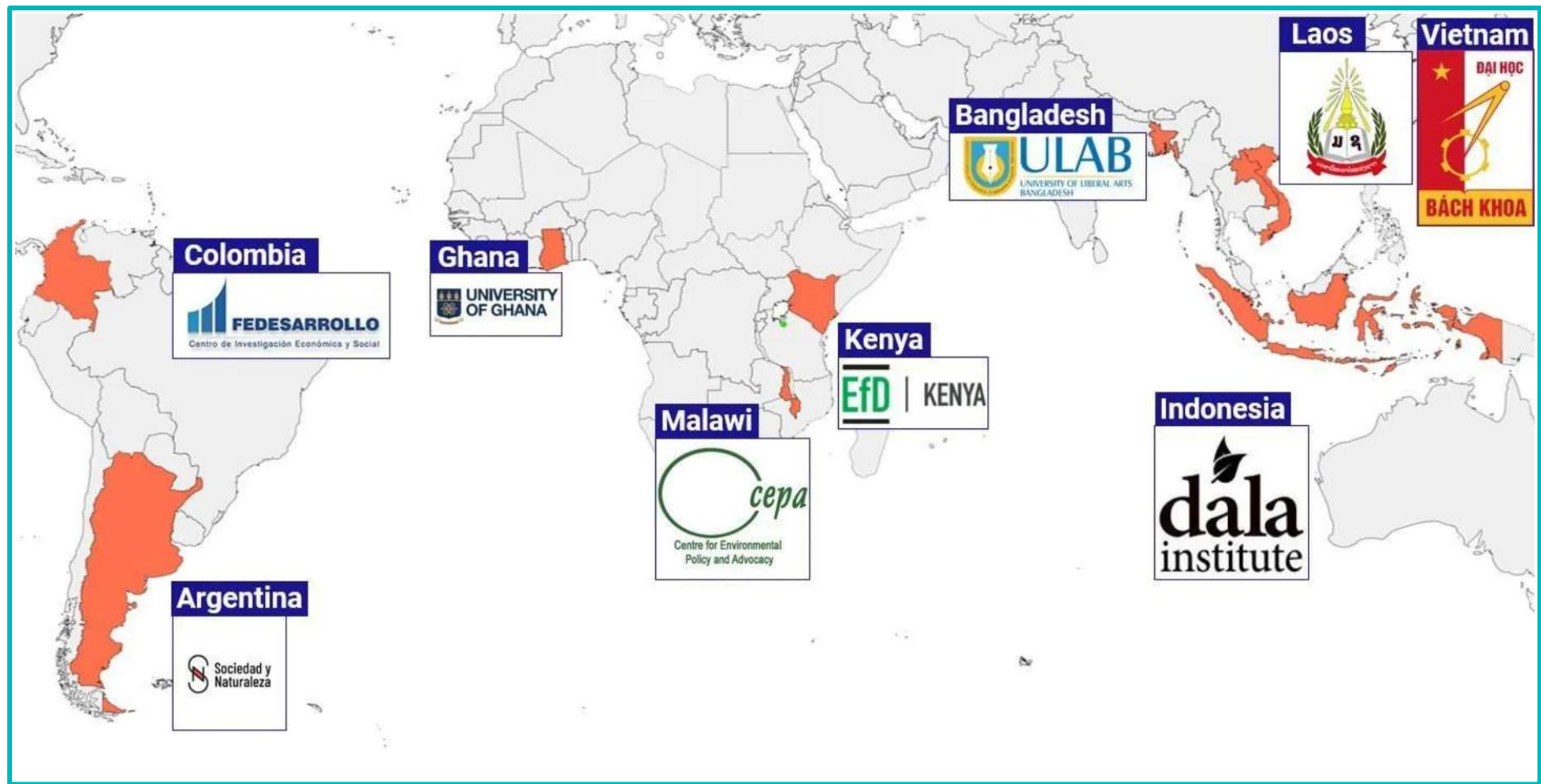
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# South-to-South Just Transitions: Project Aims



Advance discussions of JT in the national agenda



Develop specific and evidence-based policy-making suggestions for the JT



Build a south-to-south knowledge sharing network



Explore ways to finance the JT in the Global South

# South-to-South Just Transitions: Actions & Achievements



## Reports

- 2021 Report on Just Transitions in Ghana, Colombia and Indonesia
- 2022 Report on Exploring Just Transitions in the Global South
- 2023 Recommendations for the International Community (forthcoming)



## Capacity Strengthening

- Increase analytical power and knowledge sharing across stakeholders
- Increase stakeholder engagement, including with investors



## Response Measures

- Inputs to the Katowice Committee of Experts



## Workshops and Events

- COP25 Roundtable
- COP27 Panel Exploring the Financial Case for Just Transitions in Diverse Economies

# 12 Just Transition Considerations in the Global South

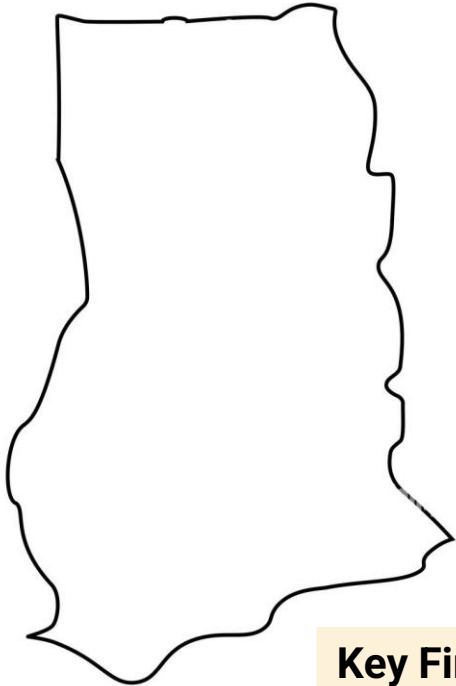
1. Informal labour markets.
2. Land rights are not clearly defined in some regions.
3. Natural resources are culturally and spiritually important but may be at risk for economic reasons.
4. Socio-economic realities may hinder the just transition.
5. Not all stakeholders agree the carbon transition should proceed.
6. The most vulnerable cannot always access support.

# 12 Just Transition Considerations in the Global South

7. Adaptation programmes can exacerbate vulnerabilities.
8. Skill gaps can impair the just transition.
9. There is a lack of data on critical elements of the transition.
10. Limited expertise can hinder just transition policies.
11. Coherence between climate and development policies is essential.
12. Additional financial support is needed to ensure that policy implementation is fair and just.

# Ghana

Original member of the South-to-South Network since March 2020 (3 members)



## Key Activities

- Focus on the transport industry, exploring the connection between JT and increasing income inequalities in Ghana.
- Formal interviews with government stakeholders and sectoral leaders.
- Randomly selected members of the informal sector for interviews and surveys, and visits with 4 traditional councils.
- Ongoing workshops with key stakeholders to develop a toolkit and guidance related to financing just transitions

## Key Findings

- Both formally and informally employed stakeholders showed a high understanding regarding climate change impacts.
- However, informal workers had little awareness of the just transition, and less government support more broadly.
- Traditional councils have been marginalised in environmental and climate change discussions.



# Kenya

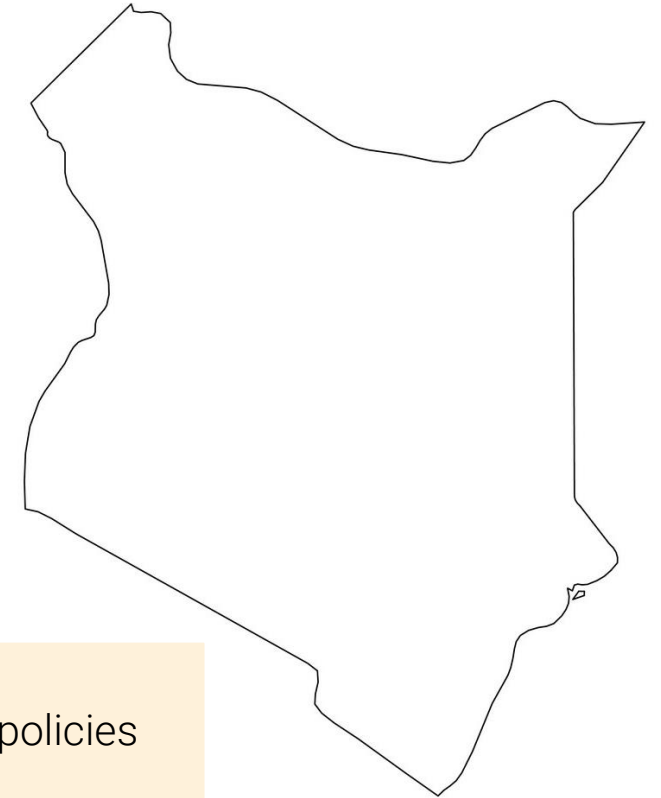
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## Key Activities

- Focus on the energy, waste, and transport sectors.
- Desk-based research into the legal framework and economic policies implicating just transitions in Kenya.
- Interviews and surveys with transport and energy workers to understand stakeholder awareness of the impacts of climate change and the energy transition.

## Key Findings

- Kenya's NDCs include a commitment to just transitions, but few JT policies have been implemented.
- Participants showed a high awareness of climate change and its impact on their work, but reported little engagement in policy planning.
- New policies, such as the Bus Rapid Transit system in Nairobi and plans to develop to circular economy, risk excluding thousands if implemented without JT support and retraining.



# Malawi

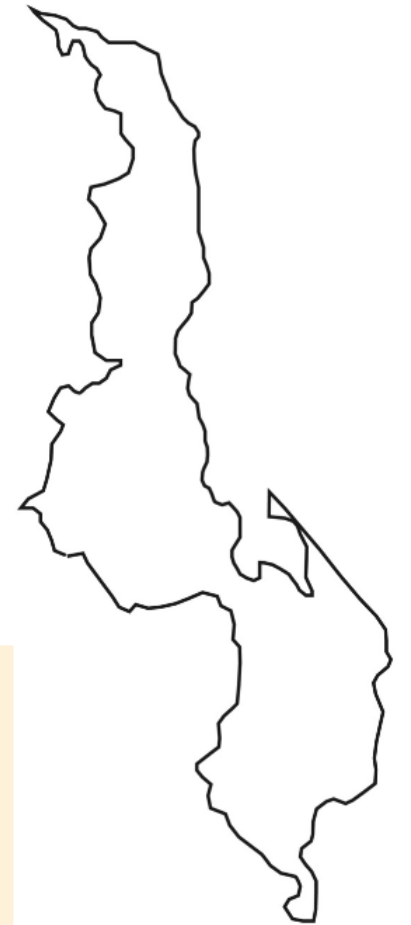
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## Key Activities

- Focus on the agricultural and forestry sectors.
- Initial desk-based research into policies affecting the agricultural and forestry sectors, and the potential for just transitions.
- Ongoing stakeholder engagement in key sectors.

## Key Findings

- The just transition concept is not included in Malawi's NDC or other development commitments.
- Increased agricultural commercialisation could negatively impact smallholder farmers, particularly women and youth, without JT implementation.
- The forestry sector is increasing emphasis on afforestation strategies that benefit low-income communities, which would support a just transition. However, additional investment is needed in alternative fuel strategies.





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