

Mapping the Way for a Just Transition towards Net-Zero

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The world is starting to bend the emissions curve



New policies, technology cost reductions, and the pandemic have pulled the projected emissions curve down. But there is still a large gap between announced pledges and the net zero emissions scenario.

Near-term milestones are aligned get on track for long-term targets



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Energy transitions create jobs, but job losses require attention



Clean energy job gains outpace losses. However losses are acute in certain regions and sectors. Rapid employment growth also presents risks: growing skills gaps, and insufficient focus on decent work.

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Coal jobs already in decline; oil and gas poised for transition





Skilled fossil fuel workers have opportunities to transition to clean energy jobs, though the options are not a direct match for most coal sector jobs lost in Asia

Growth goes beyond the energy sector, but skill gaps may arise



About 30 million new workers are needed by 2030 to meet increased demand for clean energy, energy efficiency, and low-emissions technologies.

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Emerging priorities for a people-centred clean energy transition

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Decent jobs & worker protection

Design transitions to maximise creation of decent jobs

Develop tailored government support & training for workers

Use social dialogue and robust stakeholder engagement

Social & economic development

Ensure that policies enhance social & economic development

Prioritise universal clean energy access & elimination of energy poverty

Maintain & enhance energy security, affordability, & resilience

Equity, social inclusion & fairness

Address gender, equality, & social inclusion

Ensure fair distribution of clean energy benefits; avoid disproportional harms for vulnerable populations

Include younger generations in decision making People as active participants

Design effective behaviour change policies

Encourage public participation

Enhance impact through international collaboration

The focus of the Commission is on actionable recommendations, and maximising the impact of the recommendations on future policies.

