

## Canada's Coal Phase-Out is Not Enough: CPJ

International engagement must be accompanied by more action at home

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**Bonn, Germany: November 16, 2017** — The Powering Past Coal Alliance was announced today at COP23 by the Environment Ministers of the UK and Canada. The announcement included a celebration of the partnership established between 25 national and sub-national governments to phase out coal-power around the world and a commitment to achieve the “phase-out in a sustainable and economically inclusive way, while providing appropriate support for workers and communities.”

### **Karri Munn-Venn, Senior Policy Analyst for Citizens for Public Justice responds to today's announcement:**

*“Phasing out coal is good and necessary. Encouraging others to join the effort is helpful. But meaningful leadership requires more than asking others for action; Canada must increase our own ambition and move quickly to reduce GHG emissions at home.*

*It is imperative that the Government of Canada bring consistency to our climate and energy policies. They must follow-through on their commitment to end subsidies and tax breaks to the fossil fuel industry and make strategic investments in a just transition to a zero-carbon economy.*

*As we were reminded by French President, Emmanuel Macron yesterday, the world has only five years left to ‘bend the emissions curve’ towards keeping warming to 1.5C. Immediate action is needed.”*

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