

Influential stakeholders: South African Energy Transition 2024

Opaque alliances/coalitions

- Global Strategic Communications Council (GSCC)
- SA Energy Forum (SAEF)
- Global Recovery Collective

Transition-related finance and facilitating participants (in addition to Government-led programmes included below)

- Domestic Commercial Banks**
 - ABSA
 - First National Bank (FNB)
 - Investec
 - Nedbank
 - Rand Merchant Bank (RMB)
 - Standard Bank
- Development Finance Institutions/FIs**
 - The French Development Agency (AFD)
 - China Development Bank (CDB)
 - The Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) (Regional)
 - FMO (Dutch Development Bank)
 - The Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa (IDC)
 - KfW
 - British International Investment (UK DFI)
 - African Development Bank (AfDB)
- Multi-lateral Finance Institutions**
 - BRICS Development Bank
 - European Investment Bank (EIB)
 - World Bank Group
- Multi-lateral/International Climate Investment Funds**
 - Climate Investment Funds (CIF)
 - Multi-lateral climate funds coordinated by the UNFCCC
 - Adaptation Fund (tbc)
 - Green Climate Fund (GCF)
 - Global Environmental Facility (GEF) (historic)
 - Loss and Damage Fund (tbc)
- Private Donors & Donor Agencies**
 - Agora Energiewende
 - African Climate Foundation (ACF)
 - African Women's Development Fund (AWDF)
 - Bezos Earth Fund
 - Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF)
 - European Climate Foundation (ECF)
 - Ford Foundation
 - Frederich Eberhard Stiftung (FES)
 - Global Energy Alliance for People & Planet (GEAPP)
 - The Global Energy Transition Initiative (GETI)
 - Heinrich Boell Foundation (HBF)
 - Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS)

Governance, Transparency & Accountability Investigations and Journalism (non-profit)

- amaBhungani Centre for Investigative Journalism
- Defend our Democracy
- Just Share
- Open Secrets
- Oxpeckers Investigative Environmental Journalism
- Tracking money/financial flows

Legal services (non-profit)

- Centre for Environmental Rights (CER)
- JustShare
- Legal Resources Centre (LRC)
- Natural Justice

Research-led Advocacy: quantitative & qualitative (non-profit)

- African Centre for a Green Economy (ACGE)
- African Climate and Development Initiative (ACDI), UCT
- African Energy Leadership Centre (AELC), Wits
- Bertha Centre, CSB
- Centre for Complex Systems in Transition (CST), US
- Centre for Renewable & Sustainable Energy Studies (CRSES)
- Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL)
- CSIR
- Energy Systems research group, UCT
- Initiative for social performance in renewable energy (INSPIRE)
- Labour Research Service (LRS)
- National Cleaner Production Centre (NCPC)
- Power Futures Lab (CSB), UCT
- Public Affairs Research Institute (PARI)
- Rabia Transitions
- SARChI, University of Johannesburg
- Southern Centre for Inequality Studies (SCIS), Wits University
- The Society, Work and Politics Institute (SWOPI), Wits
- Trade & Industrial Policy Strategies (TIPS)

Organised Labour

- Cosatu (largest Trade Union Federation (TUF), 21 affiliated TUs)
- FEDUSA
- SAFTU (2nd largest TUF, 21 (smaller) affiliated TUs)
- Trade Unions for Energy Democracy (TUED)

Civil society: NGOs, CBOs, advocacy coalitions & networks

- Non-profits, NGOs, CBOs (many also part of coalitions/networks below)**
 - 350 Africa
 - Alternative Information & Development Centre (AIDC)
 - Earthlife Africa Johannesburg
 - Economic Development Partnership (EDPI)
 - Environmental Justice Fund (EJF)
 - Fossil Free South Africa
 - GreenCape
 - Green Connection
 - GreenPeace
 - groundWork
 - Institute for Economic Justice (IEJ)
 - Life After Coal Campaign
 - Project 90 by 2030
 - SA Faith Communities Environment Initiative (SAFCEI)
 - SouthSouthNorth (SSN)
 - Sustainable Energy Africa (SEA)
 - World Wildlife Fund (WWF) SA
 - Youth @SAIA
- Advocacy Coalitions & networks**
 - African Climate Alliance (ACA) (youth-led coalition)
 - African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET) (international network with SA members)
 - C40 Cities South Africa (national network affiliated to international network)
 - Climate Justice Coalition (national informal network)
 - Energy Governance SA (EG-SA) (national informal network)
 - Fair Finance Coalition of Southern Africa (FFCSA)
 - Fossil Fuel Foundation
 - International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) Africa
 - Mining Affected Communities United in Action (community-driven, province-based network)
 - SA Climate Action Network (SACAN) (national network affiliated to international network)
 - Women in Energy and Climate Change Forum (WECCF)

Organised Business, Industry Associations & Business led coalitions

- Alliance of Africa Oil and Gas Professionals (aka SACOA)
- African Petroleum Producers Organisation (APPO)
- Black Energy Professionals Association (BEPA)
- Business Unity SA (BUSAS)
- Energy intensive Users Group (EIUG)
 - Now also part of The Energy Council of SA
 - Actively advocate for delayed energy transition
- Industry Task Team on Climate Change (ITCC)
- National Business Initiative (NBI)
- SA National Energy Association (SANEA)
- SA Oil & Gas Alliance (SAOGA)
 - Appear to be working against the transition
- SA Petroleum Industry Association (SAPIA)
- SA PV Industry Association (SAPVIA)
- SA Wind Energy Association (SAWEA)
- The Automotive Business Council (NAAAMS)
- The Impact Catalyst
- The Industrial Gas Users Association of SA
 - Argues for Gas industrialisation as part of growing national energy security
 - Have agreed with Electricity and Energy Minister Kgosisentho Ramokgopa to establish a gas-aggregator company to find alternative gas supplies before Sasol shuts down its natural gas operations in June 2026
- The Minerals Council

Government-led (National + International) Climate programmes

- International**
 - BRICS Business Council
 - Canada
 - Denmark
 - European Union
 - France
 - Germany
 - UNFCCC
 - UNDP
 - UNIDO
 - UN Bodies
 - UNEP/UNEP (Economic Commission for Africa)
 - Netherlands
 - Switzerland
 - United Kingdom (UK)
 - United States (US)
 - Spain
 - Norway
 - Basic Education
- National**
 - Green Economy
 - Skills planning forum, Green Seberana (SANBI), LEDS II
 - Green Fund
 - To support the transition to a low carbon, resource efficient and climate resilient development path delivering high impact economic, environmental and social benefits
 - Part of the joint WG on energy transition
 - Climate Change Bill signed into law July 2024
 - Dept Advisory Services liaises with donors
 - Donor Funded Projects
 - Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)
 - Electricity and Energy
 - Finance
 - Ministry of Minerals and Petroleum
 - National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)
 - Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation
 - Presidency
 - Science & Innovation (DSI)
 - Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs)
 - Trade, Industry and Competition
 - Transport
- Provincial & Local**
 - Buffalo City
 - City of Cape Town
 - City of eThekweni
 - City of Johannesburg
 - City of Tswane
 - Eastern Cape Provincial Government
 - Gauteng Provincial Government
 - Mpumalanga provincial government
 - Northern Cape provincial government
 - SA Cities Network (SACN)
 - Western Cape Provincial Government

Multi-sector statutory structures (national)

- Nedlac
- Presidential Commission on Climate Change (PCC)
- SANEDI (The South African National Energy Development Institute)

The author of this map, Brenda Martin, has worked within South Africa's energy transition since 2007. She produced a first map of active stakeholders in the South African Energy Transition in 2019.

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The map includes directly-influential stakeholders within the public sector. It excludes private sector stakeholders.