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Just Energy Transition in the Global South

The global energy transition must balance the dual imperatives of achieving net-zero carbon emissions by mid-century and ensuring that social, economic, and development priorities are fully integrated, particularly for countries in the Global South. A Just and Inclusive Energy Transition focuses not only on decarbonizing energy systems but also on eliminating energy poverty, creating jobs, empowering marginalized communities, and addressing inequality through energy policies and investments.

With growing climate impacts, countries must accelerate their energy transitions while ensuring these shifts are socially just and economically inclusive. This transition is particularly relevant for the G20 and Global South nations, which require tailored policies to meet their diverse needs. Efforts such as the Just Energy Transition Partnerships (JETP) in South Africa, Indonesia, and Vietnam illustrate the importance of multi-stakeholder financing and implementation.

SEforALL's critical partnership and work with the Brazil G20 Presidency provides an opportunity to advance a Just Energy Transition framework that prioritizes social equity, employment creation, gender inclusion, and economic development.

SEforALL aims to lead efforts through this campaign to ensure countries and stakeholders commit to just energy transitions, by joining the Just and Inclusive Energy Transition (JIET) Compact, while also building on previous G20 initiatives and COP agreements.

The Just and Inclusive Energy Transition Compact invites governments, private sector actors, investors, and civil society organizations to align their energy transitions with social and economic priorities. SEforALL will work closely with partners to build a movement that highlights the importance of fair and inclusive energy policies, demonstrating that social inclusion and energy access are essential components of achieving net-zero goals.

The JIET Energy Compact signatories will be recognized for their commitment on SEforALL's platforms and at global events such as COP29 and future G20 meetings. The campaign will align and integrate the JIET Compact principles with broader just transition narratives from key partners, initiatives, and events, while also amplifying the role of a Just Energy Transition in meeting SDG7 (Affordable and Clean Energy for All) and SDG8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) goals.