

UK PACT South Africa announces project portfolio of over £3M

Following the launch of the programme's first call for proposals in South Africa on 10 July 2020, the British High Commission is pleased to announce the allocation of more than £3 million in grant funding to 10 climate change mitigation projects under its UK Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions (UK PACT) Programme.

The projects were selected through a competitive process and respond to the climate change mitigation priorities of a number of key government institutions, in an effort to support South Africa's just transition to a low-carbon, inclusive, climate-resilient economy and society. The organisations leading the projects and their partners will build capacity, raise awareness and offer technical assistance to a range of national, provincial and municipal government stakeholders. The projects will be implemented by a number of local and international organisations from the private and non-governmental sector, civil society and academia.

Nigel Casey, the British High Commissioner said:

As host of COP 26 and a long standing development, trade and investment partner, I am delighted that we are launching this range of projects aimed at supporting green, resilient and inclusive economic growth in South Africa. The world is focusing on both climate and COVID-19 recovery and we want to support South Africa to be at the forefront of the movement to build back better.

As COP 26 President Designate, the UK is committed to ensuring that an ambitious and equitable outcome is achieved at Glasgow in 2021. This means attaching equal priority to the three pillars of the Paris Agreement – mitigation, adaptation and finance. Despite the challenge that COVID-19 has brought to all economies, the UK has committed to double its International Climate Finance (ICF) over the next 5 years to £11.6 billion. Through its ICF commitment, the UK can support green recovery efforts in more than 100 countries, including South Africa, and results to date demonstrate the transformative impact that ICF programmes like UK PACT can have.

The selected projects focus on three priority areas of climate change action and greenhouse gas emissions reduction: * Energy: As arguably the most salient challenge confronting South Africa's energy sector, four projects have been selected focussing on the just energy transition. These projects will support beneficiaries at municipal, provincial and national government levels to formulate energy transition pathways that are inclusive of vulnerable communities, identify new employment opportunities within the green economy and which capacitate various actors in the energy sector to implement low-carbon energy technologies. In addition, two projects have been

selected which will work to support the implementation of higher energy efficiency standards in buildings and the uptake of renewable and alternative clean fuels such as hydrogen. * Sustainable Mobility: Two projects will work to support the policy framework set out in the country's Green Transport Strategy, particularly with regard to ramping up South Africa's transition towards electric vehicles and low-carbon mobility. * Sustainable finance: Two projects will help drive access to green finance and scale up sustainable investment in South Africa through transparency and climate-related risk management.

Note for editors

Full list of projects, implementing partners and beneficiary organisations:

Project Title	Implementing Partners	Beneficiaries
Distilling the Just Energy Transition in SA: Harmonising Conflict and Seeking Opportunities	TIPS (Lead), NALEDI, Peta Wolpe, GroundWork	eMalahleni Local Municipality, Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF), Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC), Trade Unions (through NALEDI), Mpumalanga Provincial Government
Climate Transitions Protocol	National Business Initiative (NBI)	NBI Private Sector Membership, Business Unity South Africa (BUSA), DEFF
Building the Green Hydrogen Economy Just Energy Transition: Co-creating a Just Labour Transition through the TVET College System in SA	SAIIA (Lead), TIPS, UCT Energy Research Centre, KPMG, Bambili Energy	DSI, South African National Energy Development Institute (SANEDI), DTIC and Energy and Water SETA (EW SETA)
The Development of a Green Economy Cluster Organisation to Support Mpumalanga's Role in the Validation, Implementation and Follow-on Research of the SAREM	GreenCape	Mpumalanga Provincial Government, DTIC, DSI and Renewable Energy Industry Associations (SAREC, SAWEA, STASA, SAPVIA)
Alternative Financing Models for Embedded Generation of Renewable Energy in South African Municipalities	ICLEI Africa (Lead), Rebel Group and 3E	DBSA and a number of secondary municipalities
Operationalising Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) in South Africa	Carbon Trust (Lead) and GBCSA	SANEDI

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Driving the green agenda through aligning South Africa's climate-related financial disclosure with global best practice	DNA Economics (Lead), the GreenHouse, Vivid Economics and WWF-SA	National Treasury, Association for Savings and Investment in SA (ASISA), Council for Retirement Funds for South Africa (BATSETA), Banking Association of South Africa (BASA), Government Employees Pension Fund and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE)
Expanding the South African Green Finance Taxonomy and Embedding its use	NBI (Lead) and Carbon Trust	The National Treasury (NT), DEFF, JSE, Banking Association of South Africa (BASA) and the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA)
Shifting the Transport Paradigm – Electric Vehicles	Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) and CENEX	DoT, DEFF and Western Cape Provincial Government
Electric Vehicle Readiness in City of Johannesburg	Sustainable Energy Africa (SEA)	City of Johannesburg, South African Local Government Association (SALGA) and Department of Transport (DoT)

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