

ADB Support for a Just and Affordable Energy Transition

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Guiding Principles of ADB Lending





At least 75%

of ADB's committed operations will support climate change mitigation and adaptation by 2030 \$80 billion from 2019 to 2030 to combat climate change



The Alarming Gap: Asia-Pacific



Long-Term Planning for Low-Carbon Transition

- ADB will support developing member countries to develop long-term roadmap and planning for low-carbon transition in the energy sector including 3 milestones
 - Decreasing carbon intensity
 - Peaking of carbon emissions
 - Achieving carbon neutrality
- Energy sector roadmaps will dovetail into the development of national longterm strategies (LTS) which establish sustainable, equitable, affordable, low-GHG and climate-resilient development pathways
- The roadmap will deploy appropriate technologies:
 - Low-carbon technologies (energy efficiency, renewable energy)
 - zero carbon technologies (carbon capture, utilization and storage combined with fossil fuels)
 - negative emission technologies (sustainable bioenergy with carbon capture and storage)
- ADB will promote the development of competition and private sector participation through market-based mechanisms

Energy Transition Mechanism: Accelerating the Transition from Coal to Clean Energy

- Legacy coal-fired power plants constitute the single largest source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from human activity.
 Without addressing them, we will miss the Paris Agreement targets.
- Renewable energy costs are rapidly declining. It is estimated that in the next 10–15 years, it will be more costly to operate
 <u>existing</u> coal plants compared to the levelized cost of new renewable energy plants. However, in many developing countries the
 coal plants have secure long-term power purchase agreements, so they will not be stranded. Hence, a mechanism is needed.
- ADB is exploring the Energy Transition Mechanism (ETM), originally proposed under the World Economic Forum umbrella in 2018, that is a replicable and scalable market-based model to help accelerate the transition from coal to clean power.
- Removing coal plants that are so dominant in these grids can unlock significant investment in renewables, storage, hydrogen, electric vehicles, and other clean technologies.
- Technical and financial feasibility work is underway focusing on three Southeast Asian countries with high share of coal power –
 Indonesia, Philippines, and Viet Nam. The scheme could be applicable to other countries with similar market characteristics.
- ADB will help crowd in public and private sector partners, support a just transition for affected communities, ensure climate credentials, and harness carbon offsets.
- Subject to confirmation of feasibility and interest of both fund contributors and partner countries, this could lead to a highprofile announcement at COP26, with the first country fund launch to follow in 2022.

Coal-power has continued to dominate in Asian developing countries

Share of coal-fired power has dropped in US and Europe...







Coal Wind + solar

Source (left): Carbon Action Tracker 2020 and calculations based on IEA Data Source (right) : BP "Statistical Review 2020"; IPCC "Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C" D. Kanak. 2021. <u>How to accelerate the energy transition in developing economies</u>. *World Economic Forum*. 25 January.

Coal-fired power will become more expensive than renewables



LCOE for Renewables Continues to Drop ...

... Leaving Coal less competitive

There is both an environmental and economic imperative to address the coal power conundrum.

Source (left): IRENA, 2020 Source (right) : Carbon Tracker Initiative, 2018

ETM Structure (Draft)



Accelerating the phase out of coal-fired power can unlock clean energy investment, reduce emissions, and lower generation costs in the long run



With the Energy Transition Mechanism



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Example: Business-as-usual and with-ETM cash flow for power plants

Ongoing Global Dialogue on Coal Phase-out and sample National Initiatives

World Economic Forum (ETM Concept Introduction)	 The ETM concept was first proposed in 2018 by Donald Kanak, Chairman, Prudential Insurance Growth Markets and Co- Chair of Steering Group of the World Economic Forum, Sustainable Development Investment Partnership for ASEAN at: <u>How to accelerate the energy transition in developing economies.</u>
Powering Past Coal Alliance	 Created in November 2017 to accelerate the phase out of coal-fired power plants. Founding members include Canada, UK and several other governments and private entities. ETM has been discussed in the workshops and annual summits.
G7 Commitment	 In May 2021, the G7 reaffirmed their stance to end the support for new overseas coal development. The group members have committed to de-carbonize their energy sectors in the 2030s. The US, the UK, Canada & Germany, in June 2021, pledged a USD 2 Billion support to the Climate Investment Funds, part of which will go to financing coal phase out - (Accelerating Coal Transition window – ACT)
Germany	 The coal exit law was adopted in July 2020 which mandates the retirement of the German coal fleet by 2038. The government has planned investments of EUR 40 BN in the affected areas to promote economic activity.
Chile	 In June 2019, partnered with the major power producers in the country to retire its entire coal fleet by 2040 as part of its larger effort to become carbon neutral by 2050. Financing support from the Inter-American Development Bank.
South Africa	 Announced in 2020 that it intends to become a net zero carbon economy by 2050. A Presidential Climate Change Coordinating Commission has been set up to advise the government on how to ensure a just and fair transition away from coal. AfD engaged in policy dialogue.
Philippines	Philippines announced a moratorium in October 2020 on new coal-fired power plants.
Indonesia	 PLN announced in May 2021 that it is aiming to phase out coal-fired power as part of its larger efforts to achieve carbon neutrality by 2060.

ETM Timeline





Thank you