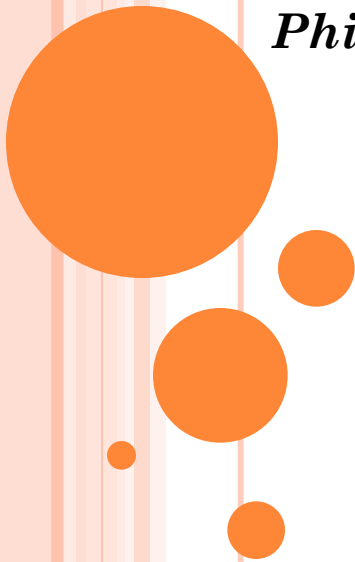




EMPLOYMENT IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE POLICIES

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TOPICS

- Towards a UK Just Transition
- Just Transition- stakeholder initiatives
- Greenworkplaces, Jobs & Skills
- Ways forward for climate change policy



What is a Just Transition?

JT Principles:

1. Dialogue
2. Green jobs
3. Green skills



TOWARDS A UK JUST TRANSITION

Key Government initiatives

- 2008 Climate Change Act + binding CO2 targets
- Committee on Climate Change: 3 x 5-year carbon budgets/ 3 priority sectors
- Powers to create new CO2 markets: CRC
- Local Carbon Industrial Strategy, LCIS
- “Active” industrial strategy/green stimulus
- Stakeholder engagement
- UNFCCC – towards a FAB deal



COALITION GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES

- Evidence of continuity of consensus ...
- “We will implement a full programme of measures to fulfil our joint ambitions for a low carbon, eco-friendly economy”
- June Budget 2010
- Early initiatives: Energy Bill; increased renewables ambition; enhanced 2020 target; homes insulation; Green Investment Bank; aviation...



STAKEHOLDER INITIATIVES

- Clean Coal Task Group
- TUSDAC: Trade Unions Sustainable Development Advisory Ctee
- Forum for a Just Transition
- Energy Intensive Industries study – steel, cement...
- CCS regional partnership - Yorkshire
- Greenworkplaces projects




FORUM BUSINESS

Past Agendas

- Low Emission Vehicles
- Nuclear supply chain
- Public procurement
- Skills for the low carbon economy

Future challenges

- Adapting to new Government
 - We will implement a full programme of measures to fulfil our joint ambitions for a low carbon, eco-friendly economy
 - Stakeholder issues: Carbon leakage, procurement
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FORUM FOR A JUST TRANSITION

Terms of reference

- Provide **oversight on the delivery** of the Government's 2009 UK Low Carbon Industrial Strategy and its social impact across the UK
- Discuss, and where appropriate take action on, an overarching **vision for a low carbon economy** [to] aid the execution of the LCIS, and identify where to build on the commitments so that the strategic approach properly reflects short, medium and long term needs.
- Consider and offer **views to Ministers** on what further developments of Government policy are needed to ensure a **fair distribution of costs and benefits** for the whole of the UK economy
- Advise on what **further economic analysis** is needed for the successful development of the UK Low Carbon Industrial Strategy and Low Carbon Transition Plan.



Greenworkplaces

- 27% CO2
- Energy, resources, waste, travel
- 2005: 6 pilot projects + training course development: CT match-funded
- Joint union-employer initiatives – launch events, surveys, joint committees
- 2010: 1,300 sites – Corus, British Museum, power sector, hospitals, TUC ...
- Next steps: national network; time off and training



LOW CARBON SKILLS

- Consultation, reports not action
- “Low carbon cluster” of Sector Skills Councils
Key issues
- STEM skills to drive growth
- TUC “Greenworkplace” initiatives =
Leadership & project management
- Climate change awareness and adaptation



WAYS FORWARD FOR CLIMATE POLICY

- “just transition” and “decent work”
- Stakeholder engagement: UNFCCC
EU/national/workplace levels
- Dual focus on social and economic opportunities and challenges of transition
- Cuts? Then use procurement for new technologies
- STEM and leadership skills
- EU priorities:
 - Intelligent Energy Europe
 - Stakeholder forum





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