



UK: SOCIAL PARTNERSHIP OVERVIEW & THE CASE OF CLEAN COAL

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UK CONTEXT

- Mixed formats - from union-led at work to high level tripartite forums.
- New! Launch of TUC GreenWorkplaces Network:
- <http://www.tuc.org.uk/workplace> -
- Go to: Greenworkplaces
- Case studies
- Resources
- Info Exchange



NEW! GREEN ECONOMY COUNCIL

- GEC replaced Forum for a Just Transition
- Three Ministries
- Business
- TUC

- Advice on Green Economy Roadmap
- Challenges AND opportunities
- Energy AND industry policy



JT = CONSULTATION/GREEN JOBS/GREEN SKILLS/LABOUR RIGHTS



CLEAN COAL CONTEXT

- Why CCS technology?
- UK: “balanced energy mix” delivered by a liberalised energy market supported by regulatory framework.
- **New Government > greater role for market.**
- UK power sector decarb by 2030: CCS “central” for both coal and gas. Could provide “relatively low-cost clean generation”.
- UK advantages - depleted offshore oil and gas fields, finance, skills, multiple CO₂ sources.
- Global : CO₂ - over half from coal emissions.



CCS TALK TALK

- **TUC Clean Coal Task Group 2006**
- Industry chair, unions, power and technology industry
- Secure future of clean coal generation (17 coal stations) and UK coal mining @20MT coal pa.

- **Coal Forum 2008**
- Independently chaired; unions; power generators, Minister by invitation.

- **CCS Development Forum 2011**
- Chaired by Minister, with power sector and unions.
- To deliver 4 CCS projects, at least one gas.



CCS CHALLENGES

- Finance
 - CCS 1: £1 billion public funding.
 - CCS 2-4: unspecified CCS levy @3% possibly on fuel bills.
- Technology
 - Demonstration plant underway
- Ambition
 - 37,000 jobs with full scale UK CCS programme.
 - Concern over pace and scale of political support & ambition vs. international competition.

