



**PRESIDENTIAL  
CLIMATE COMMISSION**  
TOWARDS A JUST TRANSITION

# Presentation to BUSA Just Transition Working Group

PCC Just Transition Framework

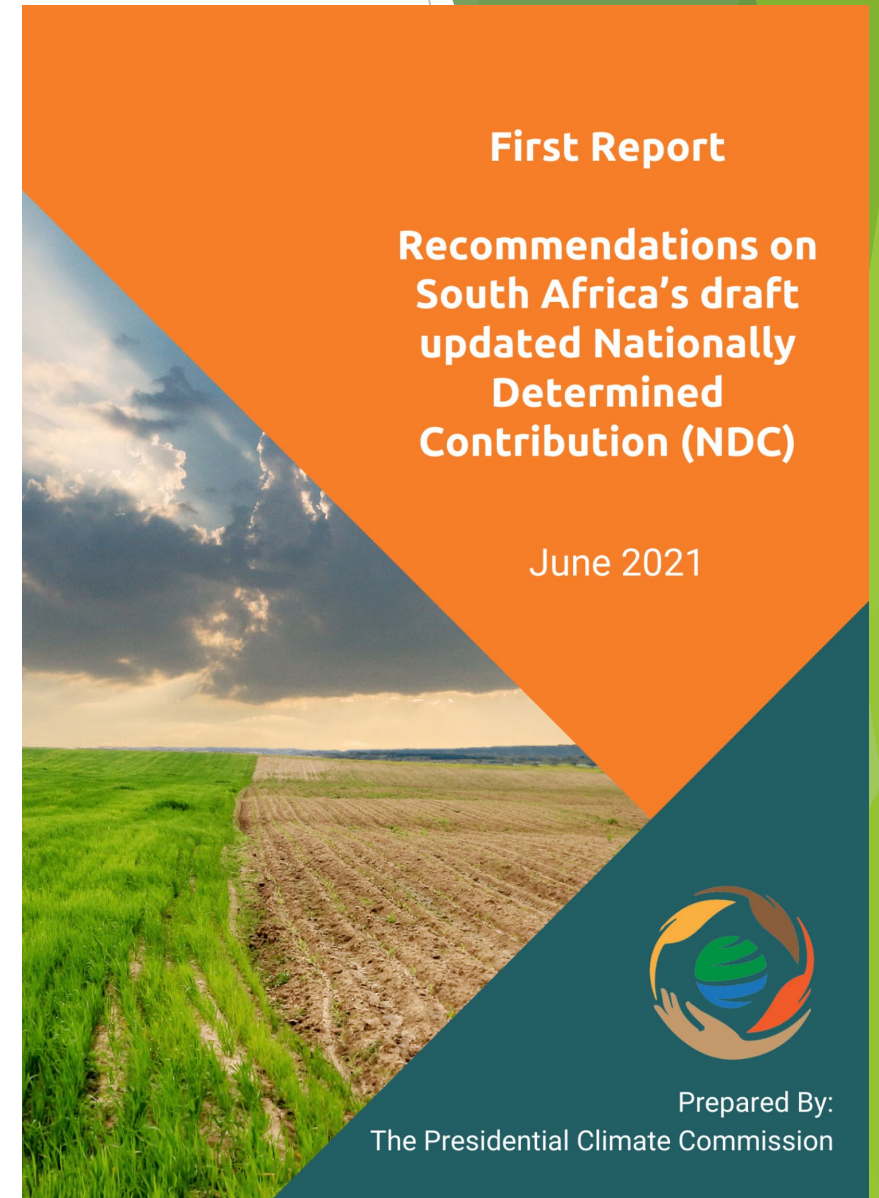
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# What is PCC meant to do?



# Work to date

- ▶ PCC has met four times since it was established by President in December 2020
- ▶ Recommendations on NDC and level of climate ambition handed over to President on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021
- ▶ PCC is developing Just Transition Framework to guide planning processes around climate transition
- ▶ PCC has recommended packaging of investment opportunities to mobilise climate finance, with Eskom's Just Transition Transaction a priority
- ▶ PCC is also working on mechanisms to track and scale up climate finance, as well as design of Just Transition Fund
- ▶ More detailed modelling work being undertaken on net-zero pathways for energy transition and formulation of recommendations on IRP 2019



# What is a just transition?

## **International Labour Organisation:**

- ▶ Combines decent work agenda, poverty eradication, and environmental sustainability, with emphasis on social consensus, worker rights, gender inclusivity and policy coherence, tailored to country context

## **National Planning Commission:**

- ▶ Places poor and vulnerable at the centre of transition to net-zero [zero] carbon economy by 2050.
- ▶ Emphasis on affordable, decentralised, diversely-owned renewable energy; conservation of natural resources; equitable access to water resources; and sustainable, equitable and inclusive land-use

## **NEDLAC discussion on Climate Change Bill:**

- ▶ Shift towards low carbon, climate resilient and ecologically sustainable economy and society which contributes to the goals of decent work for all, social inclusion, and the eradication of poverty



# What's in a definition?

- ▶ All conceptions acknowledge paths to a lower carbon economy and society with support channeled to vulnerable stakeholders
- ▶ Differences arise in:
  - ▶ Who constitute the vulnerable – workers / communities / small business
  - ▶ The level of transformation – sectoral / regional / economy-wide
  - ▶ Inclusivity – representation and structures
- ▶ Some draw on various elements of justice:
  - ▶ Procedural – inclusivity in decision-making
  - ▶ Distributive – distribution of resources in society
  - ▶ Restorative – compensation for impacted groups



# Other areas of divergence:

## **Ambition**

Net zero vs zero carbon  
Managerial reform vs.  
structural reform vs.  
transformation

## **Economy**

State-private relationship  
Who creates jobs?  
Ownership models  
Apportionment of JT costs

## **Governance**

Policy coherence  
Implementation  
capacity  
Stakeholder  
prioritisation

## **Land use**

Conflicts over land use  
Historical inequities  
Responsibility for  
rehabilitation  
State intervention in land  
markets

## **Energy**

IPPs & privatization  
Timing of decommissioning  
Scale of renewables rollout  
Clean coal  
Nuclear  
Gas as transitional fuel

## **Water**

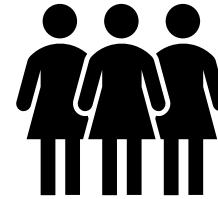
Municipal dysfunction  
Ring-fencing tariffs  
Resource planning  
& allocation  
Fossil fuel exploration  
Wetland conservation

# Issues to consider:



## Governance

- How to align divergent interests?
- How to leverage existing activities & capacity
- Planning scale - local, regional, national
- How to measure impact and success, including at company level?



## Active labour market policies

- Responsibility for training centres, job placement, retraining and reskilling
- How will workers be prioritised for support?
- Small and local business support mechanisms
- Time horizon for interventions

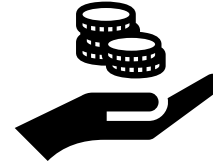


# Issues to consider



## Economic diversification

- What sectors will be targeted?
- How to involve local and black owned business
- What incentives are required?
- Approach to infrastructure



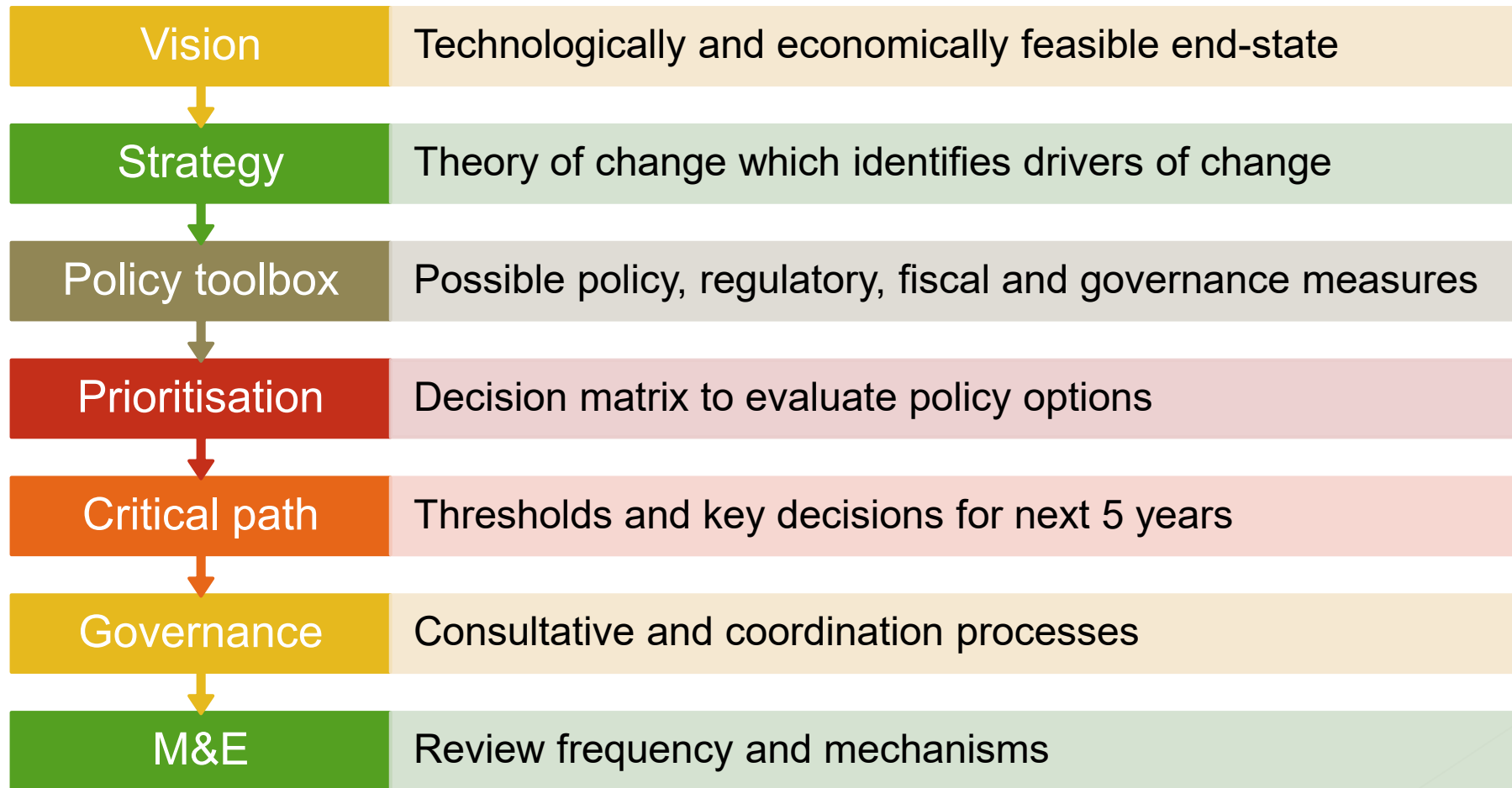
## Social support

- Types and period of support
- Time horizon for interventions
- Age cut-off for early retirement
- What burden should companies bear?

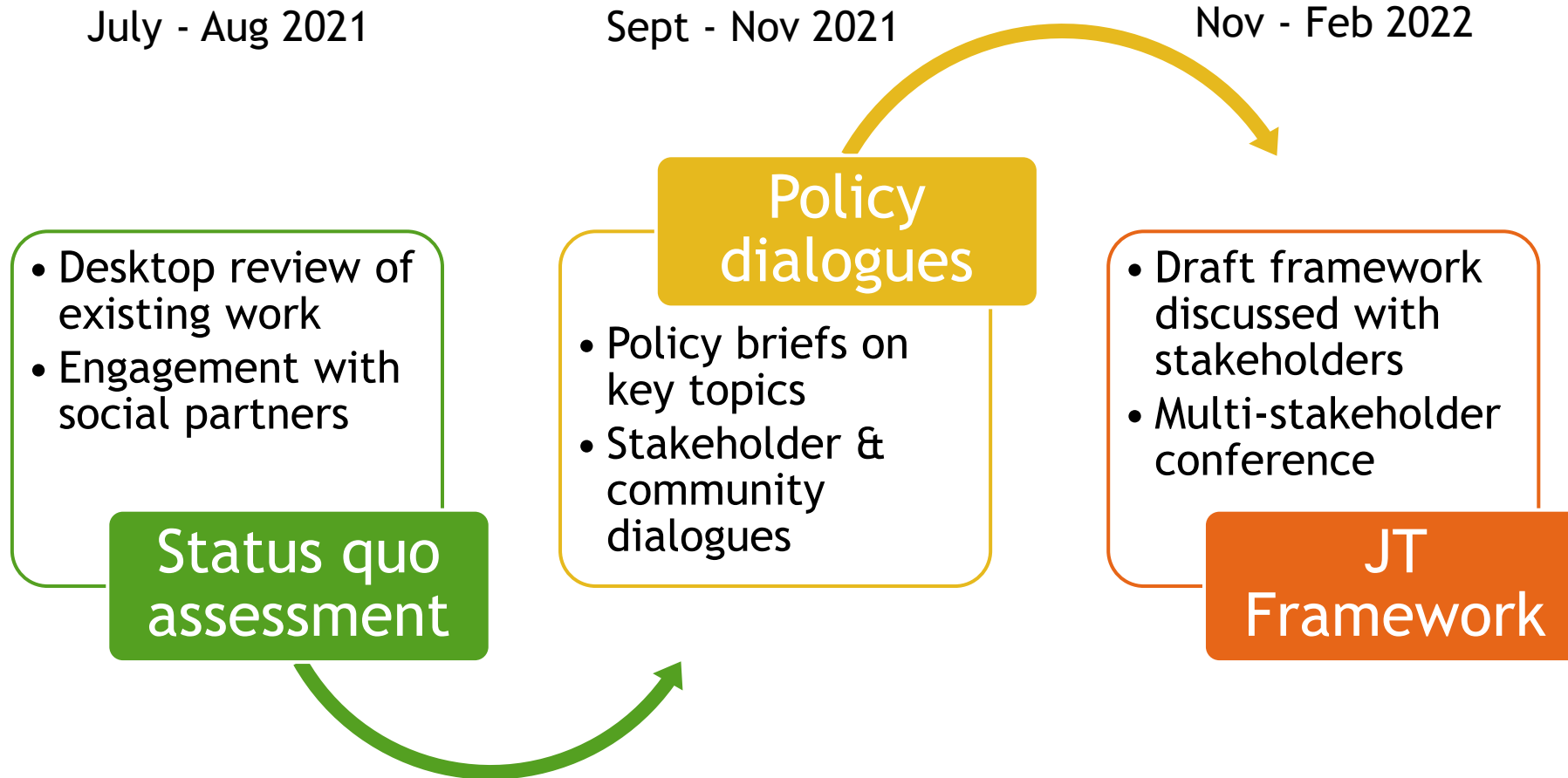




# Possible components of JT framework



# PCC process for developing framework



Aim is to **solicit stakeholder inputs** about just transition, **build trust and understanding between parties**, and broker a **social consensus** regarding principal elements of a just transition

# Just transition dialogues

## **POLICY DYNAMICS: 14 September 9h00 – 12h00**

- ▶ What is the suite of policy instruments that can be used to address procedural, distributive and restorative justice?

## **THE COAL VALUE CHAIN: 23 September 9h00 – 12h00**

- ▶ What will be the impact of the climate transition in the coal value chain and how can employment transition to new areas of growth?

## **EMPLOYMENT AND LIVELIHOODS: 5 October 9h00 – 12h00**

- ▶ What are the overall job implications of the climate transition, and what measures can be implemented to build the future labour force?



# Just transition dialogues (cont.)

## **FINANCING A JUST TRANSITION: 15 October 9h00 – 12h00**

- ▶ What measures are needed to scale up funding of social measures and economic diversification and ensure funds are appropriately targeted?

## **WATER SECURITY: 26 October 9h00 – 12h00**

- ▶ What does a just transition mean for the water sector, and in particular how should equity, ecological and food security be reconciled with scarce water resources?

## **GOVERNANCE FOR A JUST TRANSITION: 5 November 9h00 – 12h00**

- ▶ What are the governance & coordination mechanisms (national, provincial and local) that can promote a just transition, including institutional arrangements for priority hotspots?



Please participate actively in  
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