

Media Notice: 5th State Capture and Beyond Campaign Launch Event

Invitation to Media Representatives

We invite you to cover the 5th State Capture and Beyond Campaign Launch Event in Emalahleni (Witbank), Mpumalanga, where we will address critical issues of transparency and accountability in Just Transition Finance Deals.

Date: 17 September 2024

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Venue: ANEW Hotel, 167 Jellico St, Witbank, Emalahleni, 1035, South Africa

Event Focus: Transparency and Accountability in Just Transition Finance Deals

As South Africa prepares for the upcoming climate talks in Baku this November, this event in Mpumalanga, a pivotal region in the country's Just Energy Transition, will focus on transparency and accountability in managing climate finance pledged under the Just Energy Transition Plan (JETP). With high sulphur dioxide emissions and the planned shutdown of six of nine coal-fired power stations by 2035, Mpumalanga faces significant environmental and economic challenges, including the potential loss of over 55,000 jobs.

Key Topics

- **Lack of Transparency:** The event will discuss how confidentiality and opaque processes hinder public understanding of and participation in fund allocation and usage.
- **Elite Capture:** Exploring the risk of powerful interests diverting resources from genuine climate action to less effective projects.

Greater accountability and transparency will ensure climate finance does not come at a cost and is used effectively and equitably, for a Just Transition that prioritises the most vulnerable and impacted by the transition, as well as all South Africans.

Media representatives will have the opportunity to engage in discussions, hear from experts, and report on the measures being advocated to protect the public interest.

Media Opportunities

- Panel Discussion: Featuring experts discussing transparency in Just Transition Finance Deals and the role of local NGOs and civil society in fostering accountability.
- Interviews and Statements: Opportunities to interview key stakeholders and participants.
- Call to Action and Idea Exchange: Coverage of discussions to develop and refine key messages for the campaign's efforts.

RSVP and Accreditation

Media representatives are requested to confirm their attendance to ensure access. Your coverage of this event is crucial in highlighting efforts towards a fair, just, and transparent energy transition for South Africa.

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This media notice outlines the key components and objectives of the State Capture and Beyond campaign, aiming to foster transparency, accountability, and integrity in South Africa's public processes.