

Just Transition Planning Template

Introduction

The **Just Transition Planning Template** is a practical tool within the *Climate & Energy Governance Implementation Framework*, designed to support stakeholders in creating equitable strategies for workers and communities impacted by the shift from fossil fuel-based economies to clean, sustainable energy systems. A just transition ensures that the move to a net-zero, climate-resilient future does not exacerbate social or economic inequalities, providing retraining, economic diversification, and social safety nets for affected groups.

This template guides policymakers, regional authorities, businesses, and civil society organizations (CSOs) in developing tailored just transition plans aligned with the Framework's goals: achieving net-zero emissions by 2050, ensuring universal clean energy access, and building resilience for vulnerable communities. It integrates the Framework's principles of equity, cooperation, and adaptability, and supports the implementation of just transition compacts as outlined in the Framework's policy mechanisms.

Objectives

- Identify workers and communities affected by the energy transition.
- Design targeted interventions (e.g., retraining, economic diversification) to support equitable outcomes.
- Engage stakeholders to ensure inclusive, participatory planning.
- Establish metrics to monitor and evaluate just transition progress.
- Align plans with Framework milestones (e.g., supporting 100% of affected workers by 2035).

Target Audience

- National and regional policymakers
- National Implementation Units

- Regional authorities and economic development agencies
- Businesses transitioning from fossil fuel operations
- CSOs advocating for workers and marginalized communities
- Labor unions and community organizations

Just Transition Plan

1. Context and Scope

Define the scope of your just transition plan, including the region, sector, and affected groups.

Field	Response
Region/Area	E.g., Northern Coal Basin, Country X
Sector(s)	E.g., Coal mining, Oil and gas extraction
Affected Groups	E.g., 10,000 coal miners, 5,000 support workers, 3 rural communities
Transition Drivers	E.g., Coal phase-out by 2030, renewable energy targets (60% by 2035)
Alignment with Framework	E.g., Supports Framework’s just transition compact and 2035 milestone for 100% worker support

Example: In the Northern Coal Basin, Country X, the plan addresses 10,000 coal miners and 3 rural communities impacted by a 2030 coal phase-out, aligning with the Framework’s target to support 100% of affected workers by 2035 through retraining and economic diversification.

2. Stakeholder Mapping

Identify key stakeholders and their roles in the just transition process.

Stakeholder Group	Role	Engagement Method
E.g., Coal Miners' Union	Represent workers, co-design retraining programs	Regular consultations, worker forums
E.g., Local Government	Allocate funding, implement diversification projects	Multi-stakeholder planning sessions
E.g., Renewable Energy Firms	Provide jobs, partner on retraining	Public-private partnership agreements
E.g., Indigenous Communities	Ensure cultural and land rights	Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) processes
E.g., CSOs	Advocate for equity, monitor outcomes	Community workshops, policy advocacy

Instructions: Use the [Stakeholder Engagement Protocol](#) to design inclusive engagement processes. Ensure marginalized groups (e.g., indigenous communities, low-income workers) have procedural rights.

Example: The Coal Miners' Union will co-design a retraining program through monthly forums, while indigenous communities will exercise FPIC for any renewable energy projects on their lands.

3. Transition Interventions

Outline specific interventions to support affected workers and communities, focusing on retraining, economic diversification, and social safety nets.

3.1 Retraining Programs

Field	Response
Target Group	E.g., 10,000 coal miners
Skills Needed	E.g., Solar panel installation, wind turbine maintenance

Field	Response
Program Design	E.g., 6-month vocational training, partnerships with renewable energy firms
Timeline	E.g., 2026-2030, 2,000 workers trained annually
Funding Source	E.g., National climate budget, Framework finance via regional organizations

Example: A 6-month retraining program will equip 10,000 coal miners with skills for solar and wind jobs by 2030, funded by a national climate budget and partnerships with renewable energy firms.

3.2 Economic Diversification

Field	Response
Target Area	E.g., 3 rural coal-dependent communities
New Industries	E.g., Renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, eco-tourism
Projects	E.g., Community solar farms, organic farming cooperatives
Timeline	E.g., 2027-2035, 1 project per community by 2030
Funding Source	E.g., Framework finance, private investment

Example: Three rural communities will develop community solar farms and organic farming cooperatives by 2030, funded by Framework finance and private investment, creating 1,500 new jobs.

3.3 Social Safety Nets

Field	Response
Target Group	E.g., Displaced workers, low-income households
Measures	E.g., Income support for 2 years, healthcare access

Field	Response
Timeline	E.g., 2025-2030, full coverage by 2028
Funding Source	E.g., Carbon pricing revenues, national welfare budget

Example: Displaced workers will receive 2 years of income support and healthcare access by 2028, funded by carbon pricing revenues redistributed to affected communities.

Instructions: Use the [Climate Finance Access Navigator](#) to identify funding. Ensure interventions prioritize equity for vulnerable groups.

4. Implementation Roadmap

Define a phased timeline for implementing interventions, aligned with Framework milestones.

Phase	Timeline	Actions	Milestones
Short-Term	2025-2030	E.g., Launch retraining programs, pilot solar farms, establish income support	E.g., 2,000 workers trained, 1 community solar farm operational by 2028
Medium-Term	2030-2040	E.g., Scale retraining to 100% of workers, expand diversification projects	E.g., 100% worker support by 2035, 3 communities diversified by 2035
Long-Term	2040-2050	E.g., Sustain new industries, monitor long-term outcomes	E.g., Self-sustaining renewable energy economy by 2050

Instructions: Align with the Framework's Implementation Roadmap (e.g., 100% worker support by 2035). Use the [Energy Transition Roadmap Template](#) for additional guidance.

Example: By 2028, 2,000 workers will be trained, and one community solar farm will be operational; by 2035, all workers will be supported, and all communities will have diversified economies.

5. Metrics for Success

Establish indicators to track progress and evaluate outcomes, aligned with the Framework’s Integrated Climate Metrics System (ICMS).

Indicator	Target	Measurement Method	Frequency
Workers Retrained	100% by 2035	Number of workers completing programs	Annual
New Jobs Created	1,500 by 2035	Employment records in new industries	Annual
Community Diversification	3 communities by 2035	Number of operational projects (e.g., solar farms)	Biennial
Income Support Coverage	100% of displaced workers by 2028	Percentage of eligible workers receiving support	Annual
Equity Outcomes	80% of vulnerable groups supported by 2035	Surveys of marginalized communities	Biennial

Instructions: Integrate metrics into ICMS for standardized reporting. Use the [Climate Policy Dashboard](#) to visualize progress.

Example: Track the number of workers retrained annually (target: 2,000/year) and survey vulnerable communities biennially to ensure 80% feel supported by 2035.

Next Steps

- 1. Review Results:** Share your just transition plan with key stakeholders to validate findings and build consensus on priorities.
- 2. Develop a Strategy:** Use the implementation roadmap and metrics to integrate the plan into your broader climate and energy governance strategy.
- 3. Connect to Regional Resources:**

- Explore the Regional Hub concept at globalgovernanceframework.org/framework/hubs to understand how regional coordination can support your just transition initiatives.
- Identify existing regional organizations in your area that may provide similar functions to the conceptual Regional Hubs.

4. Access Support:

- Email globalgovernanceframework@gmail.com for technical assistance and to discuss potential regional collaboration opportunities.
- Inquire about pilot projects or implementation partnerships related to the Regional Hub concept.

5. **Monitor Progress:** Reassess the plan annually to track improvements and adjust strategies based on metrics and stakeholder feedback.

6. **Share Insights:** Contribute lessons learned to the Framework's knowledge repository to support global learning and inform Regional Hub concept development.

Contact and Further Information

For additional support:

- **Online Resources:** Access tools and guides at globalgovernanceframework.org/framework/tools/energy.
- **Technical Assistance:** Email globalgovernanceframework@gmail.com.
- **Regional Governance Concepts:** Learn more about the Regional Hub framework at globalgovernanceframework.org/framework/hubs.
- **Implementation Partnerships:** Inquire about opportunities to pilot Regional Hub functions in your region through globalgovernanceframework@gmail.com.

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