

NEWSFLASH

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#CANCELCOAL OUR FUTURE NOW

Leading the Charge to End New Coal for our Just Future



WELCOME

Welcome to the #CancelCoal Newsflash where you can keep in the loop with the latest developments in our fight against new coal power in South Africa. With each issue, we'll bring you updates on our landmark legal case, the latest news updates related to the just energy transition from around the world as well as sharing events and a platform for activists to share their hopes and imaginations for a fairer future. We're excited to go on this journey with you and hope you enjoy the read!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTER OF ELECTRICITY JOINS THE CANCEL COAL COURT CASE



South Africa's first youth-led court case, the #CancelCoal campaign, has taken a turn with the inclusion of the Minister of Electricity. The case challenges the government's decision to procure an additional 1500MW of new coal in the Integrated Resource Plan 2019 (IRP2019) highlighting the adverse impacts of burning coal on health, wellness and the environment as well as implications for constitutional rights. The applicants filed their supplementary founding affidavit on September 6, 2023 highlighting that coal is not the least cost option as required by the IRP as well as drawing attention to the lack of consideration for impacts on present and future generations in the decision to procure new coal.

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#CANCELCOAL UNIVERSITY OUTREACH CAMPAIGN

Over the month of September, the #CancelCoal coalition in partnership with university representatives from UNICEF TUT, TUKS FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE and We Are Animals UCT, held a series of panel discussions and demonstrations on university campuses in order to raise awareness and support for the #CancelCoal campaign. The panel discussions hinged on the potential and future of climate litigation in South Africa, the role of science communication in the climate justice movement and the potential to harness the power of activism in order to inspire hope and imagine alternative, fairer futures.



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SECOND ANNUAL CAPE TOWN CLIMATE WEEK SUCCESSFULLY HELD



The second annual Cape Town Climate Week successfully took place on September 18th - 22nd, bringing together a diverse range of stakeholders with the aim of driving momentum to address the climate crisis and its intersection with prevalent socio-economic challenges in Cape Town. Throughout the week, a series of workshops, gatherings and discussions were featured in the 5 core themes including transport, energy, water, food, finance and activism, which aim to frame the challenge and complexity of and solutions to the global climate crisis through a local lens that considers the unique socioeconomic and cultural context in South Africa. The week saw a space in various forms being held for different voices, generations and actors to synergise collective efforts towards addressing the climate crisis and its interconnection to socioeconomic challenges; highlighting the hunger for change among civil society actors and their willingness to embody and enact this change.

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SA AND EGYPT LEAVE THE REST OF AFRICA IN THE DUST WITH THEIR WIND POWER PIPELINE AND POTENTIAL

A recent report launched by the Global Wind Energy Council at last week's Windaba conference held in Cape Town, highlights the significant potential for wind projects in Africa to provide an additional 400GW of clean energy for millions. The report highlights the significant growth in renewable energy capacity on the continent but also drawing attention to the urgent need to address risks to continued and accelerated growth due to lack of finance, grid constraints and unstable policies. COP28 in November this year will be an important stepping stone and window for securing finance to raise support for Africa's growing energy transition.

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GWEDÉ MANTASHE SAYS NGOS ARE WEAPONISED IN ORDER TO STOP OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION.

Speaking at Africa Oil Week in Cape Town on Tuesday, Mantashe says that NGOs have weaponised environmental perversion to block development in South Africa. This is one of several onslaughts on NGOs issued by the minister who has been a staunch advocate for fossil fuel expansion, despite continuous reports and assessments by energy experts and think tanks highlighting the potential of renewable energy. NGOs, including the Green Connection and the African Climate Alliance, called out the minister's accusations as thinly veiled attempts to distract from the issue of government's lack of accountability to their electorate. Civil society groups in South Africa continue to lobby for citizens' constitutional right to a clean environment as well as for the protection of their rights to have their voices heard.

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NEW INVESTMENT PLEDGES BOOST SOUTH AFRICA'S JUST ENERGY TRANSITION FUNDING POOL TO \$11.8BN

Spain, Netherlands and Denmark have joined the International Partners Group (IPG) comprising the EU, US and the UK in pledging financial support for South Africa's Just Energy Transition, increasing the grant and concessional loan pool from \$8.5 to \$11.8bn. The funding is meant to decarbonise South Africa's economy, in line with the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in three key sectors including electricity, new-energy vehicles and green hydrogen. An Implementation Plan for the period 2023-2027 will be presented to the Presidential Climate Commission in an open online session on October 18, 2023.

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CALIFORNIA ACCUSES BIG OIL OF COVERING UP CLIMATE CHANGE RISKS IN LAWSUIT

California has filed a civil lawsuit against the world's biggest oil companies including Shell, BP and ExxonMobil for greenwashing citizens for decades about the role of fossil fuels in driving climate change. The deception tactics of Big Oil has simultaneously increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events fuelled by fossil fuel emissions and delayed our collective response to crisis of climate change. The lawsuit is a significant step in the fight for climate justice given the role, status, and vulnerability to the climate crisis of California. The oil companies have hit back against the lawsuit claiming that the climate crisis is a global problem that requires a globally coordinated response, as opposed to addressing the issue in the courts.

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AFGHAN EARTHQUAKES KILL 2,445, TALIBAN SAY, AS DEATHS MOUNT

The oasis city of Herat, the third largest in the country, was hit by a 6.3 magnitude earthquake tremor in the early hours of Wednesday morning. The earthquake tremor claimed over 2400 lives and injured over 2000 more. It is one of the deadliest to hit the quake-prone mountainous country which lies on the boundary of the Eurasian and Indian tectonic plates. The impacts of the earthquake, mostly affecting women and children, have been exacerbated by decades of war which has left infrastructure in shambles and rescue operations difficult to organise. The full extent of casualties is yet to be understood as rescue operations continue.

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CLIMATE CHANGE IS THREATENING YOUR BEER

Scientists are warning that hops, an important component of beer, are being negatively impacted by global warming. We're in for a bitter pint if farmers are not able to adapt to the hotter and drier weather. A study published by the Global Change Research Institute at the Czech Academy of Sciences notes that alpha acids, which give beer its distinct taste and smell, could decrease by 20-31% by 2050, and hop yields could decrease by 4-18%. That implies that your beer might become more expensive or lose its unique flavor.

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ART OF THE WEEK

By anonymous

A Tribute to mother earth 🌍 / mother nature 🍀🌿🍂🍁🍄🌻🌸

I DON'T NEED YOU, YOU NEED ME.
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH !!
DON'T USE OR ABUSE ME

I DON'T NEED YOU, YOU NEED ME
YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE 🏠🔥 AND YOU PRETEND NOT TO SEE 👁️🏠

I'M CRYING, CRYING, CRYING, CRYING 😭😭😭
WATCHING MY CHILDREN SUFFERING & DYING 😞😞😞

AND IT'S THANKS TO YOU !!
THE PAIN I FEEL, ALL I HAVE BEEN THROUGH IS THANKS TO YOU 😞

I'M CRYING TEARS OF FIRE, 😭🔥
I'M CRYING TEARS OF FIRE, 🔥😭
WATCH ME BURN, 🌍🔥 MAYBE THEN YOU WILL LEARN.

I'M CRYING TEARS OF FIRE, 😭🔥
TEARS OF FIRE,
IF YOU SET ME A FLAME IT'LL ONLY BE YOUR BANE.

PUNY HUMANS 👤 DO YOU HONESTLY THINK THAT I NEED YOU?
AFTER THE BILLIONS OF YEARS I HAVE LIVED THROUGH?

YOU THICK HEADED, GREEDY, 💰👛 NARROW MINDED FOOLS,
I CREATED LIFE ITSELF 🌀 WITH EARTH 🌍 AIR 🌬️ FIRE 🔥 AND WATER 💧 AS TOOLS.

I'VE SEEN KINGDOMS OF CREATURES RISE AND FALL, 🦎🐼🐻 COMPARED TO MY LIFE YOU'RE SO SMALL.

I CREATED GRASSES FLOWERS, 🌿🌸☀️ CLOUDS AND SUN, ☁️
I DON'T NEED ANYONE!

I SHAPED ROCKS INTO MOUNTAINS FROM THE GROUND, 🏔️
I WAS BETTER OFF WHEN YOU WEREN'T AROUND.

MY TREES AND PLANTS ARE MY LUNGS, 🌳🌿
MY TEARS ARE RAIN, 🌧️
SO I ASK YOU PLEASE TO WAKE UP!!!!
OPEN YOUR EARS, 👂
OPEN YOUR HEARTS, 💜
OPEN THEM UP TO MY PAIN. 💔