

# CLIMATE CHANGE LEADERSHIP SERIES

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## Topic 8: Jobs or the environment? How can climate change responses address the interests of labour?

**DATE:** 2 September 2021

**TIME:** 17:30 – 19:00 (GMT plus 2)

**VENUE:** Zoom Meeting

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The recently-released IPCC's Sixth Assessment Report makes it clear that the entire planet needs to cut greenhouse gas emissions more aggressively in order to slow down global warming and multiple-concurrent extreme weather events. South Africa is the world's 14th largest emitter of greenhouse gases (GHGs). Its methane and CO2 emissions are due in large part to its centuries-old reliance on fossil fuels and large-scale commercial agriculture.

There is therefore a need for South Africa to move quickly away from coal. Doing so, however, has major implications for employment. There are major concerns that a move to greener technologies will lead to mass layoffs and ghost towns. This is especially true for the mining sector. The notion of a 'just transition' has been developed globally to indicate that the shift from coal should leave no one behind. Evidence from other parts of the globe show that adopting greener technologies can create more jobs and livelihoods rather than the opposite. This seminar will explore the impact on labour and employment of the transition away from polluting technologies.

The panel will be moderated by Professor Lwazi Ngubevana, Director of the African Energy Leadership Centre, Wits Business School.



**PROFILES OF PRESENTERS:**

**Dr. Roland Nkwain Ngam** studied development at the University of the Free State and the University of the Witwatersrand. He is currently the Programme Manager for Climate Change and Socio-Ecological Transformation at the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation Southern Africa office.



**Kent Jensen** studied international development studies at the University of Roskilde in Denmark and the University of Amsterdam in Holland. He currently works as Programme Consultant for the Danish Trade Union Development Agency (DTDA) on behalf of the Danish trade union movement. He is based in Denmark.

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