

Programme

South Africa Climate Summit 2025

Day 1: Monday, 24 November 2025

Time	Session					
09:00 – 10:30	<div>High-Level Opening: Turning Ambition into Action – South Africa’s Climate Leadership in Motion</div> <div>Speakers Minister Velenkosini Hlabisa, Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Cas Coovadia, B20 Sherpa Mzila Mthenjane, CEO, Minerals Council South Africa Shameela Soobramoney, CEO, NBI Alex McNamara, Head: Environment, NBI</div>					
11:00 – 11:30	Tea break					
	Main Plenary		Breakout Room		Auditorium	
Time	Host	Title	Host	Title	Host	Title
11:00 – 12:00	Industrial Development Corporation (IDC)	Implementation of Sustainable Industrial Pathways: Developing a Pipeline of Projects for a Just Transition	Minerals Council South Africa (MINCOSA)	Transforming Mining-Dependent Economies into Sustainable Economic Hubs	Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) Consultation Group	Corporate South Africa and Nature: From Intention to Action — Lessons from the Frontlines
12:00 – 13:00	Ninety One & National Business Initiative (NBI)	Fuelling the Just Transition: Showcasing South African early-stage climate innovations via the Ninety One Accelerator	World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)	Launch of WWF South Africa’s Illustrative People’s Energy Plan Project	Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)	Where to from here? South Africa’s NDC
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch					
14:00 – 15:00	Just Energy Transition Project Management Unit (JET PMU)	Implementation Progress of South Africa’s Just Energy Transition	Deloitte	Mandatory Carbon Budgets and its impact on GHG emissions reduction	No side event	
15:00 – 16:00	Presidential Climate Commission (PCC)	NDC Implementation pathways – an exploratory discussion on the role of business in achieving South Africa’s NDC targets	UK Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions (UK PACT)	Powering South Africa’s Just Energy Transition: Translating Ambition into Implementation and Investment	Southern Transitions	A South African G20 Presidency Legacy Initiative: Advancing a Just Steel Transition Implementation Partnership
16:00 – 17:00	We Mean Business Coalition & National Business Initiative (NBI)	South Africa’s NDC in action: enhancing industrial competitiveness and attracting investment	International Partners Group & British High Commission in Pretoria	Projects, progress and partnership – Insights from international partners supporting South Africa’s Just Energy Transition Partnership	ICLEI Africa	Building Inclusive Flood Resilience: Scaling Community-Based Early Warning Systems and Risk Profiles through Collaborative Partnerships

Day 2: Tuesday, 25 November 2025

	Main Plenary		Breakout Room	
Time	Host	Title	Host	Title
09:00 – 10:00	National Business Initiative (NBI)	JET SEP Ecosystem Report Launch: Actionable Ecosystem Shifts to Strengthen the Skills Ecosystem to Support a Just Energy Transition	ERM	Missing Link: How financial quantification accelerates sustainability value creation
10:00 – 11:00	Eskom	Sustainable Value Creation while Navigating the Transition: Leveraging Climate Finance for Adaptation, Sustainability, and a Just Energy Transition	Climate High-Level Champions	Accelerating the Momentum: Africa’s Climate Leadership Beyond COP30
11:00 – 11:30	Tea break			
11:30 – 12:30	South African Local Government Association (SALGA)	Municipal Climate Action Plans	National Business Initiative (NBI)	Local Power, Local Industry: Companies demonstrating decarbonisation initiatives
12:30 – 13:30	Exxaro	The Importance of Partnerships in Driving Decarbonisation and Social Impact	GIZ & Mpumalanga Green Cluster Agency	Driving a Just Transition through green inclusive opportunities
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch			
14:30 – 15:30	Nedbank & Indalo Inclusive	Innovative Finance in Action: Lessons from the Nedbank Indalo Fund Case	The Southern Centre for Inequality	Climate Change and Inequality: key questions on the political economy of climate change, energy transition, inequality and industrialisation
15:30 – 16:30	Just Energy Transition Project Management Unit (JET PMU)	JET Funding Platform: Delivering Just Transition Support in South Africa	National Business Initiative (NBI)	Expanding Participation: Unlocking Green Economy Opportunities for Township-based SMMEs
16:30 – 17:00	Closing plenary			