

BRAZIL-AFRICA ENERGY TRANSITIONS MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE – SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION FOR JUST & EQUITABLE ENERGY TRANSITIONS

Communiqué to Brazilian G20 Presidency, October 2024

On the sidelines of the G20 Energy Transitions Ministerial Meeting convened in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil on October 3rd, 2024, the Ministers and high-level representatives from the African Union, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Zambia and the Brazilian G20 Presidency met to discuss the need for closer cooperation between Africa and the G20 Members to accelerate a just and equitable energy transition in Africa that addresses energy poverty, promotes economic development, and unlocks opportunities for diversified supply chains. The G20 Presidency underscored the importance of maintaining strong focus and engaging G20 Members to drive collaborative action and meaningful progress on these issues.

Recognizing Africa's growing energy demand and climate vulnerability, there is a need for concerted global effort for accelerated action on energy both as a lever of unlocking economic prosperity and building climate resilience. The parties to this document:

- I. Acknowledge** that current levels of investment toward energy transitions in developing countries especially in Africa are insufficient in scale, particularly in addressing fundamental social imperatives such as eradicating energy poverty, enhancing access to clean energy technologies, clean cooking and to sustainable cooling solutions.
- II. Support the voluntary principles** for just and equitable energy transitions formulated by the G20 Brazilian Presidency as a critical outcome of G20 Energy Transitions Working Group.
- III. Recognize** the pivotal role of country-specific energy transition plans in facilitating a just and equitable transition by providing blueprints of investment opportunities across the various sectors of the economy. These plans demonstrate each country's capacity to absorb capital in alignment with their net-zero goals and are aligned with principles of justice and equity.
- IV. Welcome** the results of the Roadmap for Clean Cooking, as proposed by the Brazilian G20 Presidency. The roadmap sets an action-driven approach for increasing access to clean cooking.
- V. Note** that the energy transition is an opportunity for countries to develop and participate in global energy markets through diversified supply chains, from value added energy transition minerals to finished products, there are multiple market opportunities.
- VI. Agree** to cooperate to bolster the sustainable growth and manufacturing sectors in developing countries and build up local skilled workforce in green sectors of the economy.

- VII. Highlight** the role of energy planning in developing countries, especially in Africa, through the establishment of a Global Coalition for Energy Planning, an initiative spearheaded by the G20 Brazilian Presidency as a critical outcome of its Energy Transition Working Group.
- VIII. Pledge** to mobilize financial resources to support the formulation and implementation of country-level energy transition plans having regard to the voluntary principles of a just and equitable energy transition formulated by the G20 Brazilian Presidency. A key aspect of this is advancing carbon markets, which are useful for driving decarbonization and providing financial incentives for reducing emissions. Strengthening these markets, in alignment with initiatives like the African Carbon Markets Initiative (ACMI), will help mobilize capital for sustainable energy solutions and support a global just and equitable energy transition.
- IX. Commit** to prioritizing sustainable growth opportunities in Africa that foster the localization of supply chains to benefit local economies, accelerate access, enhance energy security and address the social imperatives of the energy transition.
- X. Reiterate** the commitment made by African Finance Ministers in Abuja in August 2024 at the Meetings of the World Bank Group/IMF African Caucus of African Finance Ministers to the implementation of Mission 300 (M300) and the development of country-level Energy Compacts with the support of the World Bank Group, the African Development Bank, the United Nations Sustainable Energy for All, the Rockefeller Foundation and the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet to advance the goal of accelerated action on energy poverty.
- XI. Recognize** the role of the African Union in leading the development of the energy sector and energy transition objectives in Africa through the African Single electricity Market (AfSEM), the Continental Power System Masterplan (CMP), the Africa Energy Efficiency Strategy (AfEES) and the Africa Clean Cooking Program (AfCCP) and its continued efforts to support Member States to pursue their energy sector development and energy transition objectives

The supporters of this document are committed to translating these transformative actions into tangible progress, thereby advancing a just and equitable energy transition in developing countries, especially in Africa, while contributing to global efforts to combat climate change and achieve sustainable development.

We encourage our partners to align their efforts and resources with the spirit of this statement, translating commitments into meaningful action, and collaborating with us to realize substantive progress towards a just and equitable energy transition in Africa, thereby ensuring a brighter future for future generations. Finally, we appreciate the leadership of the Brazilian Presidency of the G20, and the efforts made by SEforALL, in facilitating this dialogue.