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Powering Past Coal: Canada's international leadership on a just transition from coal power

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Coal phase out and Just Transition

- Energy is essential for growth and human development
 - But accounts for ~70% of global emissions
- Paris Agreement goals require a rapid transition to clean energy
 - Phasing out emissions from coal is the single most important step countries can take
- The speed and scale of the transition requires a people-based approach
 - Canada is firmly committed to an inclusive energy transition



About the Powering Past Coal Alliance

The Alliance is the first and only government-led initiative seeking to accelerate the global phase-out of emissions from coal power.

Canada co-chairs the PPCA with the United Kingdom.

Since its launch in 2017, more than 100 governments and organizations have joined the PPCA, including

- 33 countries
- 28 subnational governments
- 43 businesses and organizations



Declaration and Membership Commitments

The Powering Past Coal Alliance brings together a diverse range of governments, businesses and organisations that are united in taking action to accelerate clean growth and climate protection through the rapid phase-out of unabated coal power.

We commit to achieve that phase-out in a sustainable and economically inclusive way, including appropriate support for workers and communities.

More specifically:

////// **Government members commit to phasing out existing unabated coal power generation** and to a moratorium on any new coal power stations without operational carbon capture and storage, within their jurisdictions.

////// **Business and other non-government members commit to powering their operations without coal.**

////// **All members commit to supporting clean power generation through their policies** (whether public or corporate, as appropriate) and investments, and to restricting financing for unabated coal power generation, ie without carbon capture and storage.

Looking Ahead: The Road to COP26

Co-chairs' three priorities to guide the Alliance's efforts in the coming months:

1. Building the Alliance

- Expanding and activating membership

2. Deepening engagement with coal-intensive economies

- New platforms for sharing experience and best practices

3. Eliminating public and private coal finance



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Activities and recent achievements

- Sharing knowledge and best practices
 - PPCA Taskforces
- Developing products and resources
- Hosting international events

Coal cannot be the answer to Covid-19

By Powering Past Coal Alliance

As the world recovers from the impacts of the pandemic, we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to put the global energy sector on a clean, low-carbon, resilient growth trajectory.



Canada-Chile collaboration on Just Transition

- **Tocopilla coal transition study** to support economic and social transition, ahead of the closure of six local coal plants that employed around 2,000 people



Looking forward

- Potential opportunities for collaboration:
 - Continue discussions through bilateral environmental cooperation
 - Explore opportunities to partner on Just Transition activities in coal phase-out planning
 - Consider ways to leverage the strength of the Powering Past Coal Alliance to support concrete and credible activities
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