

- Direct manufacturing jobs to support the energy sector, including steel and copper related products.
- Direct jobs in beneficiation activities, such as ash brick and block making, road refurbishment, biogas, waste management and recycling.
- Skills training for community members to support new SMMEs.

EXCO resolved to engage Eskom further about JET in order to adopt a coordinated and structured approach, aimed at minimising the impact.

Apart from Eskom, EXCO views the role of other affected stakeholders as vital to formulate a mitigation plan. As such a commitment was made to consult various stakeholders, including researchers and energy experts, to formulate a research-based mitigation plan.

2. Hosting of G20 energy session

As South Africa prepares to host the G20 summit next year, Mpumalanga has been identified as one of the international arenas for global discussions. The G20 is made up of 19 countries and two regional bodies, the African Union and the European Union.

The G20 is regarded as one of the multilateral forums for international economic cooperation.

Dr Ramokgopa presented a formidable plan to EXCO which gives Mpumalanga the advantages of hosting energy discussions at this critical period of the Just Energy Transition. He said Ministers representing the G20 countries, will attend a meeting on the 23rd to the 26th of September 2025, to discuss energy mix, lower carbon emitting technologies, as part of the Just Energy Transition. He added that this will give the province a moment in history for hosting the countries, where they shaped their positions on power supply for the future in line with international standards and protocols.

EXCO welcomed the plan, and expressed commitment to initiate logistical preparations.

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