

Faith Communities Advocating for a Just Energy Transition in South Africa, Malawi, Union Zambia, and Zimbabwe

Objectives

To support a just and inclusive energy transition in Southern Africa by equipping faith leaders and their communities with knowledge, tools, and networks to advocate for clean, sustainable energy alternatives in response to fossil fuel-based development trends.

Activities

Training & Capacity Building

- Training of 100 faith leaders in eco-theology, climate justice, and advocacy techniques tailored to energy policy engagement.

Coalition Building

- Formation of a regional multi-faith coalition working in collaboration with NGOs and civil society to promote transparency and equity in energy planning.

Community Engagement

- Hosting at least 30 local awareness meetings to discuss the impacts of fossil fuel dependence and introduce clean energy pathways.

Advocacy & Political Engagement

- Empowering faith leaders to participate in political dialogues and hold policymakers accountable for inclusive, sustainable energy decisions.

Strategic Communications

- Rolling out targeted media campaigns to amplify messages around climate justice, ethical stewardship, and clean energy solutions within faith communities and the wider public.

Project Details

Implementing Organisation:

Southern African Faith communities
Environment Institute

Duration :

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Impacts

- Enhanced understanding of just energy transition principles among faith communities across Southern Africa.
- Faith leaders become influential voices for sustainable energy solutions grounded in moral and ethical values.
- Improved public accountability and civic participation in energy planning processes at regional and national levels.
- A robust, multi-faith coalition advocating for climate justice and resisting extractive, carbon-intensive energy models.
- Broader societal discourse on the intersection of faith, environmental ethics, and energy justice, contributing to cultural and policy shifts toward cleaner energy futures.