



African Climate Reality Project

CALL TO ACTION *24 Hours of Reality: The Road Forward*

**Join us in raising our voices to demand that
Eskom signs off on Round 4 of the REIPPP
for a #RenewableEnergy future – and climate justice!**

BACKGROUND

Eskom, South Africa's electricity public utility, refuses to sign off on round four of the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producers Procurement (REIPPP) programme.

WHAT IS THE RENEWABLE ENERGY POWER PRODUCER PROCUREMENT (REIPPP) PROGRAMME?

In August 2011, the South African Department of Energy issued the first Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement (REIPPP) Programme. Eskom is South Africa's public energy utility and the REIPPP partially falls under Eskom's mandate. To date, Eskom has signed off on three rounds and awarded 6 590 MW of renewable energy capacity to 102 independent power producers.

However, Eskom has been refusing to enter into the power purchase agreements for the fourth round of the REIPPP (also known as REIP4) since 2015. One of the reasons Eskom provided is that it is facing liquidity issues and would not be able to pay for the programme.

WHY DO WE WANT ESKOM TO SIGN OFF ON REIP4?

The REIPPP allowed South Africa to generate electricity quickly, without compromising our economic development, because renewable energy power generation is much faster to build than coal (for example, Medupi and Kusile coal-fired power stations which are still not complete); renewable energy is much cheaper than coal; uses less water and is better for the environment.

Very importantly, until now, the renewable energy programme has created 23,324 job years for South African's during construction and there will be 1,640 job years for the 20 years while these projects are operational. Round four is calculated to create another 13,444 job years. In addition, the local communities that live close to the solar and wind farms will benefit from over R25 billion in socio-economic and enterprise development over the 20 year lives of the renewable energy projects. Local communities have shares in the projects and will benefit from almost R30 billion through their shareholding.

ACTION

Call for viewers to ask Eskom to sign off on the REIP4 immediately.

ACCOMPANYING MATERIALS

Join our Thunderclap

By joining, a post will automatically be posted to your Facebook, Twitter, or Tumblr on December 6 at 6pm South African time, calling on Eskom to sign off on Round 4 of the REIPPP for a #RenewableEnergy future – and climate justice!

Call your local radio

Here is a script for a radio call:

Hi, I am (name)... and I am phoning from (place or organisation you belong to or I am a Climate Leader). I was watching the 24Hours campaign run by Climate Reality.

I am phoning in today to ask Eskom to sign off now on the fourth round of the renewable energy procurement programme. We know that if this programme isn't signed off:

- *we will lose jobs,*
- *lose foreign investment,*
- *we will keep using too much water to generate electricity,*
- *rural communities won't get more socio-economic benefits and*
- *without renewable energy, South Africa won't be able to reduce our carbon emissions.*

We want Eskom to spend money on the renewable energy procurement programme, on health and on education in South Africa.

Spread the word to your personal and organisation's networks on social media

1. @Eskom must sign off the #REIP4 for renewable energy & climate justice @AfricaCRP @GovernmentZA @SAPVIA @_sawea @SAREC #24HoursOfReality
2. @Eskom putting jobs at stake because they won't sign renewable energy deal @AfricaCRP @GovernmentZA @SAPVIA @_sawea @SAREC #24HoursOfReality

And don't forget to [tune in](#) to watch **24 Hours of Reality: The Road Forward** live on 5-6 December 2016 from 6pm EST.

Check out [this video](#) to learn more about what's coming up on 24 Hours of Reality: The Road Forward.