

# International Climate Jobs Conference

4 December 2011

The People's Space, Shepstone Building, Howard College, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban

## Programme

9:00	Registration and tea	
9:30	Welcome and introduction Outline of programme Objectives of the conference  <i>Chair: Michelle Pressend</i>	Philip Pearson (TUC) Sibusiso Gumede (COSATU) Sean Sweeney (GLI)
9:45	<b>Keynote address</b> <b>Global capitalism, the crisis and South Africa's jobs bloodbath</b>	Nnimmo Bassey (FOEI)
10:15	<b>Climate Jobs – the concept &amp; strategy: panel discussion</b> ➤ Experiences of existing climate jobs campaigns and initiatives <i>Chair: Francesca Rochas (Transit Riders Union)</i>	Werner Schneider (DGB) Jonathan Neale (One Million Climate Jobs, UK)
11:30	<b>Just Transition: panel discussion and workshops</b> ➤ Is a low carbon economy possible? ➤ Future of coal and oil: what do we do with our oil and coal reserves? ➤ Strategies for ensuring a just transition ➤ Building alliances between labour and social movements: experiences from Occupy movement; Arab Spring <i>Chair: Graham Peterson (University and College Union)</i>	Asad Rehman (FOEI) Asjborn Wahl (NUME – Norway) Dina Feller (Aviation Union) Roger Toussaint (TWU)
13:00	Lunch	
14:00	<b>Strategies for creating climate jobs: panel discussion &amp; workshops</b> ➤ Renewable energy ➤ Public transport ➤ Agriculture and water ➤ Building and construction <i>Chair: Joseph Katende (International Transport Workers)</i>	David Hallows (groundWork) Jane Barrett (SATAWU) Marco Fernandez (LVC) John Mawbey (SAMWU)

15:30	Way forward for building an international campaign	Brian Ashley (MCJC – SA)
16:30	Workshop closes	

## **Conference partners:**

One Million Climate Jobs (South Africa), One Million Climate Jobs (UK), Cornell Global Labor Institute (US), Public and Commercial Services Union (UK), Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

The One Million Climate Jobs Campaign is an alliance of labour, social movements and other civil society organisations in South Africa that are mobilising for real solutions to the threat of climate change. Cutting the pollution of those gases that lead to climate change is urgent and involves doing many things. Overcoming unemployment and giving decent work to our people is just as urgent. By placing the interests of workers and the poor at the forefront of strategies to combat climate change we can simultaneously halt climate change and address our jobs bloodbath. This is why we campaign for our government to create a million climate jobs now. Our demand is based on well-researched solutions for how South Africa can immediately begin a just transition to a low carbon economy.