

Launch of the One Million Climate Jobs Research

6 December 2011

The People's Space, TB Davis Building, Room L5, Howard College,
UKZN

Programme

9:30 - 10:30	Registration	
10:30	Welcome and overview of the One Million Climate Jobs Campaigns	Zico Tamela (South African Transport and Allied Workers Union)
10:45	Linking different struggles and organisation in climate change solutions	Allan Moolman (Oxfam)
11:00	Q&A and Discussion	
11:30	Overview of the research process	Jeff Rudin (Alternative Information and Development Centre)
11:45	Q&A and Discussion	
12:00	Overview of findings	Rehana Dada (One Million Climate Jobs Campaign)
13:10	Q&A and Discussion	
14:00	Lunch	
14:45	Housing and Construction	John Mawbey (South African Municipal Workers Union)
15:55	Q&A and Discussion	
16:25	Water and natural resources	Mary Galvin (uMphilo waManzi)
16:35	Q&A and Discussion	
16:45	Renewable energy	David Hallows (groundWork)
16:55	Q&A and Discussion	
17:05	Expanding the One Million Jobs Campaign	Brian Ashley (Alternative Information and Development Centre)
17:30	Workshop ends	

About the One Million Climate Jobs Campaign

The One Million Climate Jobs Campaign is an alliance of labour, social movements and other civil society organisations in South Africa that recognise the value of a collective approach to the crises of unemployment and climate change. It is based on well-researched solutions for how South Africa can immediately begin a just transition to a low carbon economy.

Climate change will exacerbate inequality and poverty in South African because it reduces access to food, water, energy and housing. Therefore the One Million Climate Jobs Campaign is mobilising thousands of South Africans around real solutions to slow down climate change and promote the protection and enhancement of human quality of life and the natural environment.

Addressing climate change requires a massive change in how we live, how we produce and consume, and how we relate to nature and each other. There are a number of specific areas that are easy to start with, all of which have significant job creation potential:

- Produce our electricity from wind and sun in a way that is driven by the energy needs of all people, and that protects nature.
- Park private cars and get onto our feet, bicycles, trains, taxis and buses.
- Convert our homes and public buildings so that they use less energy and use water more efficiently.
- Grow enough food for all people through techniques such as agro-ecology that are labour intensive, low in carbon emissions, protect soil and water, and provide healthy food.
- Protect our natural resources, especially water, soil and biodiversity, to make sure that we can continue to meet the basic needs of our people.
- Provide basic services such as water, electricity and sanitation so that we address the legacies of apartheid and build the resilience of our people to withstand the effects of climate change.