



Conference Outline

2018 International Conference on Coal Phase-out & Energy Transition

- Theme: Energy Transition for Clean Environment and Healthy Lives
- Date: Monday 1 - Tuesday 2 October, 2018
- Venue: Lotte Buyeo Resort, Chungcheongnam-do, Republic of Korea
- Hosts: Chungcheongnam-do Province, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy and Ministry of Environment
- Organizer: Chungnam Institute

Background & Objectives

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The phase-out of coal-fired power generation is spreading around the world with the launch of the 2020 New Climate Regime. Coal phase-out is getting more and more support in the Republic of Korea as well, where coal-fired and nuclear power generation has been long favored due to the cost efficiency. However, evolving perspectives that the coal-fired and nuclear power generation causes environmental degradation, health problems and abnormal weather conditions, the newly inaugurated government of the Republic of Korea has promised to cancel the plan for additional coal power plants, and is drawing up a road map for the complete closure of decrepit coal plants. Chungcheongnam-do (a.k.a. South Chungcheong Province), where more than half of the nation's coal power plants are located, tries to go a step further and is currently working together with its citizens to formulate new visions and goals for coal phase-out and energy transition.

Goals and Expected Outcomes

In this regard, Chungcheongnam-do is going to host an international conference on coal phase-out and energy transition in coming October, with the participation of high-level government officials, experts and local governments. The conference is intended to discuss global trends in the phase-out of coal-fired power generation and share best practices with



leading local governments overseas which have experiences in coal phase-out policies and alternatives.

The conference is expected to provide a venue where experts and industries at home and abroad, as well as citizens of Chungcheongnam-do, can share global trends in coal phase-out and energy transition policies. It is expected that the conference will help build up public consensus on the need for reducing reliance on fossil fuels. Additionally, the conference is expected to serve as a venue for forging connections among Asian and other overseas local governments for the phase-out of coal-fired power generation and energy transition. Through this conference, we are committed to study policy implications which would help our province establish and implement our own policies for coal phase-out and energy transition in the future.

Overview of Themes

Global trends on the phase-out of coal-fired power generation and best practices by leading countries across the world for coal phase-out and energy transition policies with specific issues to discuss as below:

- Climate Change and Energy Transition
- Energy Transition Policies of ‘Powering Past Coal Alliance’ member Countries and Asian Countries
- Experiences in coal phase-out policies and the alternatives from around the world including South Australia of Australia, Alberta of Canada and Chungcheongnam-do of the Republic of Korea
- Networking build-up and collaboration among Asian and global local governments committed to coal phase-out

Invited Participants

- Energy experts, citizens, representatives of academia and related industries and public officials related to or interested in coal phase-out and energy transition policies at home and abroad



Program Overview

Day 1: Monday, 1 October

14:00~17:30 Pre-Sessional Meetings on Energy Transition

- Pre-session 1. Coal Phase-Out and Just Transition (hosted by Energy & Climate Policy Institute for Just Transition)
- Pre-session 2. Decentralized Energy Governance and Distributed Energy System (hosted by Korean Energy Network for Local Energy Transition)
- Pre-session 3. Global and Korean Coal Finance Trends (hosted by Greenpeace Korea)

18:00~19:30 Welcoming Dinner hosted by Chungcheongnam-do

Day 2: Tuesday, 2 October

09:00~10:00 Registration

10:00~12:20 Opening Ceremony & Special Speech (in process of inviting)

- Opening Remarks (Chungnam Institute)
- Congratulatory Speech (Governor of Chungcheongnam-do, National Assembly Members, Chairperson of the Chungcheongnam-do Council, Minister of Environment, Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, Executive Director of Greenpeace International, former Executive Secretary of UNFCCC)
- Special Speech 1: Chairperson of Green Growth Korea
- Special Speech 2: British Ambassador to the Republic of Korea

12:20~13:30 Lunch

13:30~16:00 Session One: Energy Transition Policies of Powering Past Coal Alliance Member Countries and Beyond (in process of inviting)

- Accelerating coal phase out: UK context and international perspective(Matthew Webb, E3G)
- India: Energy Transition and Renewable Energy Policy Experiences
- South Australia, Australia: Coal phase-out and Energy Transition Policy Experiences
- Alberta, Canada: Coal Phase-out and Energy Transition Policy Experiences
- Chungcheongnam-do: Vision for the Energy Transition of Chungcheongnam-do
- Climate Change Policies of the Republic of Korea (Minister of Environment of South Korea)



16:00~16:20 Break

16:20~18:00 Session Two(Discussion Session) : Networking Build-up and collaboration among Asian and Past Coal Alliance Member Countries

-Discussants: session presenters, Minister of Environment, Green Peace and the Korea Federation for Environmental Movements

18:20~20:00 Farewell Dinner hosted by Chungcheongnam-do

