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WATER AND ENERGY CRISIS IN SOUTH AFRICA - COULD THE LESOTHO MOUNTAINS PROVIDE A SOLUTION

Opening and Welcome - Ester Saptoe

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BACKGROUND

- PRU's 2nd webinar in the series on South Africa's transition to a low-carbon, climate resilient and sustainable economy and society in a manner that is fair, equitable and transparent.
- **Purpose:** to share knowledge and develop capacity to enable MPs to conduct deeper scrutiny for deeper insight, in line with the 6th Parliament's strategic focus and the Knowledge Management Strategy of Parliament.
- The ultimate aim is to facilitate effective oversight by Parliament over the Just Transition process.
- Dr Leon Gabriel, custodian of Parliament's Knowledge Management Strategy and responsible for leading and monitoring the overall strategic implementation of the Strategy.



KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

- Acknowledges that Parliament is an information-driven and information-reliant organisation.
- Manage knowledge in a way that ensures that information required for the business activities of the institution is current, relevant and readily accessible to empower Members to make informed decisions.
- **Main objective:** capacitate the parliamentary populace in general and Members of Parliament in particular through various platforms, such as the webinar series. The strategy also aims to build a culture of continuous learning and innovation and to preserve institutional memory.
- Successful implementation of the strategy requires knowledge workers in Parliament to continuously develop, document and share skills and expertise as part of the process of capacitating and preserving institutional memory.



JUST TRANSITION WEBINAR 1

- **Theme:** *Is Just Transition a Pipe Dream in Light of the Slow Economic Growth?*
- Explored topics such as the dimensions of a just transition, the future of work, the impact of a Just Transition on Social Justice, and the impact of air pollution on public health.
- Revealed that a Just Transition may be a pipe dream in light of slow economic growth in South Africa.
- Underscored the importance of capacity building for MPs to help them understand all the dimensions of the just transition to conduct oversight from an informed position.
- Copy of report and presentations on the parliamentary website.

- **Theme:** *Water and Energy Crisis in South Africa: Could the Lesotho Mountains provide a solution?*
- **Focus:** Water and energy crises currently faced by the country and the role of Parliament in mitigating these crises.
- First webinar included various external thought leaders in the different sectors. This one mostly in-house to draw on the knowledge of our own sector specialists.
- Main presentation on the theme of the webinar by **Mr Thomani Manungufala**.
- Explores the potential of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project to solve the water and energy crisis in South Africa.



JUST TRANSITION WEBINAR 2 (b)

- Followed by an input by **Ms Jeanie le Roux** on the role of Parliament in mitigating the water crisis in South Africa.
- Dr Gabriel Lekalakala explores the role that Parliament can play in mitigating the energy crisis in the country.
- Sit back and enjoy what promises to be some insightful presentations.
- We look forward to some fruitful engagement with the speakers during the question and answer session.