



# International Partnerships on Climate Change:

## Powering Past Coal Alliance

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# Outline

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- Why global coal phase-out
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# The Powering Past Coal Alliance (PPCA)

- Voluntary government-driven alliance of governments and organizations;
- Response to environmental, economic, and health impacts of unabated coal power;
- 64 Partners (28 countries, 8 sub-national governments, and 28 businesses and organizations);
- Partners commitments:
  - **Governments:**  
Phasing-out existing unabated coal power within their jurisdictions **and** a moratorium on new unabated coal power stations;
  - **Businesses:**  
Powering operations without coal;
  - **All:**  
Supporting clean power through policies; Reducing finance for unabated coal power stations without operational CCS.



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## ALLIANCE DECLARATION

In 2015, the world gathered in Paris and committed to taking action to spur clean growth and avoid catastrophic climate change.

Today, coal-fired power plants produce almost 40 percent of global electricity, making carbon pollution from coal a leading contributor to climate change.

The [health](#) effects of air pollution from burning coal, including respiratory disease and premature deaths, impose massive costs in both human and economic terms. A recent analysis found that more than 800 000 people around the world die each year from the pollution generated by burning coal.

As a result, phasing out traditional coal power is one of the most important steps governments can take to tackle climate change and meet our commitment to keep global temperature increase well below 2°C and pursue efforts to limit it to 1.5°C.

To meet the Paris Agreement, the [analysis](#) shows that coal phase-out is needed by no later than 2030, in countries that are part of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the European Union, and by no later than 2050, in the rest of the world.

The cost of generating electricity from wind and solar power has plummeted; clean power is the low-cost option in a growing number of jurisdictions worldwide. Global investments in new renewable power now significantly surpass investments in new coal-fired electricity, and clean growth represents an opportunity worth trillions of dollars.

Countries moving toward low-carbon, climate-resilient economies are already seeing environmental, economic, and human-health benefits. Our coalition wants to help accelerate that transition.

Powering Past Coal brings together a diverse range of governments, businesses, and organizations, which are united in taking action to accelerate clean growth and climate protection through the rapid phase-out of traditional coal power. We commit to achieving that phase-out in a sustainable and economically inclusive way, while providing appropriate support for workers and communities.

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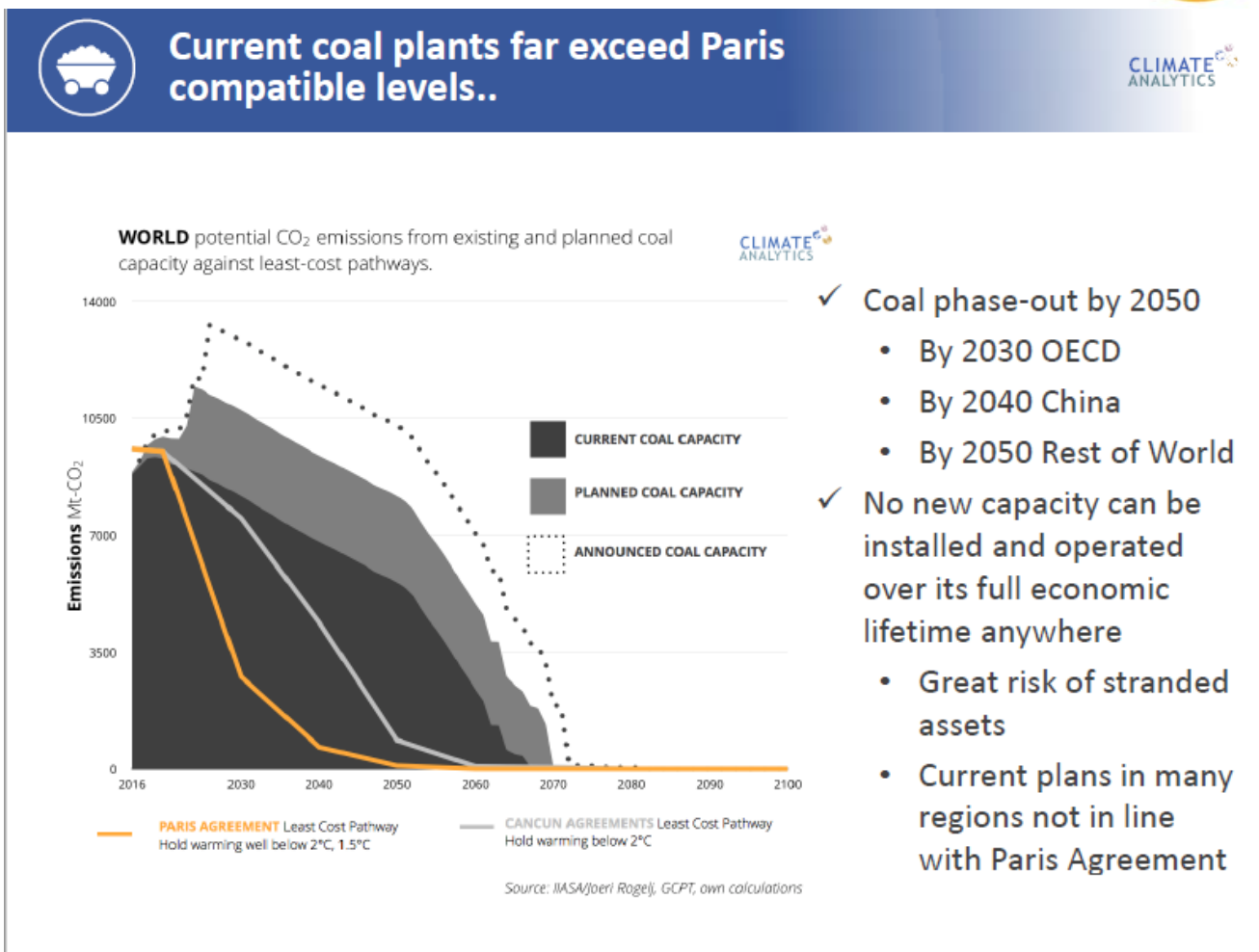
- Government partners commit to phasing out existing traditional coal power and placing a moratorium on any new traditional coal power stations without operational carbon capture and storage, within our jurisdictions.
- Business and other non-government partners commit to powering their operations without coal.
- All partners commit to supporting clean power through their policies (whether public or corporate, as appropriate) and investments and restricting financing for traditional coal power stations without operational carbon capture and storage.

To support these goals, the partners in Powering Past Coal will work together to share real-world examples and best practices to support the phase-out of coal, including through climate financing, and adopt practical initiatives that support this transition, including developing clean-energy plans and targets.

We will also encourage our peers to join us in powering past coal to build a better world for our children and grandchildren.

As founding partners, we will work to grow the alliance to 50 partners by the 24<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of the Parties to continue the momentum towards a safer climate, healthier people, and a cleaner economy.

# Global Coal Phase-Out



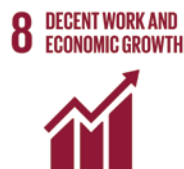
- Canada has committed to phase out coal by 2030

# Powering Past Coal Alliance Objectives



The first **government** driven platform to facilitate coal phase-out:

1. **Assist** partners in implementing commitments while working to increase the number of coal phase-out commitments;
  2. **Provide** a forum for peer-to-peer knowledge, best practices, and solutions sharing, climate financing guidance and capacity building;
  3. **Engage** in international coal advocacy and diplomacy; and
  4. **Promote** the positive economic results that come with the transition from 'coal to clean'.
- PPCA supports the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda



COP23/Nov '17



## The Launch of Powering Past Coal



### POWERING PAST COAL

#### YOU'RE INVITED

Join Canada, the U.K. and new partners to an alliance committed to phasing out traditional coal-fired electricity.

#COP23  LIVE

[fb.com/EnvironmentandClimateChange](http://fb.com/EnvironmentandClimateChange)

Thursday, November 16, 2017  
5:45 A.M. EST / 11:45 P.M. CET

CANADA COP23  
BONN, GERMANY 2017

Canada 

- 26 governments joined together to commit to support the accelerated global phase-out of coal-fired electricity

# One Planet Summit/Dec '17



- 6 new government partners and 24 new organizations
- Canada and the World Bank announced a partnership on energy transition, and Just Transition



# Bloomberg Global Future of Energy Summit/ Apr '18



- 2 new government partners; 4 new organizations
- Launch of joint work with Bloomberg Philanthropies on case-studies and research to support and promote coal phase-out





# Next Steps for the PPCA

- **Working Level Meeting in Berlin, June 2018**
- Continue to grow the PPCA through 2018
- Increase financial sector participation including mobilizing philanthropic finance
- Advance efforts in Just Transition for workers and communities

Thank you!

Merci!

Gracias!

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