

Harvesting Policy Recipes for ASEAN coal-to-clean transition

Thursday, 2 October 2025, 08:30–13:00 (ICT/BKK)

7th floor, Kasem Udhayanin Building, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok

Southeast Asia is experiencing rapid economic growth alongside rising energy demand, while also facing mounting climate challenges. Coal remains a dominant part of the region's power mix, making the shift from coal to clean energy central to long-term climate and development goals. Countries such as Indonesia and Thailand have set net-zero targets for 2060 and 2065, respectively, and achieving these will require a managed and accelerated transition away from coal.

This coal-to-clean transition involves large-scale structural changes in power systems and industry, which will depend on effective policies, innovative financing, and strategies that ensure a just and inclusive transition for businesses, workers and communities. Progress also requires cooperation across government, business, finance, and civil society, as well as learning from what has already proven workable in practice.

This event is organised as part of **Bangkok Climate Action Week** by Agora Energiewende and Agora Industry, in collaboration with the Thai-German Cooperation on Energy, Mobility and Climate (TGC-EMC), ClimateWorks Foundation, the International Network of Energy Transition Think Tanks (INETTT), GIZ-Innovation Regions for a Just Energy Transition (IKI-JET) project, Climate Finance Network Thailand, NEXT Group and The Carbon Trust. The session will examine policy and financing options that can support countries in moving away from coal. It will highlight examples of enabling conditions and lessons learned from across the region.

The session will bring together a diverse group of participants, including international organisations, policymakers, civil society organisations, as well as actors from the financial sector and private industry engaged in the coal-to-clean transition in the power systems and industry across Southeast Asia. The discussion will distil practical lessons and "policy recipes" that can help advance the region's shift toward a cleaner and more sustainable energy future.

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Programme

Time (ICT/BKK) Agenda item

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:15 Opening and welcome

09:15-09:30 **The food we want and need**

Facilitator: Jenn Weidman, Space Bangkok

Discussion to identify the gaps, opportunities, and challenges in advancing the coal-to-clean transition in the power sector.

09:30-10:00 **Stories and recipes: Coal-to-clean power pathways**

Host: Dr. Supawan Saelim, Agora Energiewende

Storytellers

Adritha Subbiah, Southeast Asia Energy Transition Partnership

Romil Hernandez, Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities (ICSC)

Hazim Rosli, The Carbon Trust

Suchart Klaikaew, GIZ-Innovation Regions for a Just Energy Transition (IKI-JET) project

Sarinee Achavanuntakul, Climate Finance Network Thailand (CFNT)

10:00-10:30 **Ingredients and cooking techniques**

Facilitator: Jenn Weidman, Space Bangkok

In this session, participants will exchange insights and highlight essential ingredients and methods viewed through various lenses, as follows:

- Policy roadmap
- Business and industry
- Community and socio-economic
- Financing mechanisms

10:30-10:50 **Sharing the ingredients and techniques**

Four harvesters will each share, in up to 5 minutes, the "ingredients" and "cooking techniques" (including sequencing) identified in their group with the plenary.

10:50-11:00 **Thoughts and reflections: How can we cook?**

Facilitator: Jenn Weidman, Space Bangkok

Plenary reflection on how to bring together the identified "ingredients" and "cooking techniques" to advance coal-to-clean work. The conversation will focus on: How can we integrate these ideas? How can we use them to make tangible progress?

11:00-11:20 **Coffee break**

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11:20-11:50 **Stories and recipes: Industrial decarbonisation pathways**

Host: **Kajol**, Agora Industry

Storytellers

Sugang Kim, NEXT Group South Korea

Dr. Ali Hasaanbeigi, Global Efficiency Intel

Siriporn Parvikam, GIZ Thai-German Cooperation on Energy, Mobility and Climate

Hyunjeong Bak, Solutions for Our Climate

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12:50-13:00 **Wrap up and closing**

Host: **Dr. Supawan Saelim** (Agora Energiewende), **Kajol** (Agora Industry)

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Agora Industry and Agora Energiewende develop scientifically sound and politically feasible strategies for a successful pathway to climate neutrality – in Germany, Europe and internationally. The organisations which are part of the Agora Think Tanks work independently of economic and partisan interests. Their only commitment is to climate action.

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