

Join Us for a Virtual Briefing on National Economic Transition

Thursday, October 8th, 1:00-2:00pm ET

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What actions do we need to take now to rebuild and invest in the places hit hardest by the changing coal economy?



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Join the BlueGreen Alliance, Appalachian Voices, Western Organization of Resource Councils, and the Just Transition Fund for a virtual briefing by labor, economic development, and tribal leaders focused on the actions we need to take now to rebuild and invest in the people and places hit hard by the changing coal economy.

From Appalachia to the Navajo Nation, and Illinois to the Powder River Basin, workers and families affected by the changing coal economy are facing a profound crisis. Coal facility closures, layoffs, and cuts to vital services are hitting the workers and communities already facing a decades-long economic decline, a black lung epidemic, and environmental devastation. COVID-19 has only made these problems worse. We need to act now to ensure the communities on the frontlines of our energy transition have the tools and resources they need to make the shift to a clean energy economy.

Speakers will discuss the recently released [National Economic Transition platform](#), the product of a year-long collaboration, bringing together local, tribal, and labor leaders with public, private, and non-profit partners to develop a policy framework and priorities to invest in communities and workers hit hard by the decline of the coal industry.

Speakers will include:

- Heidi Binko, Executive Director & Co-Founder of the Just Transition Fund (moderator)
- Brandon Dennison, Chief Executive Officer, Coalfield Development
- Veronica Coptis, Executive Director, Center for Coalfield Justice
- Dennis Dougherty, Executive Director, Colorado AFL-CIO
- Tony Skrelunas, CEO of TribeAwaken.com

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