



**Trade Unions for Energy Democracy (TUED)** is a growing global network of unions working to advance democratic control and social ownership of energy, in ways that promote pro-public solutions to the climate crisis, energy poverty, resists the degradation of both land and people, and responds to the attacks on workers' rights and protections.

Established in late 2012, more than 85 trade unions from over 25 countries have formally decided to participate in the network. The full list of participating unions and other organizations is available [here](#).

### **Unions, Climate and Energy**

Struggles over energy and energy ownership are proliferating globally, and the health and climate impacts resulting from energy decisions affect millions of workers and their families. There is no travel ban on greenhouse gas emissions, which means that burning coal, gas and oil anywhere in the world has an impact on the atmosphere we all share.

TUED's role is to bring unions from all sectors together so that we can collectively find a way to promote pro-public alternatives to the current investor-focused "energy for profit" agenda being pushed by multinational companies and global institutions.

To see the latest of TUED's Working Papers, Reports, Bulletins, Global Forms and other activities, please go to our website: [www.TUEDglobal.org](http://www.TUEDglobal.org)

### **What Does TUED Do?**

TUED delivers hard-hitting research and analysis, the aim of which is to help unions develop a strong and independent voice on energy transition and climate change—a voice that is firmly grounded in the facts and resolute about defending workers' interests and building a better world.

TUED strives to advance a vision for energy transition and climate protection that is rooted in the idea of public goods, and to build political support across the 200-million strong global labor movement for energy to be fully public and democratically accountable low carbon energy systems.

### **Research: Building an Independent Voice**

TUED publishes Working Papers and reports that look closely at the scientific data, policy trends and impacts. Recent publications include:

- Working Paper #15 (2022) - [True Colors: What Role Can Hydrogen Play In The Transition To A Low-Carbon Future?](#)
- Working Paper #14 (2021) - [Beyond Disruption: How Reclaimed Utilities Can Help Cities Meet Their Climate Goals](#)
- Working Paper #13 (2020) - [Transition In Trouble” The Rise and Fall of “Community Energy” In Europe](#)
- Written in Partnership with [AIDC](#) and [TNI](#) (2020) - [Eskom Transformed Achieving A Just Energy Transition For South Africa](#)

Our analysis shows the urgent need to pursue a public pathway that reclaims the energy sector and creates the conditions for a planned “just energy transition” for workers that is socially progressive and ecologically effective.

### How Does A Union “Participate” in the TUED Network?

Unions currently “participate” in TUED; they do not affiliate. TUED asks unions to comply with the following:

- 1) The decision to participate in TUED must be formal, made by the union's appropriate decision-making body (be it national, regional, or at branch/local level). Copy [this form](#), fill it out and email it back to us to confirm your union’s participation.
- 2) Unions agree to have its name and logo visible on the TUED website.
- 3) Designate a person (and a named alternate, if possible) to receive TUED communications and to represent the union at TUED Global Forums (approximately every two months).
- 4) If finances permit, make a financial contribution. Roughly 35 unions have made contributions to TUED, and a growing number contribute on an annual basis. There is no fixed “membership fee.” Contributions can be wired or mailed.

### TUED Highlights from 2021 & 2022:

- **October 2022:** Convened a three-day international meeting with 70 trade unionists and allies in Nairobi, Kenya, titled: [Towards a Public Pathway Approach to a Just Energy Transition for the Global South](#) to launch “TUED South”. View the Summary [here](#).
- **October and November 2021:** Partnered with energy unions in France (FNME-CGT) and Public Services International (PSI) to develop and launch the [Trade Union Program for a Public Low-Carbon Energy Future](#). More than 50 unions have signed on, including eight national centers. Contact us if your union wants to sign on.
- **February 2021:** Convened a 30-union Trade Union Task Force for a Public Energy Future. Forthcoming: Report of the Task Force, *A Public Pathway Approach to Energy Transition*. Completion of work will be supported by PSI and Transnational Institute. Anticipated completion in early 2023

## Why We Need Union Support

**TUED is sustained by union contributions, but we need more unions to support our work.**

Financial support from unions is crucial not only *operationally* for the continued functioning and existence of the project, but also *politically*, to show union support for TUED's work in assisting the development of union responses to the climate crisis from a public pathway approach toward a just energy transition.

A decade ago, during its start-up phase, TUED received crucial support from a few progressive foundations aimed at helping TUED move toward a sustainable funding model based on union contributions alone. To date, 35 unions have made contributions, and a growing number make annual commitments.

For additional information on making a contribution to TUED, including banking details, please contact Irene HongPing Shen (ireneTUED@gmail.com) or Lala Peñaranda (lalaTUED@gmail.com)