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SOUTH AFRICA**

**ACTIVITY: INTERNATIONAL STUDY TOUR:
PLANNING DOCUMENT | NOVEMBER 2025**

Provisional Itinerary to visit India in October 2026

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1. OVERVIEW

The International study tour (is a component of the Community of Practice that supports members in moving from knowledge to action. This will include resources for applied research and benchmarking studies, expert advice practical tools, methodologies, and techniques for implementation.

The international study tour will be a key component to provide an immersive experience for 15 delegates and three TIPS Staff members and one international consultant (total 19) to visit projects abroad to gain access to global good practice models for green industrialisation and Just Transition policy and programme development that can be applied in local and provincial government settings¹.

Destination Background

The international study tour will be structured as a five-day study tour for a South African delegation of 20 participants to travel to New Delhi, India, focused on Green Industrialisation and Just Transition for a Low-Carbon Economy. Participants will be able to engage with stakeholders from academia, government, private sector, and vulnerable communities in India.

2. PROVISIONAL ITINERARY FOR INDIA

The itinerary balances policy dialogue, technical exposure, project site visits, community engagement, and cultural exchange – ensuring that the South African delegation gains a holistic perspective on India's green industrialisation journey while exploring synergies and possible country exchanges for bilateral cooperation.

2.1. DAY 1: TRAVEL TO INDIA | Saturday, 10th October

Travel time.

2.2. DAY 2: ARRIVAL IN INDIA | Sunday, 11th October (in New-Delhi)

MORNING	Between 10am until 13:00	• Arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi.
		• Check-in at eco-friendly hotel (to be confirmed)
AFTERNOON	Lunch between 13:00 - 14:30 at the Hotel	• Rest and acclimatisation. • Settle in at the hotel and unpack
	Coffee and Tea at 16H00	• Study Tour Briefing session – review program, introductions and Q&A • We will go through the study tour literary and explain the travel arrangements for the week
DINNER	18:00 – 20:00	• Early Dinner at the hotel

2.3.DAY 3: OVERVIEW OF THE STUDY TOUR (in New-Delhi) | Monday, 12th October

Date	Session	Time	Theme	Overview
Monday,	Breakfast	07:00- 08:00	Down-time	Enjoy settling in and not an early start to the first day. Time to go to the shop or pharmacy and be familiar with surroundings and time to rest after a long flight.
	Morning	10:30 to 12:30	Orientation	TIPS team and international consultant will explain the program and travel destinations and make sure the delegation is comfortable and knows what to expect and where to be by when
			Theme: Understanding India's Green Transition Landscape	International Consultant to provide background on India as a country and Just Transition and decarbonisation challenges
	Lunch	13:00 – 14:00		
	Afternoon Session	14:00- 16:00	Overview of India's Just Transition policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of India's Just Transition policies, renewable energy targets, and green Industrialisation initiatives (this could be facilitated by The Energy and Resources Institute – TERI). • Presentations from Government Officials working on Just Transition Policies and Green Industrialisation and NDC in India
	Tea & time to rest	16:00- 18:00		• Break-time (getting ready for evening event)
	DRINKS/SUN-SET	18:00 – 19:00	Cocktail/dinner event	• Meet and greet interactive facilitation group session
	EVENING Talks	19:00-20:00	Meeting Government Officials from India(networking)	• Welcome Dinner & Cultural Exchange (3 hours): Hosted by an Indian policy think-tank or South African High Commission. See Annexure A for options.
	Dinner	19:30 – 20:30		Enjoy dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Networking dinner with Indian industry leaders and entrepreneurs in green technology.

2.4.DAY 4: Policy, Institutional Frameworks and Green Industrialisation in Practice | Tuesday, 12th October 2025

Date	Session	Time	Theme	Overview
Tuesday	Breakfast	07:00- 08:00	Eating	<i>Enjoy breakfast and wait for the bus for pick-up</i>
	Bus/transport pick-up	08:00 – 09:00	Travel time	<i>Travel to site visit (venue 1)</i>
	Morning Session	09:00 – 10:30	<i>Theme: Green Industrial Policy, Regulations, and Just Transition Strategies</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC): Learn about India's climate policy, Paris Agreement commitments, and Just Transition planning (2 hours) • Meeting with NITI Aayog (India's planning body): Discussion on green Industrialisation strategies, green hydrogen, and pathways to a low-carbon economy (2 hours). See Annexure A for more details.
		10:30-11:00	<i>Tea break</i>	
		11:30 -13:00		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To meet a representative from India's dtic, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) is a central government department under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in India.To talk about decarbonisation strategies and financial mechanisms to meet NDC commitments and to look at CBAM risks.
	Industry & Technology Exposure (Site visit)			
	Lunch	13:00 – 14:00		
	Afternoon	14:00 – 17:00	<i>2 x Site Visits To work with international consultant to determine the best route and timing and</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session at Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW): Insights on India's renewable energy expansion, carbon markets, and economic justice in transition. • Visit to NTPC Renewable Energy Project or BSES Rajdhani Solar Rooftop Project: Explore renewable energy adoption in large-scale and urban contexts.

			<i>access to these projects.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site visit to a Green Industrial Park / Smart Manufacturing Hub (outside Delhi): Explore eco-industrial clusters focusing on clean technologies and circular economy. See: https://in.esr.com/industrial-areas-in-delhi Industrial Park option: https://in.esr.com/industrial-areas-in-delhi. Showcasing community-driven green livelihoods, inclusive Industrialisation, and skills for green jobs. Empowering communities (female and youth inclusion), clean and green environments, , income generation opportunities in the E-mobility sector.
	Hotel Dinner	18:00 – 20:00	Downtime & pack to check out at the hotel at 7am the next morning	

2.5.Day 5: Coal Mine Region Visit Part A| Wednesday, 13 October 2025

Date	Session	Theme	Theme	Overview
Wednesday,	Breakfast & hotel check-out	06:00- 07:00	Eating	<i>Enjoy breakfast and wait for the bus for pick-up wait at reception by 8am check out.</i>
	Bus/transport pick-up	08:00 – 13:00	Travel time	<i>Travel to site visit</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit to coal mine region (geo location to be confirmed and mode of transport)
		11:30 – 13:00	Travel time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic flight or buss
	Lunch	13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
	Afternoon	14:00 – 17:30	Site Visit – project	Arrival at the Coal mine region and walk around with presentation of the mining company and state to talk about coal closure programs
	Check-in & Dinner	19:00 – 20:00		Dinner at the Hotel
	Downtime	Rest		Settle into the new hotel

2.6.Day 6: Coal Mine Region Visit Part B | Thursday, 14 October 2025

Note: Site visit geo-locations details to be confirmed based on the coal mine region and access to project visits.

Date	Session	Theme	Theme	Overview
Thursday	Breakfast	06:00- 07:00	Prepare to checkout and travel	<i>Enjoy breakfast and wait for the bus for pick-up wait at reception by 8am check out.</i>
	Bus/transport pick-up	08:00 – 13:00	Travel time	<i>Travel to site visit</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to coal mine region (geo location to be confirmed and mode of transport)
		11:30 – 13:00	Engagement Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dialogue with labour unions & civil society groups: On ensuring fairness, inclusivity, and worker rights in the low-carbon transition
	Lunch	13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
	Afternoon	14:00 – 17:30	Site Visit – project	Project name and geo-location to be confirmed
	Check in at the Hotel	17:00 – 19:00		
	Dinner	19:00 – 20:00	Dinner	
	Downtime	Rest		

2.7.Day 7: Community & Just Transition Dimension | Friday, 15 October 2026

Date	Session	Theme	Theme	Overview
Friday	Breakfast	07:00- 08:00	Prepare to check out and travel	<i>Enjoy breakfast and wait for the bus for pick-up</i>
	Bus/transport pick-up	08:00 – 13:00	Travel time	<i>Travel to Mumbai or New Delhi – closest international airport</i>
	Lunch	13:00 – 14:00		

	Afternoon	14:00 – 15:00		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roundtable hosted by TERI or CII (Confederation of Indian Industry): Joint discussions with Indian counterparts on South Africa-India collaboration for green Industrialisation.
		15:00- 17:00		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentations by delegation members: Sharing South Africa's transition priorities and identifying partnership opportunities
	Early Dinner	18:00 – 19:30		
	Downtime	Rest		Pack for the trip back home

2.8.Day 8: Return flights to SA

Transfer to Indira Gandhi International Airport for return flight to SA

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