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## Preparing Midwestern Communities for Power Plant Closures Meeting April 27, 2021 at 9:00 am Central

*The second full group conversation will focus on the role state and federal policies can play to build capacity in impacted local communities, advance workforce development opportunities, promote economic development planning, and support our energy sector and the environment. Speakers from state governments and the federal government will join us to discuss what policies and programs are in place or are being proposed to support communities impacted by the energy transition.*

**9:00 am Welcome and Introductions**

- [Jesse Heier](#), Executive Director, Midwestern Governors Association

**9:10 am Review of Initiative**

*Overview of this initiative to date, including review of subgroup and how this work has led into today's meeting.*

- [Emily Rhodes](#), Technical Assistance & Planning Manager, Just Transition Fund
- [Cindy Winland](#), Senior Fellow, Just Transition Fund

**9:20 am Keynote Address: The Future of Federal Energy Transition Policy**

*This is an opportunity to hear about policy changes effecting the energy transition at the federal level that will impact.*

- [Karen Skelton](#), Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy

**9:50 am Panel Discussion: State Policy Actions Related to the Energy Transition**

*Panelists will provide information about policies and actions of their individual states and how that is playing a role in the energy transition.*

- Julia Barnes, Lead Policy Analyst for Speaker Brian Egolf, New Mexico House of Representatives
- [Wade Buchanan](#), Director of the Colorado Office of Just Transition
- [Kevin Hansen](#), Senior Vice President and Head of Public Policy, Empire State Development
- [Kevin McKinnon](#), Deputy Commissioner, Economic Development, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development
- **Moderator:** [Cindy Winland](#), Senior Fellow, Just Transition Fund

**11:05 am Discussion of Next Steps and How to Participate**

- [Jesse Heier](#), Executive Director, Midwestern Governors Association
- [Emily Rhodes](#), Technical Assistance & Planning Manager, Just Transition Fund

**11:10 am Adjourn**