## **VIETNAM ENERGY TRANSITION WEEKLY UPDATE**

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## **Key points**

As expected, on December 1, Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh <u>announced</u> a Resource Mobilisation Plan (RMP) to implement the political declaration on establishing a Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP) between Vietnam and the International Partnership Group (IPG) on the occasion of his attending the COP28 in Dubai. Here is the link to the plan.

A summary of the RMP:

- important first step towards the implementation of the JETP;
- includes an assessment of priority investments;
- identifies a set of priority policy actions and regulatory reforms to develop an enabling environment for investment, boost renewables and reduce reliance on fossil fuels;
- provides further details on USD 15.8 billion of finance committed to the JETP, USD 8.08 billion provided by IPG and USD 7.75 billion by the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ).

With the release of this plan, Viet Nam makes an additional step to work toward achieving the JETP targets agreed to in the Political Declaration:

- Bringing forward the projected peaking date for all greenhouse gas emissions in Viet Nam from 2035 to 2030
- Reaching peak annual power sector emissions of 170 megatons CO2e by 2030
- Limiting Viet Nam's peak coal-fired generation capacity to 30.2 gigawatts
- Accelerating the adoption of renewables so that renewable energy accounts for at least 47 per cent of electricity generation by 2030.

Here is a succinct summary that unpacked RMP from Dezan Shira & Associates.

## More details (see in links)

Themes	Contents
Generation	The Government <u>assigned</u> EVN to take over BOT Phu My 3 and Phu My 2.2 Power Plants.
Demand	The Government <u>assigned</u> MoIT to finalize the list of criteria for defining key energy works and projects.
Market	<ul> <li>MoIT <u>proposed</u> that excessive power generated by RTS can feed to national grid for 0 VND.</li> <li>Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners (CIP) <u>announced</u> the Growth Markets Fund II launch during the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 28) in Dubai on December 4. The US\$ 3 billion fund is to develop renewable energy in selected high-growth markets, including Vietnam.</li> </ul>
Fuel	<ul> <li>There are many <u>challenges</u> for developing LNG electricity in Vietnam, including the lack of legal mechanisms, technologies, and financial capacity.</li> </ul>
Grid	<ul> <li>Vietnam <u>mulls</u> undersea power line to develop renewable energy. Speaking with energy investors, PM Chinh said underwater transmission lines are a "new concept for Vietnam", and Vietnam would assess the offshore wind energy capacity before deciding on an appropriate transmission system.</li> <li>The Government has <u>approved</u> plans to build two 500-kilovolt transmission grids worth a combined VND14.23 trillion (US\$585 million) to ease power shortages in the northern region.</li> </ul>
Planning/ others	<ul> <li>Vietnam gives top priority to green transition. Addressing the Vietnam Business Forum in Dubai, UAE, on December 2, PM Chinh said that green transition, digital transformation, and innovation are the top priorities for Vietnam in its rapid and sustainable development.</li> <li>EVN has a new General Director, Mr. Nguyen Anh Tuan. Previoulsy, he was the Chairman of EVN Hanoi.</li> </ul>