
HOW SERIOUS IS MALAYSIA ABOUT A CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION?

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Anwar Ibrahim's government has announced an ambitious transition plan, but it will take some effort to wean the country off fossil fuels.

When we think about countries and clean energy, it is useful to make a distinction between those that will not and those that cannot make the transition. Countries like Singapore have the political will to transition as well as the capital markets, technology, and governance structures to make it happen. Others, like Vietnam and Indonesia, may be ready to pivot toward clean energy but need help such as financing, technology and capacity-building to get there (that's what the Just Energy Transition Partnership is, theoretically, supposed to do). Then there are countries like the United States, which could have transitioned toward clean energy at much greater scale a long time ago, but lacked the political will to do so until recently.

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