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This report examines the current issues in South Africa pertaining to greening the economy with special attention to skills requirements now and in the future. Current policy is found to be inconsistent and market forces have tended to be more effective in driving change. However, going forward there is potential for policy to direct significant structural changes. There is currently a significant skills gap across all sectors and the development of a low carbon economy will undoubtedly be hampered by this. Skill development structures are well developed but are led by market demand, which may lead to green skills requirements either being overlooked, or being provided outside of this framework. This in turn could be detrimental to national training programmes. It is recommended that a cohesive approach is taken to green skills anticipation at a national level which will ensure correct identification of needs, and strong implementation of the pre-existing skills framework.

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