It is clear that the world must cut fossil fuel use to control global warming. On one hand is coal, the most polluting of these fuels – but one which also provides cheap energy to the developing world that has growing energy needs. On the other is natural gas, the fuel of choice in the developed world.

Our question is why should countries in the West, which have already appropriated a giant share of the carbon budget, be given a free pass on the continued use of natural gas, a significant contributor to warming? At multilateral forums, developed countries are pushing for a faster phase-out of coal in developing countries, something that they never did themselves.

We believe that the global energy transition pathway has to be applicable for all fossil fuels — including coal and natural gas. This would not only show that richer countries have exhausted their quota for using natural gas, but also make gas available at affordable costs to countries that face the twin problems of local and global emissions.

We also argue that instead of simply deploying ‘sticks’ for coal, rich countries should quickly ramp up cheaper finance so that the new energy future in the developing world is clean.

THE CASE FOR AN EQUITABLE GLOBAL ENERGY TRANSITION

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