



Transition minerals open statement for COP27

More than 230 organisations call on COP leaders to urgently ensure the exploitation of transition minerals doesn't undermine a just and equitable energy transition

The world needs to stop burning fossil fuels. Climate change is already happening and to prevent the worst impacts we must accelerate the just transition to cleaner, safer energy.

In moving to renewable energy technologies, the world will be swapping reliance on one set of natural resources for another. An estimated [sixfold increase](#) in the production of minerals such as cobalt, lithium, nickel and copper will be required to help produce, transport, store and use electricity produced by cleaner sources such as wind, water and sun.

But the extraction of minerals is already beset by corruption and opacity, and mining often takes place at great cost to the health and livelihoods of local people. Research indicates that [women and girls](#), Indigenous peoples and environmental defenders are disproportionately harmed by mining. Local communities are often excluded from decision-making and see little economic benefit from extraction. The sector is also environmentally damaging and [contributes significantly](#) to climate change.

Fierce competition, demand and pursuit of profit in the transition mineral rush will increase pressure on producing countries to "fast-track" licensing and open up mining in sensitive and high risk areas. This leaves the process open to corruption and [worsens](#) human rights and environmental abuses, in particular pollution and contamination of water and land gravely affecting the health of workers and surrounding populations. These impacts are already felt most by indigenous and land-based communities on the front lines of extraction.

Mining for transition minerals which is marred by poor governance, corruption, overconsumption and little care for people and the planet will only slow climate action.

Huge amounts of resources will be flowing into the energy sources of the future. It is vital that the emerging transition minerals market is well-regulated, transparent, just and equitable, and does not replicate the exploitation and injustices of the past. This requires an urgent coordinated effort to transform the way minerals are extracted and consumed.

COP27 is an important moment for the international community to initiate a real shift in the way minerals are extracted and used, and secure binding commitments to tackle climate change. Failing to put people at the centre of the required energy transition will result in it being both inadequate to tackle the climate crisis, and unjust for the most vulnerable people in the world.

To ensure responsible extraction, sourcing and processing of transition minerals that contribute to a successful energy transition, governments, companies, international institutions and investors must:

Centre people & planet:

- Base the decision to extract on a holistic assessment of the true costs and benefits of minerals extraction and processing. This goes beyond mineral sales proceeds, to look at the impact on people, the environment, biodiversity and the climate.
- Respect mining-exclusion zones to protect people and the environment in high risk areas.
- Ensure meaningful consultation and participation for all communities affected by mining. Indigenous peoples' Free, Prior and Informed Consent must be prioritised and respected, including the right to give or withhold consent as aligned with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- Only extract minerals in line with the most rigorous international human rights and environmental standards through meaningful, transparent and gender-responsive mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence. Guarantee effective, independent monitoring of mitigation and corrective measures.
- Support a global moratorium on deep sea mining until adequate scientific research is undertaken to understand the impacts on deep sea biodiversity, and ensure decision-making at international level - including by the International Seabed Authority, is transparent, accountable, inclusive and participatory.
- Develop and prioritise mining approaches that minimise social, environmental and climate impacts. This includes cooperating to design circular solutions and technologies that reduce the overall consumption of transition minerals, increase reuse, and reduce the carbon footprint of the sector.

Strengthen governance & anti-corruption:

- Adopt and champion the comprehensive disclosure of contracts and licences (including annexes), project-level payments to governments by mining companies and commodity traders, beneficial ownership information, and transparency in the procurement of goods and services. The [EITI Standard](#) is a starting point to ensure transparency in mineral extraction.
- Explicitly identify and mitigate corruption risks throughout all activities and operations, with specific attention paid to high risk processes such as the award of licences, permits and approvals, procurement, commodity sales and trading, and state-owned companies. The OECD [Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals](#) is a starting point to initiate this work.
- Implement [Integrity Due Diligence](#), including fit and proper person criteria, to all participants in the mineral supply chain.
- Implement legal frameworks to protect the rights of activists, whistle-blowers, human rights and land defenders, journalists and independent media, and dismantle laws and policies that hinder free civil society and media.

Ensure a globally equitable transition:

- Prevent political and business elites from capturing transition minerals for personal profit. This lowers the benefit to the citizens, deepens inequalities, and increases the costs of transition minerals.
- Implement transparent and equitable proceeds and tax management, including planning for proceeds volatility. Allocate proceeds to sustainable development projects that enable a just transition and economic diversification and ensure that frontline communities - particularly women - see benefits from mining.
- Ensure transition minerals drive a truly global energy transition for all countries, not just developed countries. This includes ensuring global support and investment to enable host countries to develop stronger economies and employment, for example through in-country processing of transition minerals and local procurement.
- Prioritise policies and investments aimed at reducing consumption, including increasing funding and resources for public transport, energy efficiency and other demand reduction initiatives, and through investing in materials recycling and reuse.
- Create and strengthen safe global, national and local spaces where people can engage meaningfully on energy transition policy and legislation, with particular attention given to spaces for traditionally marginalised groups such as women and gender minorities, Indigenous peoples, ethnic minorities and young people.

Signatory organisations:

Publish What You Pay	Global/United Kingdom
Business & Human Rights Resource Centre	Global/United Kingdom
Deep Sea Mining Campaign	Global
Earthjustice	Global/United States
EarthRights International	Global/United States
Earthworks	Global/United States
Environmental Defender Law Center	Global/United States
Global Witness	Global/United Kingdom
Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI)	Global/US
Open Contracting Partnership	Global/US
Open Society Foundations	Global
Society for Threatened Peoples	Global/Switzerland
The Future We Need	Global
Transparency International Secretariat	Global/Germany
African Climate Foundation	Africa
Institut Panos Afrique de l'Ouest	Africa/Senegal
PACJA	Africa/Senegal
Tax Justice Network Africa	Africa
Albanian Center for development and Integration	Albania
Centre for Transparency and Freedom of Information	Albania
Legisladores x el Ambiente ALC	Argentina
Observatorio Petrolero Sur	Argentina
Jubilee Australia Research Centre	Australia
Nook Studios	Australia
PWYP Australia	Australia
SJ Around the Bay	Australia
Transparency International Australia	Australia
"Constitution" Researches Foundation	Azerbaijan
"Young Leaders" Education-Training and Development Public Union	Azerbaijan
Agricultural industrial engineers PU	Azerbaijan
Care for the elderly intellectuals PU	Azerbaijan
Democracy Monitor PU	Azerbaijan

Fund "Constitution" Researches Foundation	Azerbaijan
Oil Workers' Rights Protection Organization Public Union	Azerbaijan
Social Strategicall Recerh and Analiticall Investigation Public Union	Azerbaijan
Young Power in Social Action (YPSA)	Bangladesh
Fundacion Jubileo	Bolivia
Instituto Brasileiro de Análises Sociais e Econômicas (Ibase)	Brazil
Instituto Talanoa	Brazil
ABDER-BIO-DEV	Burkina Faso
Coalition Mine'Alert PCQVP-BF	Burkina Faso
PCQVP Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso
Plateforme Tenures foncière, forestière, genre et changement climatique (TENFOREST)	Burkina Faso
AGAGES MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS	Cameroun
CAFAGB (CELLULE ASSOCIATIVE DES FEMMES ACTIVES POUR LA GOUVERNANCE LES DROITS HUMAINS ET LE BIEN-ETRE	Cameroun
CRADEC	Cameroun
Engineers Without Borders Canada	Canada
MiningWatch Canada	Canada
CIEDD-RCA	Central African Republic
Femme et Environnement "BG"	Central African Republic
Fundación Tantí	Chile
Fundación Terram	Chile
ABC COLOMBIA- SOMOS TERRITORIO	Colombia
Corporación Conciudadanía	Colombia
Fundación Avina	Colombia
Fundación Foro Nacional por Colombia	Colombia
Fundación Foro Nacional por Colombia - Capítulo suroccidente	Colombia
Mesa de Sociedad Civil para la Transparencia en las Industrias Extractivas	Colombia
Pastoral Social Regional Suroriente Colombiano	Colombia
Transparencia por Colombia	Colombia
ACAT-Congo	Congo Republic
PCQVP Congo	Congo Republic
Rencontre pour la Paix et les Droits de l'Homme (RPDH)	Congo Republic
ASADHO	Democratic Republic of Congo

Centre National d'appui au développement et à la participation populaire , CENADEP	Democratic Republic of Congo
Grupo FARO	Ecuador
CEID_GE	Equatorial Guinea
International Business and Economic Development Center	Georgia
Heinrich-Böll Foundation	Germany
Transparency International Deutschland e.V.	Germany
Fundación Prosperiti Guatecivica	Guatemala
Coordinación de ONG y Cooperativas CONGCOOP	Guatemala
Coligação Publicar o Que Você Paga	Guiné-Bissau
Action Mines Guinée	Guinea
Association Guinéenne pour la Transparence	Guinea
CECIDE	Guinea
Confédération Nationale des Travailleurs de Guinée	Guinea
Fédération Syndicale Professionnelle de Mines, Carrieres, Industries Chimiques et Assimilées- FSPMCICA - CNTG	Guinea
Mohamed Cissé	Guinea
Observatoire Guinéen des Mines et Métaux (OGMM)	Guinea
PCQVP Guinée	Guinea
Anchalik Surakshya Committee	India
ENVIRONICS TRUST	India
Goa Foundation	India
Mineral Inheritors Rights Association	India
FKPMR (Forum Komunikasi Pemuka Masyarakat Riau / Communication Forum of Riau Community Leader)	Indonesia
Indonesian Center for Environmental Law	Indonesia
Institute For Ecologocal Study (INFEST)	Indonesia
Laili Khairnur	Indonesia
Lembaga Pemberdayaan dan Aksi Demokrasi (LPAD) Riau	Indonesia
POKJA 30	Indonesia
PWYP Indonesia	Indonesia
Solidaritas Masyarakat untuk Transparansi Nusa Tenggara Barat (SOMASI-NTB)	Indonesia
Indonesian Parliamentary Center	Indonesia
Lembaga studi dan bantuan hukum (LSBH) NTB	Indonesia
PATTIRO SERANG BANTEN	Indonesia
Perkumpulan PADI Indonesia	Indonesia

Haw Organization for Education	Iraq
Iraqi Individual Development Council	Iraq
The Iraqi Reconstruction Institute	Iraq
Ther Development Center	Iraq
Woman for Supporting Woman Association	Iraq
جمعية الانبثاق للتنمية والتطوير الاقتصادي	Iraq
مؤسسه آشور للتنمية وحقوق الإنسان	Iraq
مجلس تنمية وتطوير الفرد العراقي	Iraq
معهد أكد الثقافي	Iraq
منظمة أوان للتوعية وتنمية القدرات	Iraq
منظمة هنا للشباب	Iraq
منظمة سند البصره لحقوق الانسان	Iraq
منظمة مبدعون للتنمية	Iraq
Humanitarian Alkhair organization	Iraq
Aide, Assistance et Developpement Communautaire de Côte d'Ivoire (ADC-CI)	Ivory Coast
Initiative for Youth	Ivory Coast
SOCIAL JUSTICE	Ivory Coast
Civil Expertise	Kazakhstan
Echo Public Association	Kazakhstan
Liberty	Kazakhstan
ОО Комитет по общественному контролю за исполнением государственных программ на местном уровне	Kazakhstan
Transparency International Kenya	Kenya
Kenya Civil Society Platform on Oil and Gas	Kenya
Kuwait Transparency Society	Kuwait
ОФ Кожой Сеpek	Kyrgyzstan
Human Development Center "Tree of Life"	Kyrgyzstan
Diaries of the Ocean	Lebanon
I'mpossible	Lebanon
The Lebanese Oil and Gas Initiative	Lebanon
OBBA	Lebanon
Organization for Petroleum & Energy Sustainability OPES	Lebanon
Alliance Voahary Gasy	Madagascar
Catholic Relief Services	Madagascar
KMF/CNOE - Education des citoyens	Madagascar
PCQVP Madagascar	Madagascar

Transparency International - Initiative Madagascar	Madagascar
Natural Resources Justice Network	Malawi
PWYP Malawi (Nyika Institute)	Malawi
FDS Fondation pour le Développement au Sahel	Mali
ONG Guamina	Mali
PCQVP-Mali	Mali
Réseau pour le Développement Local et l'Autopromotion de la Famille RDL/AFEF	Mali
SECO-ONG/Mali	Mali
Initiative Africaine pour le Développement Intégré au Sahel IADIS	Mali
Coalition Mauritanienne PCQVP	Mauritania
ONG Mer Bleue	Mauritania
CartoCrítica. Investigación, mapas y datos para la sociedad civil	Mexico
Climate Finance Group for Latin America and the Caribbean	Mexico
Engenera, A.C	Mexico
Tsikini	Mexico
Open Society Forum Mongolia	Mongolia
Steps Without borders NGO	Mongolia
Монголын Байгаль Эхийн Аврал Сан төрийн бус байгууллага	Mongolia
ТӨЛСӨН,АВСАНАА НИЙТЭЛ(ТАН)	Mongolia
Ховдын толь сонин ТББ	Mongolia
Project HEARD	Netherlands
APAISE-NIGER	Niger
Réseau de la Jeunesse Nigérienne sur le Changement Climatique RJNCC	Niger
ROTAB	Niger
Africa Network for Environment and Economic Justice (ANEEJ)	Nigeria
New Apostolic Centre for Development (NCD)	Nigeria
Spaces for Change	Nigeria
African Centre for Leadership, Strategy & Development (Centre LSD)	Nigeria
Transparency International Norway	Norway
CooperAccion	Peru
Derecho, Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (DAR)	Peru
Foro Ecológico del Perú	Peru
Grupo Propuesta Ciudadana	Peru
Alyansa Tigil Mina (ATM)	Philippines

Bantay Kita, Inc. (PWYP Philippines)	Philippines
Center for Energy, Ecology and Development (CEED Philippines)	Philippines
Friends of the Earth Scotland	Scotland
ACCES	Senegal
AJTREX	Senegal
APVM/Sahel Lutte contre les changements climatiques au Sahel	Senegal
ARTICLE 19 WEST AFRICA	Senegal
ASPRODDEL / Kédougou	Senegal
CQVP Sénégal	Senegal
FAPD	Senegal
GIPS/WAR	Senegal
Goree Institute	Senegal
ONDH	Senegal
Osidea	Senegal
Réseau Ouest Africain des Jeunes Femmes Leaders (ROAJELF/SENEGAL)	Senegal
Observatoire de Suivi des Indicateurs de Développement Économique en Afrique (OSIDEA)	Senegal
MACUA (Mining affected communities united in action)	South Africa
Civil Society Coalition on Natural Resources	South Sudan
Stichting Projekta	Suriname
Public Eye	Switzerland
Public Organisation "Zanoni Sharq"	Tajikistan
Общественная организация "Анбоз" (ранее "Лочвар")	Tajikistan
ACTIONS FOR DEMOCRACY AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE (ADLG)	Tanzania
Organisation Tchadienne Anti-Corruption (OTAC)	Tchad
ONG ACOMB	Togo
PCQVP Togo	Togo
Association Tunisienne de Droit du Développement	Tunisia
ASSOCIATION TUNISIENNE DES CONTROLEURS PUBLICS	Tunisia
ATGL	Tunisia
Tunisian network for transparency in energy and mining	Tunisia
Tunisie Écologie	Tunisia
الشبكة التونسية للشفافية في الطاقة والمناجم	Tunisia
مركز المواطنة والديمقراطية	Tunisia
Centre for Citizens Conserving Environment & Management (CECIC)	Uganda

Agency for Development and Cooperation	Ukraine
Energy Transparency Association	Ukraine
Local economic development agency of Yavoriv district	Ukraine
NGO NEW Energy	Ukraine
Poltava branch of Public Service of Ukraine	Ukraine
DiXi Group	Ukraine
NGO FLORA	Ukraine
Донецька обласна Г О Народний контроль	Ukraine
London Mining Network	United Kingdom
Rights and Accountability in Development (RAID)	United Kingdom
Uplift	United Kingdom
Bank Information Center	United States
Fridays for Future U.S.	United States
Friends of the Earth United States	United States
Great Basin Resource Watch	United States
PWYP - US	United States
PanNature	Vietnam
All Girls Foundation for Development	Yemen
الجمعية التونسية للبيئة والطبيعة بقابس	Yemen
الجمعية التونسية للعدالة البيئية و الصحية بالريف	Yemen
المنتدى الاجماعي الديمقراطي	Yemen
تحالف الشفافية في الصناعات الاستخراجية- اليمن	Yemen
جمعية الحوض المنجمي للاستثمار و التنمية	Yemen
جمعية الرقي المدني - عضو الشبكة التونسية للشفافية في الطاقة والمناجم	Yemen
جمعية حماية البيئة بذهبية	Yemen
جمعية مسار للتنمية	Yemen
جنوبيات من اجل السلام	Yemen
Felix Consulting	Yemen
Studies & Economic Media Center	Yemen
Development Education Community Project	Zambia
Transparency International Zambia	Zambia
PWYP Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe