

# Making Clean Energy Clean, Just, and Equitable



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The **Making Clean Energy Clean, Just & Equitable** initiative aims to ensure that the transition to renewable energy sources centers human rights and is powered by responsibly and equitably sourced minerals. It aims to minimize demand for minerals and reduce the need for new extraction.

MINERALS DEMAND FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES IS PROJECTED TO SKYROCKET, PARTICULARLY FOR BATTERY METALS BEING USED IN ELECTRIC VEHICLES—AND THE ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL AND HUMAN IMPACTS ARE LIKELY TO RISE STEEPLY AS WELL.



## A truly just and equitable renewable energy transition will:

- Center the human rights, health and safety of Indigenous and frontline communities, and workers;
- Prioritize the right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent, including the right to say "no" to proposed mines, as aligned with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
- Invest in low-impact circular economy solutions, such as the reuse and recycling of battery components, to reduce our overall demand for primary metals and minerals;
- Ensure responsible minerals sourcing to protect human rights, the environment and sacred sites at existing mining operations through legally binding national and international regulations;
- Implement transformative, rather than merely technological solutions that shift from overconsumption and private vehicle ownership to accessible, low-carbon public transit.

A truly clean, just and equitable energy economy will require not just a transition to cleaner sources of energy, but *transformation on an individual and collective level.*



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