

Declaration on Mining and the Energy Transition

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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. Metals mining is one of the world's dirtiest industries, responsible for at least 10% of anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions. Mining is linked to environmental destruction, freshwater contamination and depletion, human rights abuses, forced displacement, loss of livelihood, violent conflict, unsafe working conditions, and illicit financial flows in many parts of the world. It increasingly poses threats to ocean health through the risky practice of mine waste dumping and deep-sea mining.

Dangerous mine waste storage and disposal have led to deaths and catastrophic destruction of downstream environments as well as the contamination of fragile marine ecosystems, fisheries and coastal communities. Mining, including for battery minerals such as cobalt, lithium and nickel causes disproportionate harm to Indigenous Peoples.

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OUR TRANSITION TO RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES MUST BE JUST AND EQUITABLE AND ACCOMPANIED BY A SIMULTANEOUS TRANSFORMATION AWAY FROM IRRESPONSIBLE MINING BY:

- Centering the human rights of Indigenous, frontline communities, and workers at mining, recycling, reclamation, manufacturing and renewable energy projects, by prioritizing the right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent, including the right to withhold consent as aligned with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- Prioritizing low-impact circular economy solutions that reduce the overall demand for primary metals such as reuse, reduction, recycling, and design for disassembly while ensuring health and safety protections for workers and communities.
- Ensuring responsible minerals sourcing at existing mining operations through legally binding regulations to protect human rights, the environment and sacred sites at the state and international level; demanding mandatory human rights due diligence and adherence to all legal requirements; and stringent international environmental and human rights standards with independent, third-party verification of compliance (such as IRMA, Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance).
- Implementing transformative, rather than merely technological, solutions that shift away from disposable consumption and private transportation to more equitable access to services and low-carbon public transit.

We call on climate negotiators to make a binding commitment to source transition minerals responsibly. We call on businesses, financial institutions, investors and governments to ensure a clean, just and equitable energy transition by implementing these measures and urge clean energy advocates and climate justice allies to echo these demands in climate change platforms.

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. We urge you to join us and ensure that the move to clean energy doesn't recreate the same systems it aims to destroy and helps to build climate change solutions that put communities, workers and the environment first. Read more at [Earthworks.org/clean-energy](https://earthworks.org/clean-energy).

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350Hawaii	Social Justice Network (CEMSOJ)	Gesellschaft für bedrohte Völker
350NYC	Community Resource Centre	Regionalgruppe München
Action for Ecology & People	Foundation	Gila Resources Information Project
Emancipation (AEER)	Comunidad Maya Pixan Ixim	Global Witness
ActionAid Australia	Confédération des syndicats nationaux	Goa Foundation
Adorers of the Blood of Christ, US	CSYM HUDUMA*	GoodElectronics Network
Region	CTConsulting Wales	Great Basin Resource Watch
Africa Institute for Energy Governance	Cully Air Action Team	Great Old Broads for Wilderness
African Resource Watch (Afrewatch)	Cultural Survival	Green Energy Consumers Alliance
Aktionsgruppe Indianer &	Deep Sea Conservation Coalition	GreenLatinos
Menschenrechte	Denver Justice and Peace Committee	GreenLine Mumbai
Alliance for Empowering Rural	Deutsche Umwelthilfe e.V.	Hawai'i Institute for Human Rights
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Amazon Watch	E Tech International	Inclusive Development International
Amnesty International	Earth Action, Inc.	Information Network for Responsible
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Association pour la protection	Davao University	Kamloops Area Preservation
du Lac Taureau	Environment Governance Institute	Association (KAPA)
Bank Information Center	Environmental Defence Canada	Kamloops Moms For Clean Air
Batani Foundation	Équiterre	Kazdagi Association-Turkey/ Kazdağı
BAYAY SIBUYANON INC.	Extinction Rebellion San Francisco Bay	Doğal ve Kültürel Varlıkları Koruma
Black Hills Clean Water Alliance	Area	Derneği
Broomfield United Methodist Church	Fair Mining Collaborative	Land is Life
Business & Human Rights Resource	Fair Mining Collaborative	Local Environmental Action Demanded
Centre	Fiji Council of Social Services	Agency Inc.
CATAPA	First Peoples Worldwide	London Mining Network
CCAG	Fondation Rivières	Lynn Canal Conservation
Center for Biological Diversity	FracTracker Alliance	Malach Consulting
Center for Environmental Health	FreshWater Accountability Project	Mining and Just Energy Transition
Centro Monalvo	Friends of the Earth US	(Australia) Network
Chase Environmental Action Group	Front commun pour la transition	Mining Impact Coalition of Wisconsin
Chirapaq/ECMIA	énergétique	MiningWatch Canada
Climate Hawks Vote	Gender Based Violence as a	Moccasin Footprint Society
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Comité citoyen de protection de l'esker	Generation180	Barragens
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Natural Resources Defense Council	RAVEN (Respecting Aboriginal Values and Environmental Needs)	The Andrew Lees Trust
Nature Abounds	Regroupement Vigilance Mines de l'Abtibi et du Témiscamingue	The Andrew Lees Trust
Naturvernforbundet (Friends of the Earth Norway)	Responsible Decarbonization Alliance	The Christensen Fund
No Coal San Juan Islands	Rights & Accountability in Development (RAID)	The Deep Sea Mining Campaign
Norges Naturvernforbund (Norwegian society for Nature Conservation)	Rivers without Boundaries Coalition	The International Indigenous Women Forum(FIMI)
Northern Alaska Environmental Center	Sacred Earth Solar	The Wilderness Society
Northern Confluence Initiative	Salmon Beyond Borders	TUDE & FUWA INTERNATIONAL VENTURES
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Oil and Gas Action Network	SAM-ATM	Union des peuples autochtones pour le réveil au développement
Oil Change International	Save the South Fork Salmon	Union of BC Indian Chiefs
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Patagonia Area Resource Alliance	Sierra Club	Wapichan Women's Movement
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Pembroke Clean Water	Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team	WEED - World Economy, Ecology & Development
People & Planet	SkeenaWild Conservation Trust	Western Watersheds Project
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