



WORKING GROUP
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FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



Harnessing Critical Energy Transition Minerals for Sustainable Development in LDCs and LLDCs

Just Transitions in Low Carbon Technologies

A UN Secretary-General Initiative

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Objectives

- Support and accelerate a **just energy transition** focusing on critical minerals.
- Build **trust, reliability, resilience and benefit-sharing** in existing critical mineral supply chains.
- Support **LDCs, LLDCs and developing countries** with critical energy transition minerals in **transforming the supply chains and harness opportunities to develop their productive, trade and regulatory capacities for long-term sustainable development.**

Partners

UNEP, UNDP, UN RECs, UNCTAD, UNIDO, UNICEF, UN Women, IRENA, IEA, ILO, OHCHR, the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, UN Country Teams, the IFC and the World Bank.

WEF's 'Securing Minerals for the Energy Transition Working Group'; ICMM, the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development, and the Principles for Responsible Investment.



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Outputs

Phase I (2023-2024)

Building on available material and thinking within the UN and other partners and through stakeholder consultations:

1. [UN Knowledge hub on extractives](#)
2. [UN Toolkit on critical energy transition minerals](#)
3. **UN Framework on Just Transitions for Critical Energy Transition Minerals**

Phase II (2025 and beyond):

1. **UN Framework on Just Transitions for Critical Energy Transition Minerals customized and tested** in 12 LDCs/LLDCs for tools, capacity laws, skill building and leveraging funds (in year 2).
2. **Institutional capacities built to promote lasting and consequential change on the group** (minerals assessment, regulatory, negotiating, trade and investment, technological, environmental oversight).

Possible Countries identified by the WG*:

Latin America: Bolivia Plurinational State

Africa: Burundi, DRC, Ethiopia, Guinea, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, South Sudan, and the Sudan.

Central Asia: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.

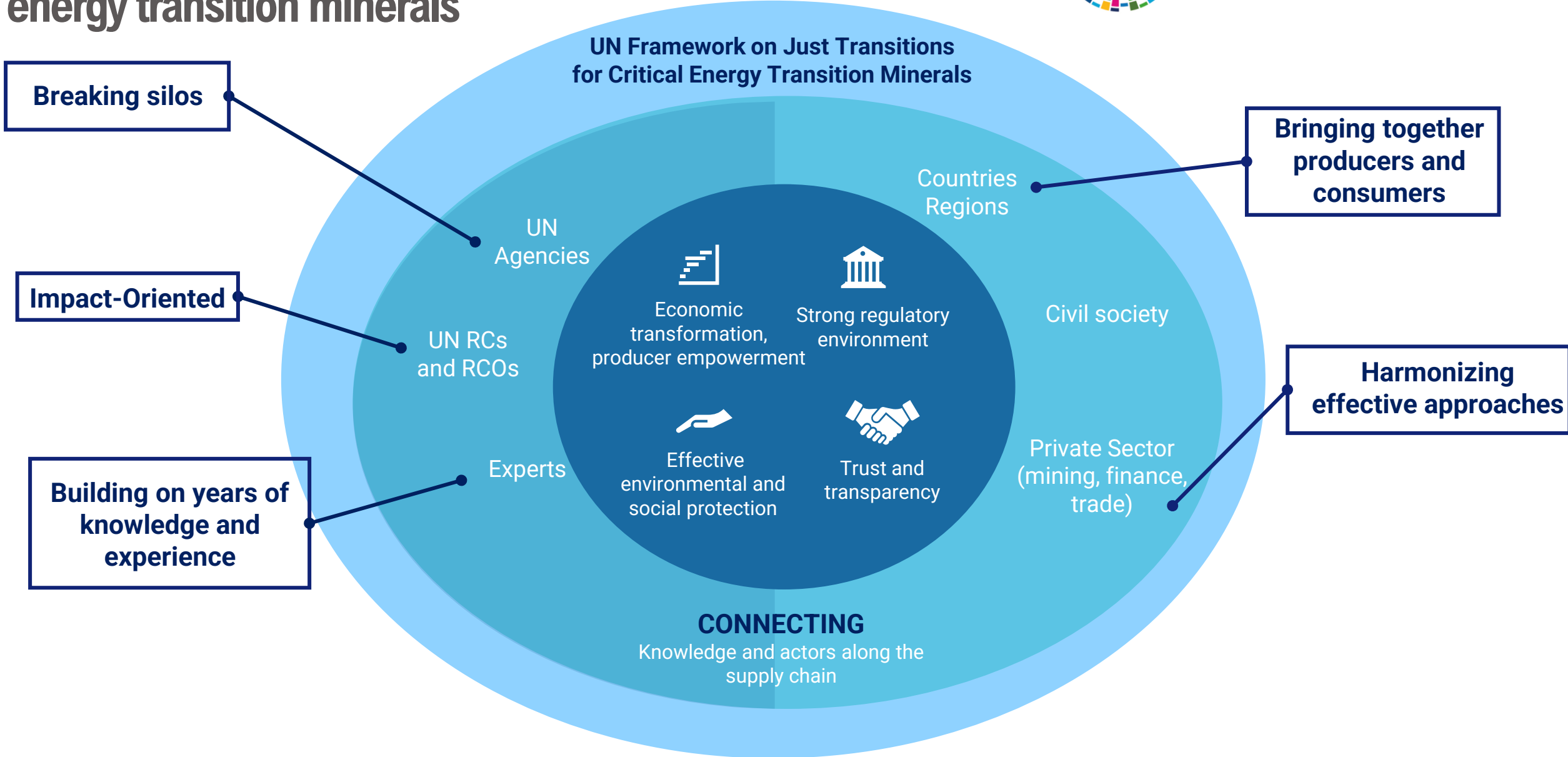
Southeast and East Asia: Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia

*Identified based on partner capacities in these countries but need further discussion.

Galvanizing collective action for just transitions in critical energy transition minerals



UN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S WORKING GROUP ON TRANSFORMING THE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



UN FRAMEWORK ON JUST TRANSITIONS FOR CRITICAL ENERGY TRANSITION MINERALS

1. PRINCIPLES

- Overarching global and common voluntary principles to build trust between governments, communities and industry
- Enhance transparency, reliability, resilience, just and responsible value chains

Agreed by SG Panel on Critical Energy Transition Minerals with support from a Secretariat hosted by the UN SG Climate Action Team, UNEP, UNCTAD

2. POLICIES

- Policies for short, medium, and long-term action to harness minerals for sustainable development
- Policies to help strengthen production, contractual, legal, investment capacities; trade competitiveness; environmental and social stewardship; governance and regulation

Policy suggestions will come from four Policy Papers developed by teams from UNEP, UNCTAD, UNDP, Regional Economic Commissions, UNIDO, ILO, WTO, ETC, OHCHR, WB, IGF and feedback from stakeholder consultations.

3. PARTNERSHIPS

- Just minerals partnerships, communities of practice and networks on critical minerals
- UN Agencies, UN Country Teams, international/regional organizations, civil society, private and financial sector, academia
- Support development of durable institutional capacities in mineral-rich developing countries (for phase 2)

Identified by policy papers and through partner and stakeholder consultations

UN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PANEL ON CRITICAL ENERGY TRANSITION MINERALS





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The Panel will develop a **set of global and common voluntary principles**, building on existing commitments, standards, and applicable multilateral agreements.



The principles will serve as **guidance & best practice** for

DESIGN OF PRINCIPLES



Trust between governments, communities, and industry.



Enhanced transparency & investment.




Governments & other stakeholders active in the extractive industries.




UN support to developing countries, fostering sustainable development.

The principles will be the overarching element of the **UN Framework for Just Transitions on Critical Energy Transition Minerals**

Schedule of Meetings



22 May

 VIRTUAL

Agree on work plan, milestones, scope of 4 workstreams.


8 online meetings held in May and June




8-9 July

 IN-PERSON (COPENHAGEN)

Discuss issues and potential principles



20/21 August

 IN-PERSON (NARIOBI)

Finalize & agree on a set of principles.



MEMBERS

→ Government and Intergovernmental actors

1. African Union
2. Australia
3. Botswana
4. Brazil
5. Canada
6. Chile
7. China
8. Colombia
9. Democratic Republic of the Congo
10. Egypt
11. European Union
12. India
13. Indonesia
14. Japan
15. Kazakhstan
16. Mongolia
17. Namibia
18. Nigeria
19. South Africa
20. United Arab Emirates
21. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
22. United States of America
23. Viet Nam
24. Zambia
25. Zimbabwe

→ Non-State Actors

26. Climate Action Network International
27. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
28. Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance
29. International Council on Mining and Metals
30. International Energy Agency
31. Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development
32. IndustriALL Global Union
33. International Renewable Energy Agency
34. Natural Resource Governance Institute
35. Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
36. Principles for Responsible Investment
37. United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
38. United Nations Secretary-General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change
39. World Bank

PROCESS TO DEVELOP POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

1 Map solutions

Identify Issues, recommendations key emerging questions across UN, IGF and WB

2 Collect feedback from relevant stakeholders

Policy Dialogues to **discuss recommendations and collect additional feedback** through emerging questions

Member States: UNCTAD, Regional Economic Commissions, LLDC3

Experts: OECD Minerals Forum, CCSI

CSOs: Virtual

3 Review inputs and bring into a draft UN Framework

Based on outcome from SG CETM Panel, policy papers and dialogues, develop a draft UN Framework to be endorsed by SG for phase 2. While the exact format has not been decided, [this document](#) was flagged as a good model.

4 Collect feedback on Draft UN Framework

Collect feedback from **EOSG, DCO/RCs, SG Panel, SG Working Group on Extractives and Module Leads** to finalize document.

