Uniting Global Efforts on Extractives

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Objectives of the SG Working Group

- Develop a **common narrative and framework**
- Develop **policy recommendations**, tailored to national governments, non-state actors.
- **Foster collaboration** to respond better to existing and emerging needs for state and non-state actors.
- Frame an implementation initiative to **deploy recommendations**
- Provide a central hub of information and **knowledge exchange** on global policy actions, global standards, tools and best practices.
- **Align efforts with ongoing processes and events** relevant to extractive industries.
Projects on Critical Minerals & Metals (Critical Raw Materials)

- Projects: 28
- Organizations: 14
- Countries: 157

Partner Category:
- Government: 17
- Intergovernmental: 6
- Mutual: 5
- Extractive: 4
- Others: 2

Regional distribution of Projects:
- South America: 58%
- Asia: 53%
- Africa: 37%
- Europe: 37%
- North America: 26%
- Oceania: 11%

Partner Organizations:
- German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development: 3
- Switzerland: 3
- Colombia (MME): 2
- Sida: 2
- Church of England: 1
- Colombia (government): 1
- Colombian Group: 1
- DG International Cooperation: 1
- Ecopetrol: 1
- European Commission: 1
- Foundations: 1
- Global Environment Facility: 1
- International Organizations: 1
- Norad: 1

Projects:
- Commodities Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities
- Dialogues and public deliberation for sustainable development and democracy
- Enhancing traceability and transparency of sustainable value chains in a circular economy
- Expert Group on Resource Management
- Extractives for Development (E4D)
- Global Industry Standard on Tailings Management
- Guiding Principles for a responsible and sustainable minerals and metals sector
- Implementation of United Nations Environment Assembly Resolutions UNEA4/19 and UNEA5/12

Summary
- Projects Deployed
- Priority Areas
- UN Agencies
- Critical Raw Materials
- Fossil Fuels
- Funds
- Private Sector
Projects on financing for development are generating a wealth of information that could be better connected, tailored and used to frame the UN narrative on extractives.

There is an opportunity to work more closely with the private sector and the financial sector in some of the priority areas as they have not been a prominent UN partner so far.

Funding seems to be limited (mostly less than 1 million per project). Scattered small-scale efforts might need to be better understood, showcased and/or connected for greater impact.

The Working Group could help bring further clarity and coherence to what the UN considers as ‘critical metals and minerals’ (or Critical Raw Materials) and the solutions we need to put in place to ensure their extraction contributes to sustainable development.

Areas like circular economy and financing for development have not been fully explored by the UN and deserve more attention.

What the data is telling us: