



CRITICAL ENERGY TRANSITION MINERALS TO ACCELERATE PROGRESS TOWARDS THE SDGs

Official side-event of the 2024 high-level political forum on sustainable development, organized jointly by the five United Nations regional commissions

Date and time: Tuesday, 16 July 2024, 1-2.30 p.m. (EST)

Venue: Conference Room 9, United Nations Headquarters, New York and online.

Critical energy transition minerals are essential for low-carbon technologies, and are thus crucial for achieving the climate ambitions outlined in the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The demand for critical energy transition minerals is expected to rise significantly, posing both opportunities and challenges for sustainable development, particularly in resource-rich countries. The side-event entitled "Critical Energy Transition Minerals to Accelerate Progress Towards the SDGs" will examine the different regional perspectives, as well as the economic and development implications of the extraction, processing and industrialization of these minerals. Participants will discuss how these critical minerals can drive economic diversification, value addition and sustainable development, while mitigating socioenvironmental conflicts and ensuring fair benefit-sharing. The Executive Secretaries of the United Nations regional commissions, policymakers and experts will gather to explore strategies for effectively managing the demand for critical energy transition minerals and promoting international cooperation. The event will also highlight the role of United Nations initiatives, such as the Working Group on Transforming the Extractive Industries for Sustainable Development and the Panel on Critical Energy Transition Minerals, showcasing efforts to support just transitions and enhance global governance.

For further information, visit: <https://www.cepal.org/en/events/hlpf-2024-high-level-side-event-critical-energy-transition-minerals-accelerate-progress>.

To follow the livestream, please visit: <http://webtv.un.org/>.

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