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Expert Group Meeting:

The Role of Minerals and Raw Materials to
support the Energy Transition in the Arab
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06 December 2022
15:30-17:00 EET, GMT+2



The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) is organizing an Expert Group Meeting on:

“The Role of Minerals and Raw Materials to support the Energy Transition in the Arab Region”.

Main question:

- What is the role of minerals and raw materials in energy transition and how can Arab countries overcome some of the key challenges for the sector?

Main objectives:

- Examine the future mineral demand; issues in resource assessment and supply chain integration; and challenges in sustainable mining, financing, and new business models
- Identify the best practices in resource governance, integrating ESG factors for responsible mining; and the increasing women's engagement in mining sector



Substantial inputs and key takeaways from the EGM will be integrated into the technical paper, currently under development. This will be peer reviewed by experts and is planned to be released in the first quarter of 2023



AGENDA:

Opening remarks: Ms. Radia Sedaoui, United Nations ESCWA

Scene-setter: Minerals for energy transition in the Arab region and scope of the technical paper (10 mins.)
Mr. Kapil Narula, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCWA

Invited expert speakers (10 mins. each)

- Future mineral requirements and market development under different scenarios
 - Mr. Toru Muta, Senior Energy Analyst, International Energy Agency (IEA), Paris, France
- Challenges for mineral resource assessment and supply chain integration
 - Dr. Kwasi Ampofo, Head of Metals and Mining, BloombergNEF, London, UK
- Challenges for sustainable mining, financing, and jurisdictional risks
 - Mr. Pini Althaus, Founder & Advisor to the Board at USA Rare Earth, New York, US
- Challenges in implementing transparency and role of strong institutions in resource governance
 - Mr. Sebastian Sahla, Policy Advisor, Extractives Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), Oslo, Norway
- Increasing women's engagement in mining for larger communal benefit
 - Ms. Marion Provencher Langlois, Gender Analyst, Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF), Ottawa, Canada

Q&A and discussions (20 mins.)

Moderator: Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief, Energy Section, ESCWA

Conclusion and next steps

Mr. Kapil Narula, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCWA

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