

LUBUMBASHI, DR CONGO: THE AFRICAN COALITION ON GREEN MINERALS DECLARATION.

We, the member organizations of the African Coalition on Green Minerals (ACGM) participating in the exchange workshop co-organized by African Resources Watch (AFREWATCH) and global witness (GW), from 10 to 11 June 2024 in Lubumbashi, to identify the obstacles and opportunities for African countries that produce critical minerals, based on a study entitled "***Opportunities and obstacles linked to the energy transition***", and to involve civil society in this process, which should lead countries to a decisive shift away from fossil fuels towards green energy.

After an in-depth analysis, the participants made a number of observations, in particular:

- i. Africa holds between 20% and 90% of the world's reserves of 11 minerals needed for the energy transition, such as platinum group metals, cobalt, chromium, zirconium, lithium, coltan, germanium, etc.;
- ii. In 2022, Africa exported approximately \$29 billion worth of transition mineral products. From 1995 to 2018, energy transition minerals and related products accounted for 23% of total exports from sub-Saharan Africa ¹ ;
- iii. By 2022, countries around the world have declared that they will be sourcing \$55 billion worth of energy transition minerals (and related metals) from Africa. And this demand is set to increase further between now and 2050 ² ;
- iv. Profits are not shared equitably between the less developed countries (South) and the developed countries (North), where most of the value added to energy transition minerals is co-opted;
- v. Studies carried out in several countries producing these minerals show that local communities and the environment are paying a heavy price in terms of negative impacts;
- vi. African countries have no vision or strategy for exploiting transition minerals (green metals), despite the existence of the African Mining Vision (AMV);

¹ Clara Galeazzi, Jevgenijs Steinbuks et James Cust, "Africa's Resource Export Opportunities and the Global Energy Transition", *LiveWire* 2020, n° 111 (2020), <https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/431621608028194772/pdf/Africa-s-Resource-Export-Opportunities-and-the-Global-Energy-Transition.pdf>.

² The list of product codes used can be found in the recent (unpublished) study carried out by Publish What You Pay (PWYP).

vii. The lack of participation by civil society and the lack of transparency in the process of negotiating strategic agreements with private companies and the signing of bilateral and multilateral agreements or memoranda of understanding. This is the case of the memoranda of understanding signed between the United States, the DRC and Zambia on the one hand and between the European Union and the DRC, Zambia, Rwanda and Mozambique on the other, in addition to the existing partnerships between China and certain African countries including the DRC;

To face these challenges, the member organisations of the African Green Minerals Coalition call on their countries to take the following measures:

- 1. Develop and adopt a strategy for the sustainable exploitation of green minerals and metals and transpose it into legal and institutional frameworks and coherent actions;*
- 2. Use mineral resources to support growth, development, industrialisation and job creation by fully developing cross-sectoral linkages;*
- 3. Take advantage of the window of opportunity offered by the focus on strategic minerals or Transition Minerals (TM) to rapidly build regional and continental value chains;*
- 4. Transform the mining sector into a driver of large-scale development through the development of local mining capital;*
- 5. Invest in research, development and innovation in the field of renewable energies and green minerals (develop human and technological capacities);*
- 6. Promote the local production of components for batteries, electric vehicles and renewable energy equipment and increase local content over time;*
- 7. Encourage local processing and increased added value in the green minerals and metals sector;*
- 8. Invest in geological research, particularly for green minerals;*
- 9. Promote transparency and accountability through local consultation, while involving communities affected by mining operations in the decision-making process;*
- 10. Improve the political, legislative and institutional framework, as well as the business climate and governance.*

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