## SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN THE ENERGY TRANSITION: LESSONS FROM AFRICA



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## **CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION FOR WHOM?**

Energy scenarios are clear: there is no room for new fossil fuels investments if the Paris Agreement target to limit the global temperature rise within 1.5 °C is to be achieved. More investments in renewable energy technologies are necessary to achieve climate change mitigation. However, expansion and adoption of renewable energy technologies also affect the environment and lives of people that are already vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Adoption of renewable energy technologies must be founded on climate justice, ensuring that human rights of indigenous people and local communities are respected and protected.

There is also a need for both life cycle assessments of renewable energy technologies and circular economy strategies to limit negative environmental and health impacts, while maximizing the efficient use of limited material resources.

Through moderated discussions with rightsholders, the side event draws on cases from Africa as well as a report on just energy transition with an environmental life cycle perspective to elucidate the importance of putting indigenous people and local communities at the centre of energy transition to ensure an equitable and holistic pathway for people and the planet. It further aims to highlight key frameworks and policies that are essential to respect and protect the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities and the environment in renewable energy transition.



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