



The United Nations Secretary-General's Panel on Critical Energy Transition Minerals

Terms of Reference

1. Background

The energy transition and successfully reaching the goal of the Paris Agreement to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius by the end of the century depends heavily on the sufficient, reliable and affordable supply of critical energy transition minerals. According to the International Energy Agency, the demand for these minerals is set to almost triple over the

3. Scope

4. Mode of Operation

In discharging its tasks, the Panel will build on existing national, intergovernmental and industry-led initiatives and commitments to develop the principles through an inclusive and transparent process that intensifies international cooperation and collaboration in the field.

The Panel will conduct its work in accordance with the following modalities:

Panel meetings: The Panel will meet as often as needed, based on a work plan to be proposed by the Co-Chairs at the first meeting of and agreed by the Panel, to ensure delivery of its tasks. Meetings will generally be virtual, but with in-person meetings as needed.

Consultations: The Panel will engage in inclusive consultations with a broad range of stakeholders including Member States, UN entities, international and intergovernmental organizations, industry stakeholders and civil society, as well as existing initiatives and platforms focused on critical energy transition minerals value chains.

Technical and policy support: Relevant UN and key technical partners will provide technical, scientific and policy advice to the Panel.

The Panel will be supported by a Panel Secretariat co-led by the United Nations Secretary-General's Climate Action Team (CAT), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The Panel Secretariat will lead operational activities and coordination.

The Panel Secretariat will include a Technical Advisory Group, composed of

Members of the Panel will be responsible for their own costs related to their participation in the Panel meetings, unless otherwise agreed with the Executive Office of the Secretary-General.

8. Confidentiality

Members of the Panel, as well as the entities or organizations that they represent, will treat as confidential the Panel's deliberations, all drafts of the Panel's work and any information, document or data that is communicated or received by the Panel on a confidential basis.

9. Press Statements