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Global Roundtable on Extractive Industries: Transforming the Sector into an Engine for Sustainable Development

**RESCHEDULED to 25th May 2021,
9:00-11:30 am EST**

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres will convene an online Global Roundtable on Extractive Industries on how to transform the sector into an engine for sustainable development. The COVID-19 pandemic presents a once-in-a-lifetime chance to support a just transition away from fossil fuels and towards a low-carbon, resilient and inclusive future. The green energy transition, accelerated by the crisis, also offers a tremendous opportunity to create new jobs, redress social and environmental inequities and support developing countries, many of which are rich in the materials needed for the renewables revolution.

This roundtable concludes a series of five regional roundtables held over the past several months in collaboration with the UN Regional Economic Commissions, with support from DESA, UNCTAD, UNEP, and UNDP. It will feature high-level participation by Heads of State and Government, the Secretary-General and Deputy-Secretary General of the United Nations, the Executive Secretaries of the Regional Economic Commissions and key stakeholders from the private sector, civil society and academia.

Participants will address how to seize the opportunity to identify and implement key partnerships, instruments and policies to ensure that extractive industries better serve sustainable development objectives, including on climate action. The Secretary-General's policy brief with concrete proposals to inform the event will be released prior to the Global Roundtable.

The event will be livestreamed on UN WEB TV.

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