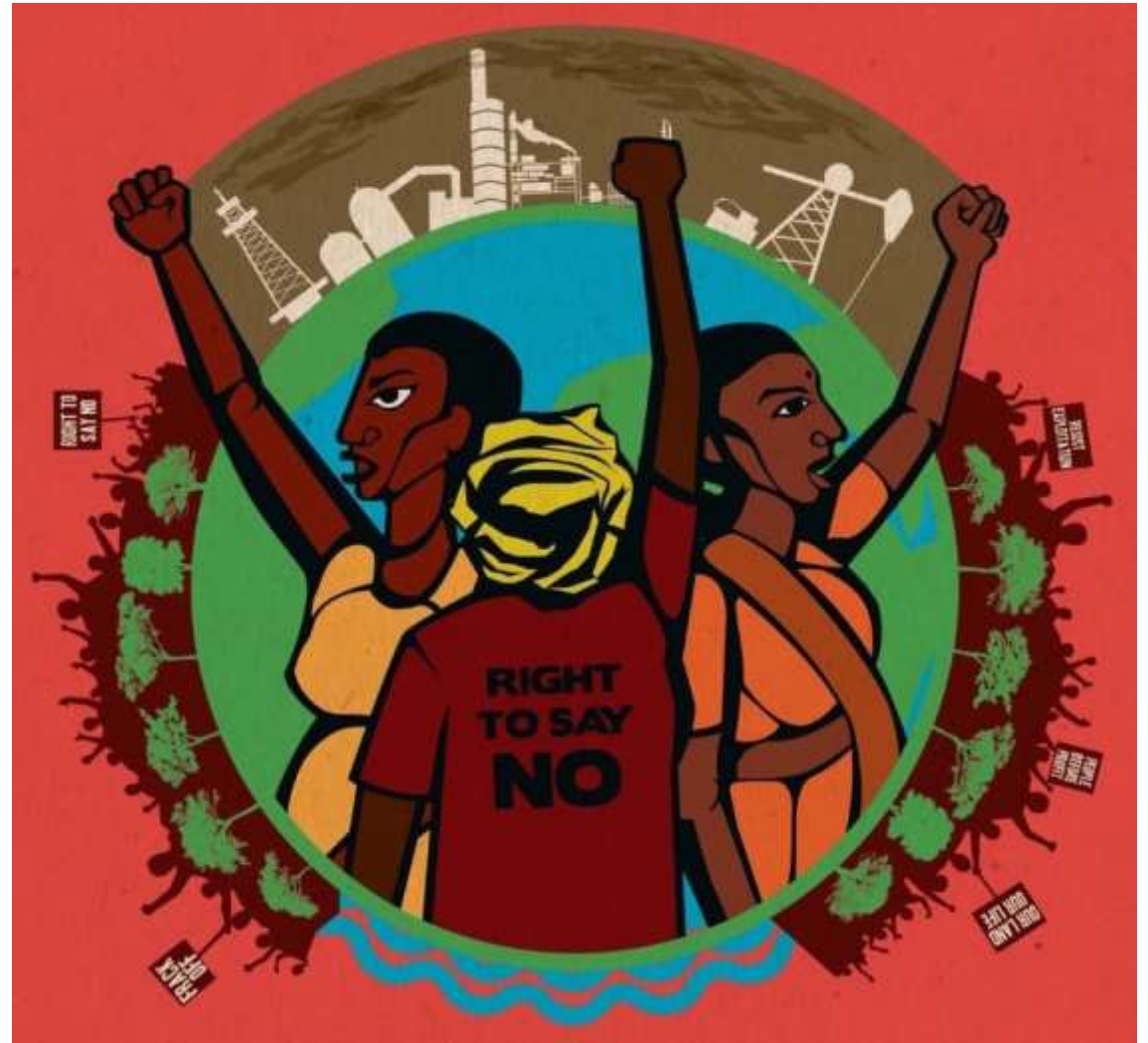


# TSF-Mining 2023

## Concept Note



# Basic Info

1. Organized by Thematic Social Forum on Mining (TSF-Mining) and co-hosted by the Asia-Pacific Gathering on Human Rights and Extractives (AP Gathering)
2. Semarang, Indonesia (possibly in University of Diponegoro) 3.
3. Oct. 16-20, 2023 (Arrival on Oct. 16, TSF-Mining events on Oct. 17-19, Solidarity Visit on Oct. 20)

# Objectives

1. Update the understanding and analysis of activists and campaigners about the **landscape of the international mining industry** and the broader phenomenon of **extractivism**;
2. **Strengthen the voices of mining-affected communities** by nourishing a platform for solidarity and interaction among them;
3. **Identify areas of mutual interest, common concern and potential areas of collaboration** among different communities and their support groups, by facilitating a dialogue among thematic areas and sectoral groups;
4. Review and calibrate the **action agenda of TSF-Mining 2018** that was adopted in Johannesburg
5. **Strengthen the existing working arrangements and coordination mechanisms** to intensify global, regional, national and local action against extractivist projects

# Expected Outputs

1. Five hundred (500) representatives from affected communities and their support groups increase their awareness on the current reality of mining and extractivism
2. Thematic, regional and sectoral campaign working groups are encouraged to convene solidarity platforms
3. Campaign tracks on the a) right to say no and b) transition minerals are adopted as potential areas of global advocacy collaboration
4. A conference declaration and updated action agenda is adopted
5. Working groups and coordinative mechanisms are identified with clear timelines and tasks

# Participants

1. At least 200 individuals join a face-to-face gathering in Semarang, Indonesia
2. At least 300 individuals from 30 online hubs located in 6 continental clusters – 10 pax per hub
3. Estimated 100 individuals will join via their own private connection
4. Local solidarity groups and community partners in Indonesia
5. Masterlist of participants must be issued by March 30, 2023

# Methodology

1. In a proposed hybrid mode of a 3-day event, the TSF-Mining 2023 will start with a plenary session on each day to discuss specifically the main themes.
2. The rest of the day is then dedicated to parallel discussions and breakout groups on thematic issues
3. The third day will focus on the final declaration, action agenda or roadmap of actions, and a clear structure of moving forward the advocacy and campaign agenda.
4. Open Spaces or self-organized workshops and meetings can be accommodated daily, after dinner
5. Solidarity visit to a an affected-community
6. Cultural presentations
7. Media briefing

# Main Themes

As building blocks to strengthen its international solidarity and advocacy, TSF-Mining 2023 will use the “**Right to Say No**” and the “**Nexus of Climate Justice, Just Transition and Extractives**” as its main themes.

- **The Right to Say No** is a permanent process of mobilization and affirmation of the territory's desire to remain “Free from Extractives activities”. This campaign rejects “extractivism” – defined as the process where natural resources are removed from the land or the underground and then put up for sale as commodities on the global market.
- **Transition Minerals** is informed by the growing criticism of affected communities and environmental rights defenders that achieving the energy transition must not create more “sacrifice zones” where minerals will be extracted to respond to the renewable energy demands of developed countries, thereby eroding the pursuit of a “just transition for all”. Other catchphrases used are “green minerals” or “critical minerals”

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4. Labour, health & safety
5. Artisanal small scale vs large scale mining companies
6. Working to overcome tension between labour versus community interests
7. The rights of nature, alternative cosmovisions and social struggles
8. Nexus of the climate crisis, the Energy Transition, Green Economy and Extractivism (TRANSITION MINERALS)

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2. Extractivism and the ecological crisis, false solutions/green economy
3. Blue economy as an emerging threat
4. Roles of IFIs and development finance in extractives and HRDs
5. Deep Sea Mining / Offshore mining / Seabed quarrying
6. Defending the ERDs/WHRDs
7. Free, prior and informed consent (FPIC)
8. Extractive agriculture such as monoculture plantations
9. The concept of “accountable mining” or holding mining companies accountable



# Working Themes

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# [Draft Program]

Day 1: Opening Plenary / Main Plenary 1 / Workshops Set 1

Day 2: Opening Plenary / Main Plenary 2 / Workshops Set 2

Day 2 late afternoon: Open Spaces

Day 3 AM: Community dialogues and Exchanges Drafting of Declaration / Action  
Agenda Consolidation

Day 3 PM: Discussion and adoption of declaration and action agenda

Day 4: Solidarity Visit