

STRATEGIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

TRAVEL REPORT

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TITLE:

Asia Pacific Regional Convening 2025 THE PEOPLE'S TRANSITION: DRIVING ACCOUNTABILITY FOR A JUST ENERGY TRANSITION FOR ASIA PACIFIC AND THE WORLD

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This event gathered together civil society organizations, experts, and stakeholders to strengthen engagement in extractive governance through knowledge exchange, advocacy, and capacity building. The event aims to 1) create a space for collective visioning and regional collaboration; 2) share knowledge and strategies for effective advocacy; and 3) align CSOs' agendas for energy transition justice.

Participants came from the Asia-Pacific: Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Indonesia, China, Australia, Myanmar, Malaysia, India, and Philippines.

There were panel discussions on issues of civic space, gender, free prior and informed consent, benefit sharing, and corruption related to large scale energy and transition mineral mining projects in EITI-implementing countries. These sessions were followed by workshops on the various tools that are available for measuring or addressing the issues mentioned. Among these tools are the Philippine's Harmonized Gender and Development Guidelines (HGDG) GAD checklist and corresponding score which determines how gender-responsive are the projects being proposed or the anti-corruption tool of Transparency International.

The final output was the Asia Pacific Convening People's Declaration which outlined the common themes requiring a transdisciplinary and intersectional actions from all the stakeholders on the ground, to wit,

- (1) Transition Minerals & Governance Gaps;
- (2) Gender-Just Energy Transition;
- (3) Anti-Corruption & Conflict; and
- (4) Civic Space & Protection Mechanisms

I. DATE, PLACE AND PURPOSE OF THE TRAVEL

Date:

21-23 October 2025

Place:

Manila, Philippines

Purpose: Participate as panelist in the Panel discussion on The People's Transition

(Session 2) and Resource Person on using the HGDG GAD checklist and score

II. KEY OUTCOMES

1) Asia Pacific Convening People's Declaration

Networking for possible collaborative projects with Rahul Basu of the Goa Foundation regarding their work on sand mining, shared inheritance approach for mining projects and collaboration on Laudato Si initiatives



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