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# **CHARTING OUR COURSE: UNITING FOR A JUST ENERGY TRANSITION**

**PWYP Global Assembly Report**

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# 01 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/ INTRODUCTION

## **“Uniting for a just energy transition” - an ambitious theme for an ambitious movement.**

Bringing together representatives from the vast and diverse Publish What You Pay (PWYP) network, our sixth Global Assembly in Jakarta, Indonesia, was a landmark moment—not only in setting our collective strategy for the next five years but also for facilitating an incredible exchange of fresh ideas, skills and experiences.

Over just three days, and with the dedicated support of PWYP Indonesia, we strengthened and developed our shared identity, and emerged more resolute than ever in our mission to empower communities in their pursuit of equitable governance of natural resources and justice for all in the energy transition.

To galvanise energy around our new strategy, [programme sessions](#) ranged from [innovative lightning talks](#) designed to inspire our community, to the strategy implementation, including the identity of the PWYP movement. As a result, conversations covered topics from the complex challenges facing civic space to diverse perspectives on community empowerment within a truly just and equitable energy transition. We were also privileged to welcome representatives from the Indonesian government, who highlighted the essential need for dynamic partners like PWYP Indonesia to work alongside them to secure justice in the implementation of the energy transition.

### The Global Assembly at a glance



**210**

participants, including  
116 women



**70**

countries represented  
from every region of  
the world



**25**

varied sessions,  
led by 78 different  
speakers

## 02 TOWARDS A NEW STRATEGY



"We have been fighting for justice for decades; we rise up against injustice to defend rights. Now, we are expanding to address climate change. The challenge is to put our strategy into practice. This is the beginning of a new era."

**Dr. Ketakandriana Rafitoson, Executive Director, PWYP**

The PWYP movement ushered in a new dawn by unanimously **endorsing our new 2025-2030 strategy.**

### PWYP's new vision and mission



Our **VISION** is one in which societies are governing their natural resources in just and equitable ways in harmony with the planet.

Our **MISSION** is to empower communities in their pursuit of equitable governance of natural resources and justice for all in the energy transition, within the natural limits of the planet.

## 2.1. Unpacking our five-year outcomes

Our new strategy leverages the movement's diversity to address **the multifaceted crises of the energy transition** and their impacts on local communities. Our three new outcomes respond to these challenges. Coming together at the Global Assembly provided a key opportunity to hear outstanding speakers on these issues, and brainstorm our movement's collective advocacy goals within the three outcomes.

### Outcome 1:

**We want to see justice for all in the fossil-fuel phase out. We are advocating for the benefits and burdens of phasing out fossil fuels and scaling up renewable energy to be shared fairly across communities, countries, and generations.**

Our members recognised that **countries heavily reliant on fossil fuel revenues**, such as Libya, and new producer countries like Senegal, will face increasing economic vulnerability as the world transitions to cleaner energy sources. These nations need to start developing and implementing transition plans to diversify their economies. International banks and institutions continue to invest heavily in the oil and gas sectors, moving in the opposite direction. A strong civil society is crucial to raise awareness and **advocate for robust and transparent transition plans** in fossil fuel-dependent countries, including targeting national oil companies. Participants also highlighted the need to ensure **community-based access to renewable energy** and to curb **corruption in the renewable energy sector**.

### Outcome 2:

**We want to see equitable mineral governance within the natural limits of the planet. The costs and benefits of mining, particularly for minerals essential for renewable energy generation, must be shared fairly.**

Several sessions at the Global Assembly looked at how **unjust** the energy transition is for mining communities at the moment. The scramble for critical minerals is reinforcing **exploitative practices** in resource-rich countries. The rise of "green colonialism," where environmental justifications mask resource exploitation, was a key concern. Our community representatives from Indonesia, Tunisia, Chile and Nigeria highlighted how mining is impacting their lives with displacement, water and air pollution, deforestation, and human rights violations. Participants shared experiences to **empower communities** so that they can participate in all phases of mining operations. They also emphasised the importance of looking at mineral resources as [shared inheritance](#), and of continuing to hold **mining companies accountable** for the harm they create, including by rehabilitating mining sites when operations stop.



"Colonialism and capitalism created the climate crisis. Now, those same systems are driving an unjust transition. But regimes change, people remain. Communities hold the power to build a just and sustainable future."

**Galina Angarova, Executive Director, SIRGE coalition**

We also looked at **unfair deals and trade systems**, highlighting how international trade agreements, investment mechanisms and strategic partnerships with buyer countries perpetuate disproportionate benefits from minerals and hinder local industrial development. We also strategised on how to push for more local value addition, strengthen **regional cooperation** on minerals value chains, and **challenge global unfair trade norms**.



"We need a global system that upholds climate, economic and social justice. That means dismantling the current financial architecture, ensuring real tech transfer, and fighting debt traps that keep countries locked in poverty."

**Shereen Talat, Director, MENA Fem Movement**

### Outcome 3:

**We want to see that the communities and civil society participating in decision-making on natural resources and the energy transition are able to use their voices powerfully and safely. Communities and activists must be able to advocate without fear of reprisal.**

Participants identified the **systematic exclusion of marginalised groups as another key challenge**. Women, local communities, Indigenous peoples, people with disabilities and other vulnerable groups suffer most from extractive industries and climate disasters, yet lack decision-making power. Empowering marginalised groups with the knowledge, resources, and platforms to defend their rights - including their right to say no to extraction - was highlighted as a priority across the movement.

We heard **powerful women** advocating for a radical shift, highlighting the intertwined nature of exploitation patterns, calling for a green feminist finance architecture and demanding accountability for climate and colonial debt.



"There can be no climate justice without gender justice. The relations of domination that exploit resources are the same as those that exploit women."

**Marie Christina Kolo, Founder, Green N Kool**

#### ZOOM IN:

#### Supporting community-led solution



"To destroy the forest is to destroy our identity—it's a genocide. We don't seek compensation; we demand our rights be upheld."

**Yurni Sadariah, woman representative of the indigenous Paser Tribe in Indonesia**



"There is a need for true representation of marginalised indigenous communities, especially women and persons with disabilities. Social movements should have their roots in existing indigenous communities to amplify their voices and protect their spaces".

**Andre Barahamin, Asia Regional Advisor, Global Witness**

The Global Assembly conversation underscored the severe challenges faced by communities in the energy transition, but also their **invaluable knowledge that could help drive a just transition**. The PWYP movement was challenged to empower communities through capacity building, facilitate their access to information, and support community-led initiatives and solutions. This is key to guarantee a sustainable and equitable energy future that challenges exploitation within the prevailing economic architecture.

Many members also shared experiences of **shrinking civic space**. Governments worldwide are increasingly restricting fundamental freedoms through censorship, arbitrary arrests, and digital surveillance. Activists face escalating risks. **Advocating for safe civic space** remains a priority in many countries. Participants demonstrated their commitment to solidarity by [issuing a statement](#) of solidarity for the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo during the Global Assembly, following the recurrence of deadly violence.

**Corruption and opacity were identified as cross-cutting issues:** Participants emphasised the importance of **anticorruption, transparency, accountability, and data-driven advocacy** as a keystone of justice in the energy transition. Data storytelling, accessible data platforms, and robust disclosure mechanisms are essential for empowering communities and driving policy change.

## 2.2. Evolving our identity

The Global Assembly was also the occasion to dive into our future identity. Fifty members from different corners of the world participated in two **co-creation workshops** organised with 89up, the agency helping with this important piece of work. We workshoped PWYP's future visual brand identity, looking at different graphic routes, as well as our future potential name. All Global Assembly participants also had the opportunity to propose and vote for new names ideas. The **insights** gathered over these three days will be incorporated into the next phase of identity development.



# 03 GOVERNANCE UPDATE



“The new strategy encourages us to re-examine our identities and bond with each other for a stronger movement.”

**Monday Osasah, Chair of PWYP Global Council**

PWYP’s Board reiterated its commitment to oversee the International Secretariat and the network’s alignment with the new vision, mission, and strategy. This includes making sure the Secretariat uses funds effectively and in direct response to the members’ priorities.

Given PWYP’s evolving direction, we are **reviewing our governance structure**. The proposed structure is a **single Global Board** of 15 members, made up of nine directly elected regional representatives and six trustees appointed for their skills in delivering the new strategy. Simultaneously, the Secretariat is being **restructured** to efficiently meet the needs of the movement and the strategy.



# 04 CONCLUSION

The PWYP Global Assembly was a vibrant and inclusive event, fostering a **collective commitment to PWYP's next global strategy**. Through sessions looking at multiple aspects of the energy transition, it produced a huge amount of insights and feedback that we are taking on to develop our collective advocacy goals. It was also an important moment to think of how to update our identity to ensure it reflects what we do and the impact that we have.

Furthermore, the Assembly **fostered collaboration** by emphasising the importance of bridging connections between different countries and continents. Participants emphasised the importance of learning across all regions of the world.

Finally, this event was a strong call for PWYP to **prioritise the perspectives and rights of local communities** in national and global spaces. We will work to ensure that marginalised voices are central to decision-making.

Armed with the momentum and solidarity of the Global Assembly, together, we now embark on our journey towards a just, equitable, safe energy transition that leaves no one behind.

## KEY STATS FROM THE FEEDBACK SURVEY

97%

reported having understood the new global strategy and were committed to its implementation over the next five years.



"I am extremely satisfied that the strategy truly reflects the inputs from all regions. It is quite inclusive. There is a sense of ownership towards this collective strategy which will help towards its effective implementation."

**Saswati Swetlena, India.**

**98%**

**reported that the assembly facilitated meaningful connections, partnerships, and solidarity among participants.**



"Participants strengthened alliances, exchanged strategies, and built cross-border partnerships (...). The assembly reinforced a unified movement for equitable resource governance, ensuring continued collaboration beyond the event."

**Patricia Swai, Tanzania**

**81%**

**reported that the assembly effectively included the perspectives and priorities of marginalised and underrepresented groups in discussions and decision-making processes.**



"There was a clear effort to create an inclusive environment where diverse voices were heard and valued. This approach ensured that their experiences and needs were reflected in the outcomes, contributing to more equitable and representative decision-making."

**Rui Mate, Mozambique**

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