The goals of the Partnership are to:

- Ensure that renewable energy projects are fully aligned with the respect and protection of human rights.
- By 2030 provide 50 million indigenous peoples access to renewable energy that is developed and managed in ways that are consistent with communities' self-determined needs and development aspirations.

The Partnership is led by indigenous peoples, with indigenous communities and networks from around the world forming the core of this initiative. Other stakeholders from civil society, private sector, governments, human rights institutions, the UN and other multi-lateral agencies are encouraged to work in partnership with indigenous communities to achieve these goals. The Partnership will provide a platform for knowledge exchange, learning and collaboration to magnify and scale up action.

The Right Energy Partnership will make a unique contribution to sustainable development and climate action as it is:

- The only indigenous-led partnership related to the SDGs and climate change
- Based on a rights-based framework and social equity - not "business as usual"
- Focused on indigenous-led solutions with equitable benefits reaching the poorest and most marginalised
- Committed to empowering indigenous women and communities
- Open, transparent and accountable

The Partnership was initiated by the Indigenous Peoples Major Group for Sustainable Development, one of the nine officially recognised Major Groups that can officially participate in Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) processes at the global level.

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Indigenous-led energy solutions must be supported

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**The Right Energy Partnership will be a powerful catalyst for action**

The Right Energy Partnership with Indigenous Peoples was developed in order to address the challenges and respond to the critical needs of indigenous peoples around renewable energy, and unlock the untapped potential of indigenous-led action for sustainable development and climate action.