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National Consultation for a Chile's Mining Policy

# Designing a Sustainable National Mining Policy: The Consultation Process for the Chile National Mining Policy 2050

Case Introduction: *An examination of the multi-stage, inclusive consultation process for the National Chilean Mining Policy*





## Case Study Learning Objectives



POLÍTICA  
NACIONAL  
MINERA  
2050

1. **Learning** to design and implement an inclusive and nationwide consultation process for a mining policy.
2. **Understand** the benefits of an inclusive and multi-phase consultation process for policy development.
3. **Get insights** into strategic choices, challenges and success factors of the consultation process.



## Case Context

- Mining is a central pillar of Chile's development. As the country lacks a national mining strategy, **an institutional framework is needed to ensure a sustainable development approach for mining.**
- The new mining policy should be **aligned with modern guidelines for sustainable development**, balancing economic development, social aspects and environmental protection

## Approach Undertaken by Government

- A two-year consultation, in four phases, to ensure all stakeholder groups can raise concerns and issues.
- The consultation includes different formats and opportunities for everyone to participate, no matter the background



### Challenges Addressed by National Government

- Designing an inclusive & sustainable development aligned national mining policy for Chile
- Achieve a national consensus on a mining policy

### Good Practice Elements within Strategy

1. An inclusive, multi-stage, society-wide consultation process to include different stakeholders in the design process.
2. A holistic approach to sustainable development in mining policy: Ensuring all challenges and aspects of sustainability in mining are addressed.



### **Good practice aspect #1:**

An inclusive, multi-stage, society-wide consultation process to include different stakeholder in the design process

#### Good Practice Elements

- The design and use of different participatory formats (round tables, online & territorial consultations, technical working groups) to enable nationwide participation
- A step by step participatory and inclusive approach to establish a vision, goals and indicators for the mining policy in four phases:
  - Working tables to define aims and challenges
  - Collective design workshops to work on challenges of the 9 cross-cutting axes
  - Virtual surveys and dialogues to prioritize and further develop challenges of the 9 axes
  - 9 technical commissions to establish goals, visions and indicators for the mining policy
- Take an approach that is open to input, critique and suggestions and presents an objective way of engaging with different stakeholders and their interests, regardless of background



## Good practice aspect #2:

A holistic approach to sustainable development in mining policy:  
Ensuring all challenges and aspects of sustainability in mining are addressed

### Good Practice Elements

- Implement four consultative phases to gradually refine the identified important topics and challenges for mining sustainability in the Chilean context, by expanding and shifting the focus of the consecutive phases of the consultation
- Identify themes (axes) to better understand and contextualize issues and effectively address challenges of sustainability in mining that are relevant to more than one of the 4 dimension of sustainability at a time: 9 cross-cutting axes for sustainable development were identified on which the consultative process.
- Take an approach that is open to input, critique and suggestions and presents an objective way of engaging with different stakeholders and their interests, regardless of background

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& Gender Equity

Citizen Participation &  
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Mining Development

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Value Chain & Innovation



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### Central Phase

Central Phase to scope challenges related to mining: Working groups on four dimensions of sustainability: **governance, economic, environmental, social**: produced a working paper outlining challenges and initiatives and the identification of **9 cross-cutting axes**

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### Territorial phase

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Territorial phase to further work on challenges and initiatives: this phase involved over 1000 people across the country to work on challenges and solutions in relation to the 9 cross-cutting axes

### Virtual Phase

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Virtual Phase to prioritize and develop challenges: this phase offers further possibilities for interested stakeholders to comment and give input on the challenges of the 9 axes

### Technical Commissions

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In parallel to these phases there are 9 technical commissions to gather the results of the other phases in order to establish goals, visions and indicators: the commission are led by experts in the topic and participants come from a large variety of relevant backgrounds/professions