From Cooperation to Competition…!



From Competition to Cooperation: Rethinking Energy Security in the Global Resource Race

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The Kuska Model for Trust-Based Resource Development

- Quechua Community of Ollagüe
- Wealth Minerals
- Indigenous communities are strategic partners
- Communities must lead their development (along with partners)
- WM contributes to capacity development
- The collaboration, established through the company Kuska Minerals, involves a 5% equity stake and a board seat for the indigenous community, ensuring their active participation in project development and decision-making beyond simple consultation.



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Goals, competition and cooperation

Competition

- Independence: no correlation in the attainment of goals.
- Goals are attainable regardless of the performance of other actors.
- Actors work against each other to achieve a goal that only one or a small number of them can reach.
- Competition: a zero-sum game in which goals are set independently of other actors.

Cooperation

- Individual goal achievements are positively related.
- Own goals are reached if, and only if, the others also reach theirs.
- Actors succeed to the extent that others do too.

Deutsch (1973)


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PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS

- Cooperation delivers Goals 1–16.
- Trust delivers Goal 17.
- **No trust. No partnerships. No sustainable development.**

The Global Race for Energy Security and Resources

The dominant policy narrative treats critical minerals as strategic, scarce, and controllable assets. This pushes actors toward competitive logic, which may:

- shift risk onto others, which eventually creates insecurity
- undermine trust…then trying to substitute with more power

- The problem is not that we are racing - it is what we are racing toward, and how
- This *is* a race, but not for domination, including the competitive advantage of single organizations or nations
- It is a race to build viable, resilient, and shared energy systems