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Examining the New Spaces created due to Investment in Low Carbon Transitions

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Project description

Globally, concerted efforts for low carbon transitions are creating new value chains of minerals and fuels in peripheral regions of the Global South. These value chains provide these regions with much needed economic and infrastructure development. At the same time, they also open new frontiers of investments leading to spatial reorganisation and new or adapted forms of governance. In the [InFront project](#), the team looks into the investment frontiers created by energy transition-induced extractive industries in Cabo Delgado Province of northern Mozambique.

So far, the team has been following displacement and resettlement processes of almost 20,000 people in the Province due to natural gas production and graphite mine development. These processes are highly contested due to historical marginalisation of local people and livelihoods, exacerbated under the current developments. We aim to show how transnational low carbon transitions can envision and manage such contestations. We pay particular attention to how global policies (such as the recent [COP26](#)) are influencing or being influenced by local processes. This project is executed in cooperation with partners in Mozambique from academia, civil society, and the private sector.

As a bright minds assistant within this Project, you will write a literature study and collect relevant data from online sources on how global and regional policies related to the energy transition are influencing and being influenced by local processes in particular countries, taking Mozambique as a case. The project team is also engaging with a new [Pathways to Sustainability](#) community known as 'Critical Pathways' where the assistant will also be invited to participate and potentially contribute to written works. All the activities can be done online. Meetings, once a week, will be held in Teams. However, the project team is increasingly working on location so there will also be a possibility to meet in-person or work together at the University campus as need arises.

Job requirements

- Background or interest in extractivism, sustainability and/or development studies is a pre-requisite.
- Good command of English
- Good writer