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Join us
in our collaborative engagement
on Deep-Sea Mining (DSM)

Church investors and organisations
are taking action



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Deep-Sea Mining

ESG risks of deep-sea mining and their significance on the financial market

Deep-sea mining – an engagement project run by church investors and organisations

By making responsible decisions based on ethical and sustainable criteria, investors can have a decisive influence on the economic prospects of future deep-sea mining. To ensure that the deep sea remains untouched, church-affiliated investors and development organisations across different countries and denominations are approaching companies in the financial and real sectors with a clear expectation:

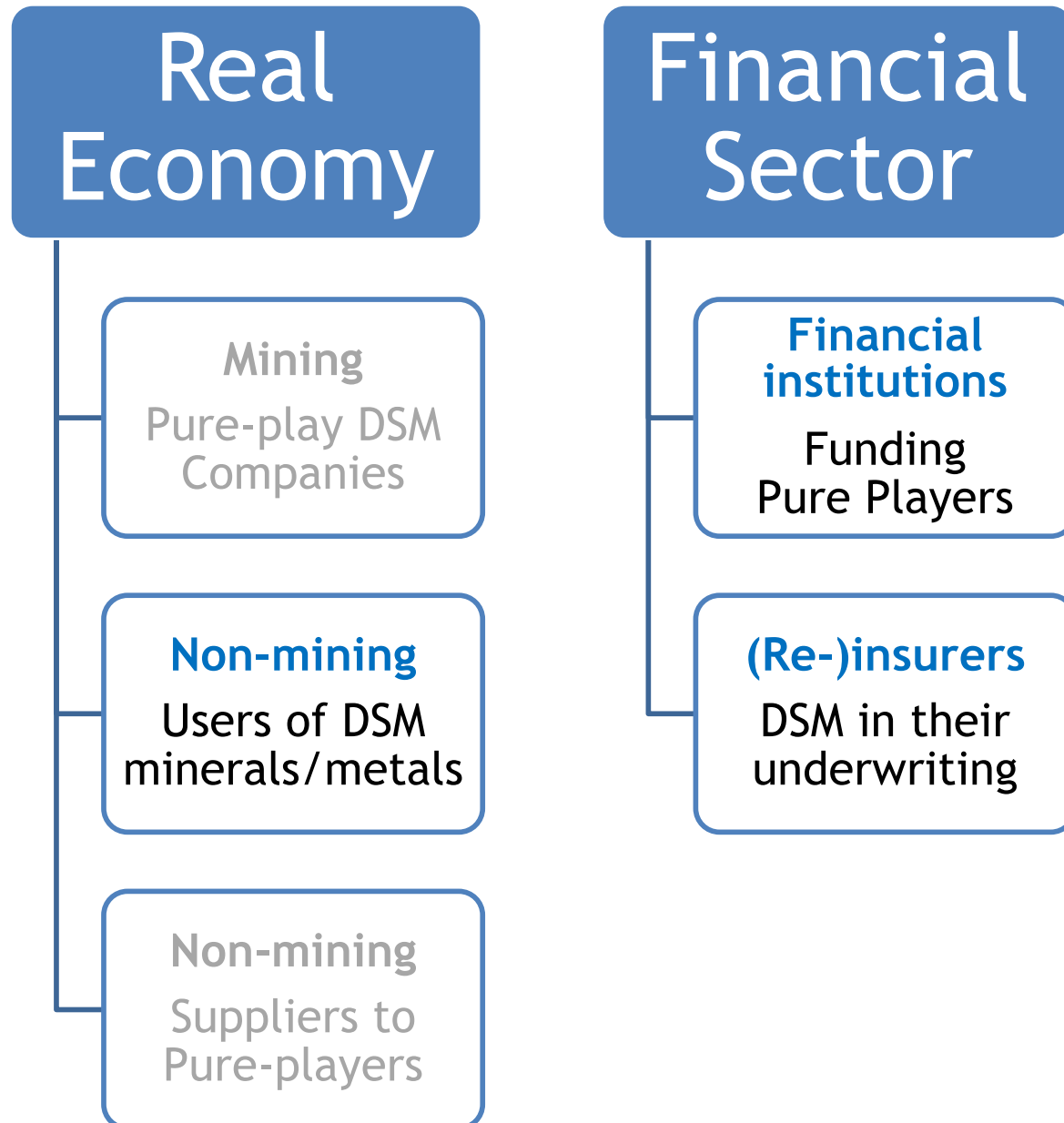
Refrain from any activities related to deep-sea mining throughout your entire value chain and make this decision public!

Churches and church-affiliated organisations are linked worldwide through international ecumenism. This is why a key distinguishing feature of church-based investors is their ability to approach investment opportunities on the basis of reliable information from partner church organisations. Above all, it is about safeguarding the rights and cultural identity of the people who depend on the seas. These challenges are

currently coming into sharp focus in the Pacific, as demonstrated by the following ecumenically authored blog post by Brot für die Welt, Misereor and Ozeanien-Dialog.²³



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BUSINESS STATEMENT SUPPORTING A MORATORIUM ON DEEP SEA MINING

ABOUT

The business coalition comprises of corporate endorsers calling for a moratorium on deep sea mining activities.

All alternatives to deep sea minerals must be explored as a matter of urgency.

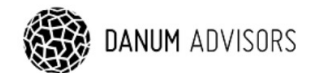
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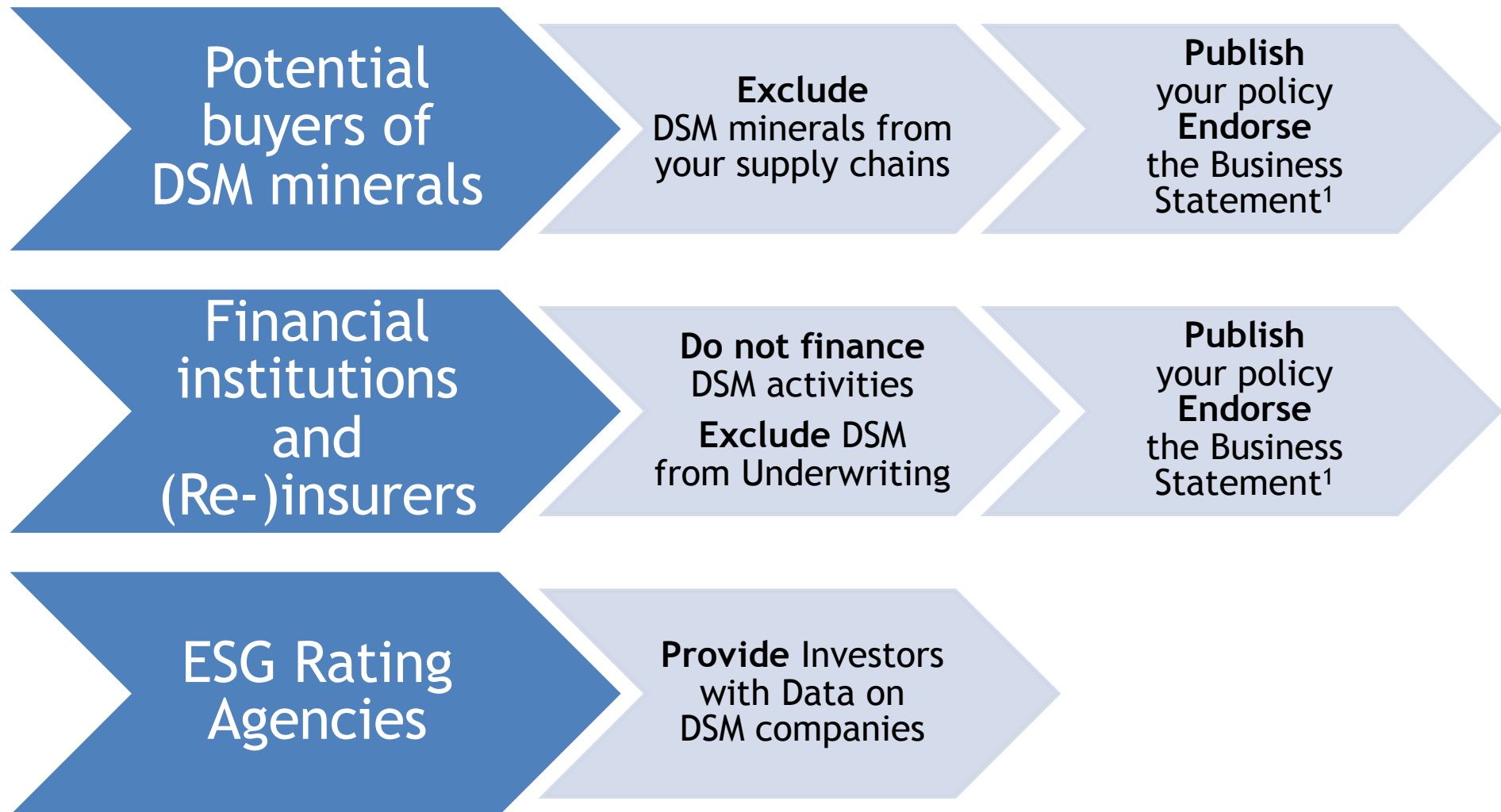
we, the undersigned,

- support a moratorium on deep seabed mining as a matter of precaution and
- commit not to source minerals from the deep seabed;
- to exclude such minerals from our supply chains; and
- not to finance deep seabed mining activities.

72 companies have signed the business statement calling for a moratorium on deep seabed mining activities to date.

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¹ <https://www.stopdeepseabedmining.org/statement/>

Wir laden Sie ein, am kollaborativen Engagement zum Tiefseebergbau teilzunehmen, zunächst bis Ende 2027.

Das bedeutet, dass ...

- der AKI die Koordinierung übernimmt,
- Sie in die Auswahl der Unternehmen einbezogen werden,
- die Unternehmen auch im Namen Ihrer Organisation angesprochen werden,
- Sie zu allen Dialogen eingeladen werden und die Gesprächsprotokolle erhalten,
- Sie regelmäßig über den Fortschritt des Engagements informiert werden,
- Ihnen durch die Teilnahme an dieser Engagement-Initiative keine Kosten entstehen.

Wenn auch Sie an dieser ökumenischen Initiative teilnehmen möchten, wenden Sie sich bitte bis spätestens 15. Mai 2026 an den AKI.

Auftakttreffen: 11. Juni, 10–12 Uhr.

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