

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT Of the Energy Transition Valley (VTE)



The VTE STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT is a collective project with the aim of advancing the energy transition for the benefit of Quebec and Canadian society, while greatly respecting the environment.

Three (3) priority objectives and seven (7) principles revolving around our values (Mobilize, Collaborate, Innovate, Integrity, Entrepreneurship) guide this commitment for a responsible development of the energy transition.

A COMMITMENT, FOR WHAT PURPOSE ?

The VTE STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT for responsible development of the energy transition pursues three (3) objectives:

- 1. Develop an ethical framework for the development and deployment of the energy transition.**
- 2. Direct the energy transition so that everyone can benefit from this environmental revolution.**
- 3. Create a space for national and international dialogue to collectively achieve inclusive, equitable, environmentally, and economically sustainable development.**

A COMMITMENT FOR WHO ?

The VTE STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT is addressed to any person (*), who represents a civil society organization or company willing to participate in the development of the energy transition in a responsible manner, to contribute scientifically and technologically to it in order to collectively develop projects that create wealth.

More specifically, it is intended for anyone willing to participate in the development of VTE in order to become:

- Official member who can attend the meetings of the VTE (annual, extraordinary) with voting rights, which can potentially be:
 - o Administrator on the executive board.
 - o Member on the scientific committee.
- Employee.
- Partner or close collaborator.

(*): Note that a maximum of two individuals per organization/company are permitted to become a member of the Assembly and a formal resolution of the organization/company appointing them as representatives is required.

PREAMBLE

The principles (7) of this VTE STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT represents the directions of an ethical compass that appropriately guide the development of the considered energy transition, in relation to social acceptability.

Although they are presented as a list, the principles are not hierarchical. The last principle is therefore just as important as the first.

PRINCIPLE

Rules defining a way of acting and often corresponding to a moral standpoint.

RESPECT

A commitment to considerations towards VTE members, leading to treating them with special regard through respectful use of resources, spaces, confidentiality of exchanges (when required), and written, verbal, as well as social media communication.

OPENNESS

A commitment to being open to ideas and suggestions of others to understand their ins and outs to adjust and evolve.

THE COMMUN GOOD

A commitment to the significance of the concept of a good shared by VTE members, in both the spiritual and moral sense of the word "good," as well as in the material and practical sense, extending to all living species.

INCLUSION

A commitment to the action of integrating a person or a group.

More specifically, this implies to:

- Contribute to the realization of a diverse society, promote fair and equitable relations without discrimination regarding on social, gender, ethnic, cultural, or religious differences.
- Contribute to the economic and social benefit of the whole, while aiming to reduce inequalities and social precariousness.
- Facilitate access to resources and knowledge for all.

RESPONSIBILITY

A commitment to a moral obligation towards others to answer of our acts, vouch of our actions or those of others, be accountable to others, and bear the consequences (repairing harm).

ACHIEVEMENT

A commitment to action in order to fulfill oneself, accomplish something, take it from the conceptual stage to existence while allowing oneself to venture off the beaten path.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

A commitment to developing the energy transition in a way that ensures strong environmental sustainability for the planet, keeping in mind:

- Aim for maximum energy efficiency and minimize greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs).
- Aim to generate minimal waste and plan for maintenance, repair, and recycling channels in a circular and sustainable economy approach.
- Minimize impacts on ecosystems and biodiversity at all stages of a lifecycle, particularly during the extraction of natural resources and end-of-life stages.
- Combat the wastage of natural resources and manufactured goods, establish sustainable supply chains and trade, and reduce global pollution.
- Consider public health and safety issues in achieving the VTE mission.

SIGN THE VTE STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT AND BECOME A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

For anyone interested in getting involved in the VTE development ecosystem, here's how:

- Read the VTE STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT.
- Complete the form:
 - Provide their contact information.
 - Mention their interests (motivation) towards the energy transition.
 - State their specific implications in VTE.
 - Option: check box to become an official member of the VTE Assembly of Members and provide the resolution of their organization/company indicating that they are the authorized representative.
- Electronically sign their VTE STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT.
- Receive an acknowledgment of receipt confirming that the process is under review.
- Receive an authorization number as a member in good standing confirming that it is officially accepted:
 - A committee of three (3) persons delegated by the Board will receive the VTE STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT signature notices in order to analyze the profile of the person and to contact them if additional questions are needed.
 - To be accepted, delegates must unanimously authorize the person to become an official member.
- Note that a member who defaults on his commitment may have his authorization withdrawn. The member who loses his authorization will receive an email stating the reasons for his withdrawal.