

Biography of Isabel Munilla

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Isabel Munilla is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Market Development, Climate and Multilateral Engagement within the Office of International Affairs at the U.S. Department of Energy. Prior to DOE, Isabel served as Director of U.S. Financial Regulation of the Ceres Capital Markets Accelerator, an initiative of the sustainability nonprofit, Ceres. She led legal and regulatory strategy for engagement with U.S. financial regulators to address climate financial risk, including SEC, Federal Reserve, and others. She worked closely with investors, companies and civil society groups to enable shared understanding of the market's evolving expectations of corporate performance around physical and transition risks, including GHG exposure.



Prior to Ceres, she was Lead, Transparency Policy for humanitarian organization Oxfam in its global oil, gas and mining program. She led advocacy and research on norms and standards related to contract, tax and payment transparency, as well as research initiatives on mining, oil and gas project economics, and oil and gas methane. She focused on geographies such as the US, Canada, Southeast Asia, Latin America, and west, east and southern Africa and led engagement with oil and mining majors and the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative.

Previously, she was Director of the US chapter of global coalition Publish What You Pay working for best practice in extractives transparency norms and regulations. Prior to that, Isabel worked for nearly a decade at the World Resources Institute on global environmental norms and standards around extractive and forestry projects, including indigenous rights, land tenure and related systems of private finance and public development finance. She holds degrees in journalism and French from the University of Maryland, College Park.