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# Copper: A Critical Material for Climate Change Mitigation

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# When mining is discussed, what do our stakeholders think about?

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# The copper mining story cannot be told with only one chapter

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- Chapter One: Mining
- The End



**Sustainable  
Development**



**Energy  
Efficiency**



**Climate Change  
Mitigation**



**Renewable  
Energy**



**Electrical  
Safety**



**Public  
Health**



**Food  
Supply**



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Quality**



# Copper: Critical to Sustainable Development

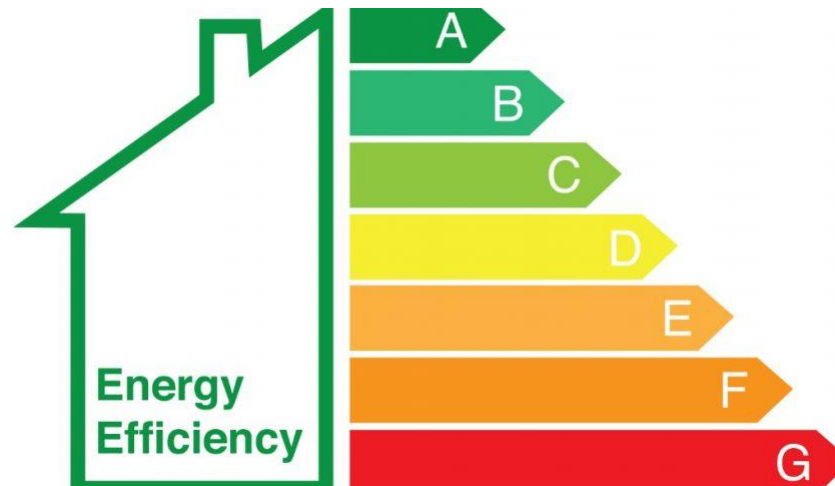
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- ICA's programs are making an impact on all 17 SDGs



# Three Pillars to Clean Energy Transition: Renewables, E-Mobility, Energy Efficiency

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# Copper: Critical to Clean Energy

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- Copper is the best (non-precious) conductor of heat and electricity
- The products that contain copper tend to operate more efficiently
  - Over their life cycles, these products will consume less energy, save money and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Renewable energy: 4-12X more copper
- Electric vehicles: 3-4X more copper
- Energy-efficient products use more copper

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## 2-Minute Video on Energy Efficiency

# Energy Efficiency Benefit: Climate Change Mitigation

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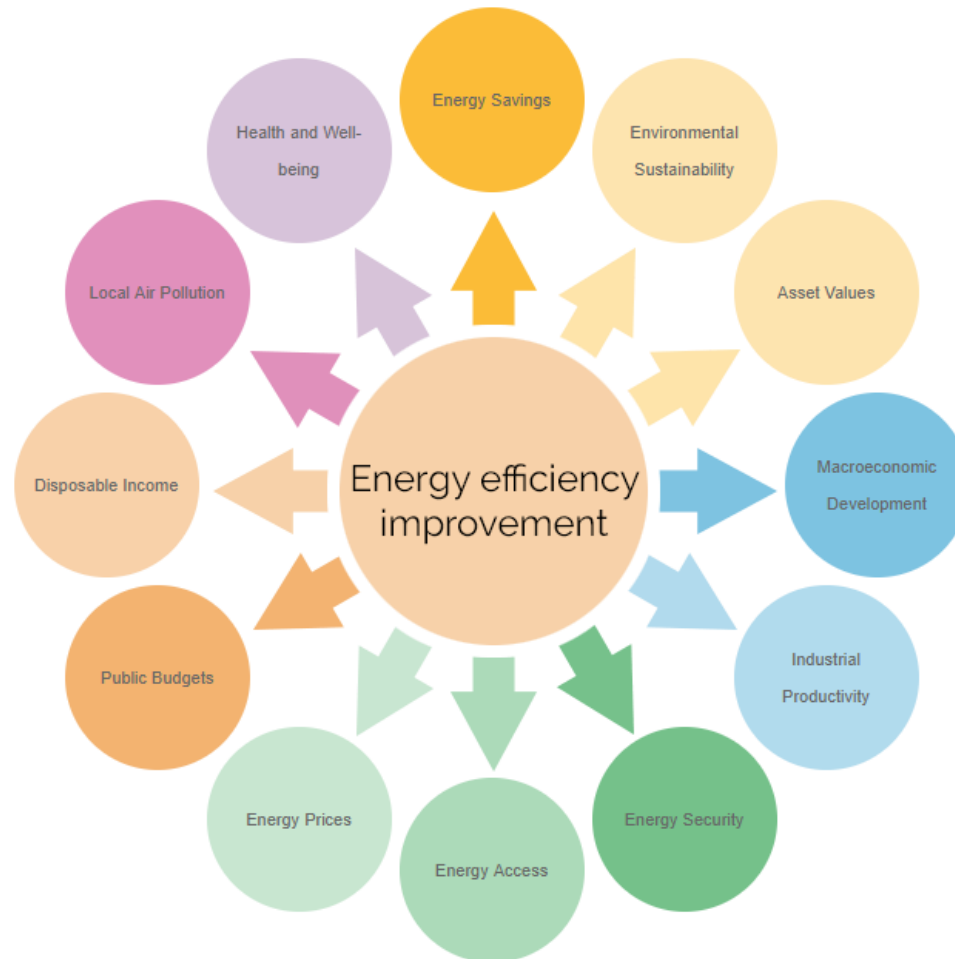
40% of the Path to Limiting Climate Change to 2°C Can Be Achieved With Energy Efficiency (Int'l Energy Agency, IEA)





# Multiple Benefits of Energy Efficiency: IEA

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# Energy Efficiency Benefit: Climate Change Mitigation

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There are many sources of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



# Copper and Climate Change

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**1 tonne**

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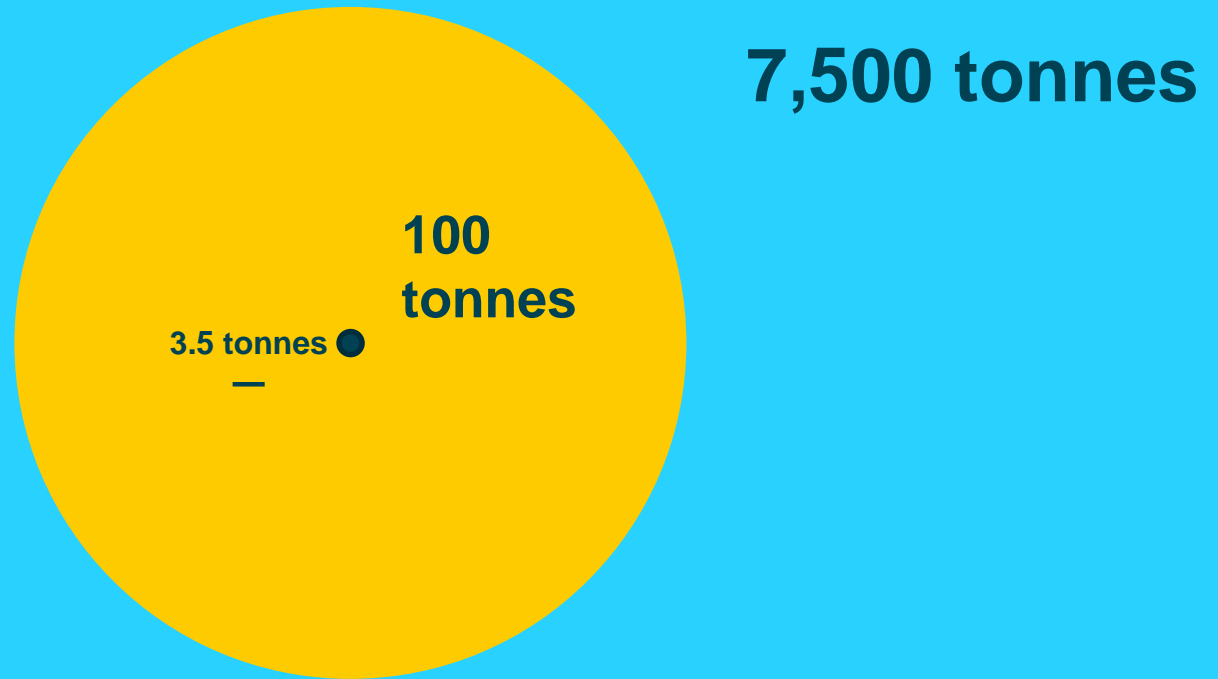
**3.5 tonnes**

- Chapter One:  
One tonne of copper cathode = 3.5 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- The End
- The story of copper and CO<sub>2</sub> cannot be told in one chapter
- Copper is the best non-precious conductor of heat and electricity
- The products that contain copper tend to operate more efficiently
- A vast majority – 70% – of copper is used in conductive applications that benefit from copper's efficiency
- In the end-use phase of these products, because of copper's efficiency, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are reduced by 100-7,500 tonnes
- That's a mitigation factor of between 30 and 2,000-to-one!



# Copper and Climate Change

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**Preparing for COP25:**

**Concrete Actions – YES!**

**Green-Washing – NO!**

# Program Example: Early Motor Replacement, Turkey

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Goal: replace 4.3M motors  
with premium efficiency IE3!



# Concrete Action: Chile Motors Replacement Program (1/2)



- Industry and mining account for almost two-thirds of Chile's electricity consumption
  - Copper industry accounts for nearly half
  - Motor systems account for more than 60% of industry/mining consumption; **as high as 90% in some mining companies!**
  - Globally, motor systems consume more than 40% of electricity consumption
- Can the Chilean copper industry align on an early motors' replacement program?
  - Audit of four mine sites shows 37 year average to replace electric motors (rewinding done every 8 years)
  - Payback in Turkey is about two years; assume something similar in Chile



# Concrete Action: Chile Motors Replacement Program (2/2)

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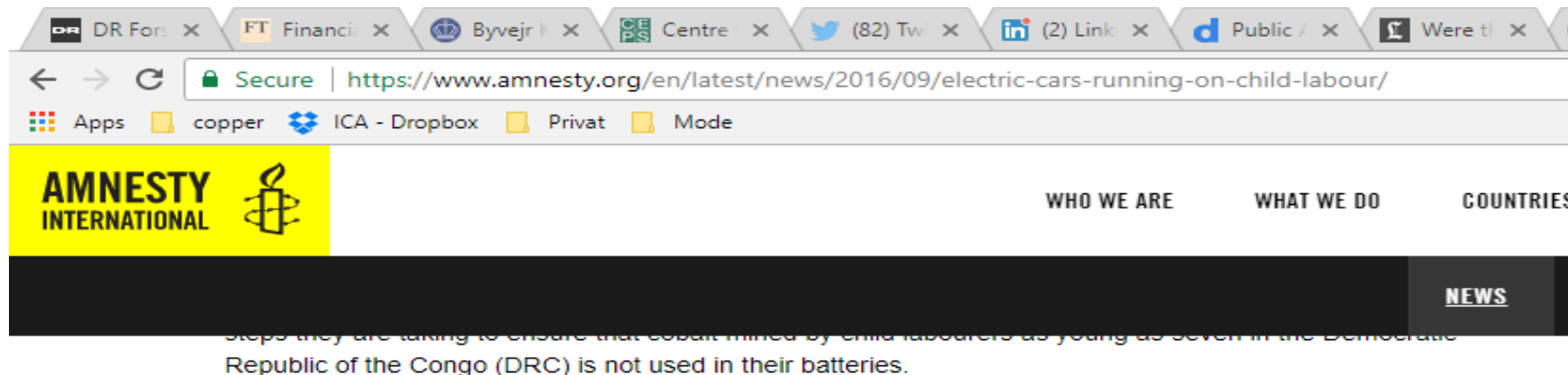
- How do we do it?
  - Commitment from industry
  - Support from government (Nationally Determined Contributions – NDCs)
  - Updated energy audit
  - Create financing facility; zero-payback option being developed in Turkey
    - Energy Services Company (ESCO)
  - Select implementing partner(s)
  - Host meetings/workshops; set objectives, timeline, etc.
  - Announce at COP25
    - Focus not only on the material, but also on the industry itself



# Responsible Sourcing

# New Opportunities, More Challenges

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**“ Electric cars may not be as ‘clean’ as you would think. Customers need to be aware that their green cars could be linked to the misery of child labourers in the Democratic Republic of Congo. ”**

Mark Dummett, Business and Human Rights Researcher at Amnesty International

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# Responsible Sourcing

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“Apple and Climate Change: Company Vows to **Stop Mining** and **Use 100 percent Recycled Material** for the iPhone”



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## Supply chain scrutiny intensifies for battery materials

“The Commodities Note



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# ICA Responsible sourcing strategy

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- ICA is developing a responsible sourcing strategy to address needs in the copper supply chain
  - Engaging stakeholders over the last 1.5 years on the topic working to develop the concept
  - Utilizing the SDGs as a framework to demonstrate contribution to sustainable development, beginning with SDG 12 to drive and provide assurance of sustainable production
  - Site-based approach and requires verification by a qualified external firm
  - Will utilize an equivalency approach to avoid duplication and ensure collaboration in the space
  - Utilizes a risk-management-based approach
  - Optional additional SDGs component



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# Thank you

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