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Realizing the potential: integrating social, economic, and environmental action

Abstract text (within 100 words):

Transforming the energy system requires resolving multiple environmental pressures and responding to calls for justice simultaneously. Technology offers immense potential but must have a strong foundation in legitimate social and political institutions and policies. National governments are at the core but should act as bridges between the local level (where transition impacts are felt and bottlenecks occur) and the international level (where support is available and macro problems must be resolved). To harness technology and resources for a transformation at the necessary scale and infused with justice, governments must also delegate authority upwards, to promote global standards, and downwards, to empower community action.