



INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM ON MINING, MINERALS, METALS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Dear IGF Members and Friends,

We have the pleasure of inviting you to the **10th Annual General Meeting of the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF)** taking place in Geneva, Switzerland from **Monday, October 20th – Friday, October 24th, 2014**.

This year, the three-day Annual General Meeting will run from **Monday, October 20th to Wednesday, October 22nd** and will focus on the topic of **social benefits and engagement**. The meeting will feature shared events with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the World Gold Council and the World Economic Forum, in addition to presentations and panel discussions focused on issues such as local revenue management, women's economic empowerment, operational security and community engagement.

On **Thursday, October 23rd and Friday, October 24th**, the IGF will host a two-day event on artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM). This will include presentations and the first in a series of workshops to develop **Guidance for Governments on Managing ASM**. This is the initial scoping workshop for a project that will deepen the guidance provided by the IGF's [Mining Policy Framework](#).

All three events will take place at the Palais des Nations, 14 Avenue de la Paix, 1211 Geneva.

Countries interested in becoming Members of the IGF should consult the IGF website: http://globaldialogue.info/mem_e.htm for information on doing so.

Registration is now open for the Annual General Meeting. Please note that the registration steps have changed, and it is necessary to follow the steps below to register.

1. Open the **UNCTAD Registration Steps** document (see below) and follow the instructions to register online by **Thursday, October 16th, 2014**. It is necessary to register early and make arrangements for your stay in Geneva as soon as possible. Please note that approval by UNCTAD to attend the AGM does not mean the approval of financial assistance.

Additional details on the meeting and the member workshops, including a draft agenda will be forwarded in the coming weeks. Updated information will also be available online at www.globaldialogue.info

We look forward to your participation in October!