



**The Intergovernmental Forum on Sustainable
Development for Mining, Minerals, and Metals**

GENEVA — Thirty-seven countries and several international and multilateral organizations will meet from November 7 to 9, 2005, at the headquarters of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in Geneva for the first Intergovernmental Forum to be held on Sustainable Development for Mining, Minerals and Metals. Delegations will include senior government officials and high-ranking representatives of industry and non-governmental organizations.

The governments of Canada and South Africa are the co-chairs of the Forum, a unique voluntary partnership that developed from the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002. Canada has agreed to provide the secretariat for the Forum.

The goal of member countries is to enhance the capacity for governance and good practices in the mining sector at all stages of the mine life cycle. The inaugural meeting will address national mining policies as well as financial security and environmental protection in an effort to improve the sustainable development of natural resources, notably in emerging economies and developing countries.

To learn more about the Intergovernmental Forum, please visit:
<http://www.globaldialogue.info/>.

A backgrounder is available at the following link:
http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/media/index_e.php.

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1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland

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