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protecting people and the planet

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- All sessions will be held in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations (unless otherwise indicated).
- All sessions will include interpretation for participants in English, French, Spanish, and Russian, except morning and lunch sessions, which will be conducted strictly in English.

Monday, November 18, 2024 – AGM Day 1

08:00–10:00

Registration

Upon entering the Palais des Nations, proceed to Room XVII in Building E.

10:00–11:15

Session 1 | Official Opening and Scene Setting

This session will include formal opening remarks from the event’s host, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the IGF Secretariat, followed by keynote speakers to set the stage for the 20th IGF Annual General Meeting (AGM). Speakers will address the AGM’s theme, *Redefining Mining: Balancing the Need for Minerals with Protecting People and the Planet*.

11:15–11:45

Break

11:45–13:00

Session 2 | Accelerating the Production of Critical Minerals

This session will discuss strategies to accelerate the supply of critical minerals and the development of mid- and downstream value chains. It will focus on the role of legal frameworks and policies, the role of global partnerships, and the importance of access to finance to support responsible investment.

13:00–15:00

Lunch Break





Monday, November 18, 2024 – AGM Day 1

14:00–15:00

Lunch Session | Trade and Investment Agreements for Critical Mineral Supply Chains

This session will explore the role of trade and investment agreements in the critical mineral sector—specifically, their potential to support the security of supply, investment, economic benefit sharing, and higher social and environmental standards. Representatives from mineral-producing and consuming countries will discuss how to reconcile competing objectives. There will be an opportunity for audience members to ask questions of the panel.

This session will be conducted in English and will not have interpretation.

15:00–16:15

Session 3 | Can Circularity Help Bridge the Supply Gap?

This session will unpack the concept of circularity at different levels, emphasizing its potential to bridge the supply-demand gap. By rethinking economic models, it will explore ways to boost metal supply and reduce our environmental and material footprint through mining and processing efficiencies, recycling, as well as reprocessing tailings and waste rock.

16:15–16:45

Break

16:45–18:00

Session 4 | Fiscal Policies to Incentivize Value Addition

The growth in demand for critical minerals offers a renewed opportunity for mineral-rich countries to lock in value domestically. Fiscal policy is an important lever that governments can pull to incentivize value addition. Some of these fiscal tools include the creation of special economic zones, export restrictions, investment allowances, and variable rate royalties to support in-country mineral processing. This session explores the opportunities and limits of fiscal policy measures in promoting value addition along the mining value chain for critical minerals.

18:00–19:00

Networking Reception





Tuesday, November 19, 2024 – AGM Day 2

08:45–10:00 **Morning Session | Policy Tools for Value Addition in the Nickel Sector**

Many nations have identified nickel as a critical mineral input for clean energy and other new technologies. This session will explore how policy-makers can support post-extraction economic development in their country. This session will be conducted in English and will not have interpretation.

10:00–11:15 **Session 5 | Putting People First**

Human rights challenges remain prevalent in the mining sector and may increase alongside mining production for the energy transition. Governments play a pivotal role in protecting people affected by mining, especially vulnerable groups such as women and Indigenous Peoples. This session will explore the roles of government, civil society, and industry in putting people first. Speakers will consider how protecting human rights can strengthen the government's legitimacy and the industry's social licence.

11:15–11:45 Break

11:45–13:00 **Session 6 | Critical Minerals and Gender Equality**

This session explores how increased demand for critical minerals is interconnected with gender equality and social inclusion. It will examine strategies to ensure historically underserved voices have a say in decision making and create equitable employment opportunities for women in both large-scale and artisanal mining sectors. Environmental sustainability will be addressed, focusing on the impacts of mining on women and children, including access to natural resources and biodiversity loss. The session will also address governance challenges and highlight the importance of data and technology sharing for responsible resource management.

13:00–15:00 Lunch Break

14:00–15:00 **Lunch Session | Seeking Integrated Closure in the Mining Sector: Instructive case studies**

This session will cover the latest research and practices to support successful mine closure, focusing on closure plans and social aspects of mine closure.

This session will be conducted in English and will not have interpretation.





15:00–16:15

Session 7 | Navigating Global Mining Standards

Recognizing the need for more clarity and coherence in global voluntary initiatives and standards, this session will explore the international standards landscape. It will discuss the impacts on producing countries and how these standards align with and complement the newly updated IGF Mining Policy Framework, endorsed by member countries in 2023. Panellists will present recent updates and developments of major standards, as well as efforts to consolidate standards.

16:15–16:45

Break

16:45–18:00

Session 8 | Protecting Nature Amid the Energy Transition

This session will focus on why the increased demand for minerals and metals needed for the energy transition must not come at the expense of nature. Topics will include applying the Mitigation Hierarchy and the Global Biodiversity Framework to protect biodiversity and ecosystem services and how the Nature Positive concept can be applied to the mining sector.

18:30–20:00

Off-Site Event | Book Launch and Reception for *Missing Dollars: Illicit Financial Flows from Commodity Trade*

The launch will include presentations and discussions with authors and key stakeholders, including contributor IGF Senior Policy Advisor Ekpen Omonbude. *Missing Dollars* aims to support evidence-based policy-making to enhance domestic revenue mobilization in resource-rich developing countries by promoting transparent, efficient, and equitable trade and tax frameworks. The event will be conducted in English and be followed by a reception.

Location: Geneva Graduate Institute, Auditorium 2, Maison de la Paix (about 1 km from the Palais des Nations)

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 – AGM Day 3

08:45–10:00

Morning Session | Overcoming Copper Pricing Challenges for Revenue Collection

This session will share practical strategies to help mining and revenue authorities determine fair and accurate copper transaction prices for the purposes of tax and royalty calculations.

This session will be conducted in English and will not have interpretation.





10:00–11:15

Session 9 | Regional Dialogue on Mineral Supply Chains

This session will include speakers from three major global mining regions to discuss regional initiatives to strengthen mineral supply chains. Panellists will consider efforts to collaborate across regions regarding areas of common interest.

11:15–11:45

Break

11:45–13:00

Session 10 | Non-Metallic Minerals for the Energy Transition

This session will focus on the significance of non-metallic minerals that are primarily consumed locally and play a crucial role in supporting domestic economies. These minerals are also essential for developing infrastructure and technologies for the energy transition. The IGF will introduce three new publications that address these issues in depth.

13:00–15:00

Lunch Break

14:00–15:00

Lunch Session | New Governance Trends for Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining

This session will explore governance trends related to tailings management, reprocessing, and illicit financial flows in the artisanal and small-scale gold mining sector.

This session is conducted in English and does not have interpretation.

15:00–16:15

Session 11 | Transforming Mining Through Disruptive Technologies

Panellists will explore technologies that are changing how mining is done in important ways. Case studies on water, decarbonization, and digital technologies will be presented.

16:15–16:45

Break

16:45–18:00

Session 12 | The Future of Mining and Official Closing

How can resource extraction companies, communities, and governments all work together to redefine the future of mining? This session will share key messages from the previous sessions and offer ideas, opportunities, and pathways for mining to support a better future.

