



20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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## REDEFINING MINING

Balancing the need for minerals with  
protecting people and the planet

### AGENDA



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## 20TH IGF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) AGENDA

- 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.
- Speakers confirmed as of October 29, 2024

### 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*.

##### Moderator

- Greg Radford, Director, IGF

##### Formal Opening

- Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General, UN Trade and Development
- Mohato Moima, Chair, IGF Executive Committee
- Nathalie Bernasconi-Osterwalder, Vice-President, Global Strategies and Managing Director, Europe, IISD
- Rohitesh Dhawan, President and CEO, ICMM

##### Setting the Scene

- Adam Matthews, Chief Responsible Investment Officer, Church of England Pensions Board and Chair, Global Investor Commission on Mining 2030
- Rohitesh Dhawan, President and CEO, ICMM
- Yasuko Nishimura, Director, Resource Security Division, Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

11:15–11:45

Break





## Monday, November 18, 2024 – AGM Day 1

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.

#### Setting the Scene

- Clovis Freire, Chief, Commodity Research and Analysis Section, UN Trade and Development

#### Moderator

- Tom Moerenhout, Senior Associate, IISD and Professor, Columbia University

#### Speakers

- Adam Matthews, Chief Responsible Investment Officer, Church of England Pensions Board and Chair, Global Investor Commission on Mining 2030
- Roger Hamberg, Project Officer at the Joint Research Centre, European Commission
- Rodrigo Urquiza, Head at the International Affairs Unit, Ministry of Mining Chile

13:00–15:00

Lunch Break

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.

#### Speakers

To be confirmed





## Monday, November 18, 2024 – AGM Day 1

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.

#### Moderator

- Inga Petersen, Executive Director, Global Battery Alliance

#### Speakers

- James J. Barry, Assistant Chief, Mineral Commodities Section, National Minerals Information Center, US Geological Survey
- Sarah Colbourn, Acting Head of Sustainability, Benchmark Minerals Intelligence
- Elisa Tonda, Chief, Resources and Markets Branch, UNEP

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.

#### Moderator

- Naadira Ogeer, Economic Adviser, Ocean and Natural Resources Advisory Division, Commonwealth Secretariat

#### Speakers

- Verónica Velasco, National Director for Large Taxpayers, Internal Revenue Services (SRI), Ecuador
- Farirai Munyenyiwa, Principal Economist, Revenue and Tax Policy Department, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Zimbabwe
- Ekpen Omonbude, Senior Policy Advisor, Tax and Extractives, IGF

18:00–19:00

### Networking Reception







## Tuesday, November 19, 2024 – AGM Day 2

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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 be an informal, moderated discussion to 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.

#### Moderator

- William Talbot, Research Manager, Benchmark Intelligence
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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.

#### Setting the Scene

- Thelma Halim Policy advisor and Africa coordinator, IGF

#### Moderator

- Tracey Cooper, Executive Director, Mining Dialogues 360°

#### Speakers

- Gyubin Hwang, Global Coordinator, Children and Youth Major Group to UNEP
  - Alvaro Pardo, President, National Mining Authority, Colombia
  - Tatiana Alarcon Programme and Advocacy Manager, Mining Shared Value - Engineers Without Borders Canada
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11:15–11:45

Break





## Tuesday, November 19, 2024 – AGM Day 2

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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 unheard 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.

**Moderator:**

- Camila Pereira Rego Meireles, Technical Officer, Mining, Extractives, Energy, and Manufacturing, International Labour Organization

**Speakers:**

- Mariangela Linoci, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade, Gender and Development Programme, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- Katherine Maldonado, Board Member, National Network of Participatory Monitoring Committees in Peru
- Hasana Jummai Shaaba, Head, Gender/Child Labour Unit, Ministry of Solid Minerals Development, Nigeria
- Javier Silva, Sustainability and Community Engagement Manager, Sociedad Química y Minera (SQM)

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13:00–15:00

Lunch Break





## Tuesday, November 19, 2024 – AGM Day 2

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.

#### Moderator

- Rob Stevens, Senior Mine Closure Associate, IGF

#### Speakers

- Sarti Makili, Senior Geoscientist, Small Scale Mining Division, Department of Mines and Energy, Namibia
- Phuntsho Namgyal, Director of the Department of Geology and Mines, Royal Government of Bhutan
- Kridtaya Sakamornsnguan, Mining Engineer, Department of Primary Industry and Mines, Thailand
- Pontus Westrin, Technical Specialist, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, Sweden

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 (MPF), endorsed by member countries in 2023. Panellists will present recent updates and developments of major standards, including the Consolidated Mining Standard Initiative and the Extractives Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI), together with the MPF.

#### Scene Setting

- Gregoire Bellois, Senior Policy Advisor, IGF

#### Moderator

- Gelkha Buitrago, Director Sector Standards, GRI

#### Speakers

- Michele Brulhart, Executive Director, The Copper Mark
- Marina Ruete, Senior Law Advisor, IGF
- Christina Berger, Validation Director, EITI





## Tuesday, November 19, 2024 – AGM Day 2

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.

#### Moderator

- Ruwadzano Matsika, Program Lead, Quadrature Climate Foundation

#### Speakers

- Isabel Ashman, Sector Transitions to Nature Positive Specialist, World Economic Forum (WEF)
- Pathé Dieye, Technical Advisor, Ministry of Environment, Senegal
- Joyce Kortlandt, Technical Secretary International Cooperation, Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment (NCEA)

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

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08:45–10:00

### Morning Session | Overcoming Copper Pricing Challenges for Revenue Collection

This session will be an informal, moderated discussion to 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.

#### Moderators

- Kalale Mamwe, Project Manager, Tax Inspectors Without Borders, OECD
- Jaqueline Taquiri, Policy Advisor, Tax and Extractives, IGF

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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.

#### Scene Setting

- Representative from UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

#### Moderator

- Oluwatoyin Oyo, Senior Legal Counsel and Head of Partnerships, ALSF

#### Speakers

- Maureen Coulas, Deputy Director, Lands and Minerals Sector, Natural Resources Canada
- Jean Marie Kanda Ntumba, Board Member, Congolese Battery Council
- Thomas Scurfield, Africa Senior Economic Analyst, NRGi

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11:15–11:45

Break





## Wednesday, November 20, 2024 – AGM Day 3

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.

#### Moderator

- Fanny Frémont, Executive Director, Responsible Mica Initiative

#### Speakers

- Louise Gallagher, Senior Fellow, Global Centre for Mineral Security, The University of Queensland
- Uyanga Gankhuyag, Program Manager, ACP-EU-UNDP Development Minerals Programme
- Naomi Nangoku, Senior Mineral Dresser, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Uganda
- Arsène Patoingnimi Tiendrebeogo, Director General of Quarries, Burkina Faso

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.

#### Moderator

- Ludovic Bernaudat, Head of Knowledge and Risk Unit, Chemicals and Health Branch, United Nations Environment Programme

#### Speakers

- Karlo Fermin Adriano, Assistant Secretary, Fiscal Policy and Monitoring Group, Department of Finance, the Philippines
- Edward Bickham, Senior Adviser, World Gold Council
- Yvan Schulz, Program Officer, Raw Materials and Responsible Sourcing, SwissAid





## Wednesday, November 20, 2024 – AGM Day 3

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.

#### Moderator

- Isabelle Ramdoo, Deputy Director, IGF

#### Speakers

- Ashleigh Maritz, Manager, Sustainability, Ivanhoe Mining
- Lisl Pulliger, Managing Director, Vivid Advisory
- Representative from Witteveen & Bos

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.

#### Moderator

- Thomas Lassourd, Lead, Tax and Extractives, IGF

#### Speakers

- Junior Lodge, Assistant Secretary-General, Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States
- Katherine Gosselin, Director, Mining Association of Canada

