

Extractives and Development Newsletter



Information on current topics and trends in the extractives sector

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welcome to the English issue of our extractives newsletter!

Every month, the Extractives and Development Sector Programme sends you a selection of articles and links that may be of interest to you. We would like to inform you about key developments in the sector and draw your attention to new findings. If you find additional topics interesting or have event information for us, please do not hesitate to let us know so that we can include them in our newsletter!

Sincerely,

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DID YOU KNOW...?



Launch of OECD Handbook on Environmental Due Diligence in Mineral Supply Chains

The OECD Centre for Responsible Business Conduct with the support of the German Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV), the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR) and the German Environment Agency (UBA) has developed a Handbook on Environmental Due Diligence in Mineral Supply Chains to support implementing due diligence recommendations to address adverse environmental impacts in the mining sector. The final Handbook will be presented and discussed at the closing conference of the Re-Sourcing project on September 21 and 22 at the Vienna University of Economics and Business.

[Re-Sourcing project website](#)

[Re-Sourcing closing conference](#)

[Further information on the OECD handbook](#)

Over 50 African countries agree to work on minimising impacts of mineral mining

At the nineteenth ordinary session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (ACMEN), which was held from 14 to 18 August 2023 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, under the theme “Seizing opportunities and enhancing collaboration to address environmental challenges in Africa”,



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the Environment Ministers of over 50 African countries agreed on addressing and minimising adverse environmental impacts of mineral mining. In the draft declaration 54 African Ministers for the Environment declare their resolve to institute national and regional strategies to minimise environmental impacts in the extraction and processing of mineral resources. Furthermore, they agreed to call upon ACMEN Member States to consider prioritising

environmental policies to assess the environmental impacts and trade-offs in the extraction, processing and refinement of critical minerals needed for the global transition to clean energy.

[Find out more](#)

[Draft declaration document](#)



EPRM will launch its next Call for Proposals from 1 September 2023

The European Partnership for Responsible Minerals (EPRM) will launch its next Call for Proposals (CfP) from 1 September 2023. EPRM seeks to improve the social, environmental and economic conditions for mine workers and local mining communities especially in artisanal and small scale mining (ASM). The budget for this CfP is EUR 2 million with its mineral scope including tin, tantalum, tungsten, lithium, natural graphite, cobalt, copper and nickel. Gold has been excluded from this call. EPRM broadened the minerals scope for this CfP to emphasise that ASM must become a part of the energy transition to achieve the ultimate goal of a just energy transition.

The deadline to submit a quick scan (compulsory) will be from 1 September 2023 to 16 November 2023 (before 14.00 hrs CET) and to submit a full project proposal from 1 October 2023 to 30 November 2023 (before 14.00 hrs CET).

EPRM will hold online information sessions in English (11.00-12.00 hrs CET), French (14.00-15.00 hrs CET) and Spanish (16.00-17.00 hrs CET) on 7 September 2023 to provide relevant background information on the process of submitting.

[Further information](#)

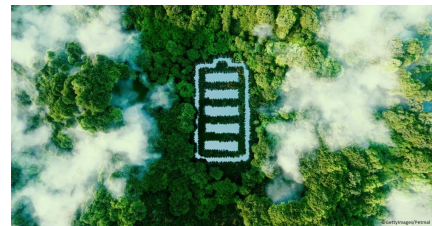




EU Council adopts new regulation on batteries and waste batteries

The Council of the European Union (EU) has adopted a new regulation that strengthens sustainability rules for batteries and waste batteries. The regulation aims to create a circular economy for the batteries sector by targeting all stages of the life cycle of batteries and to reduce social and environmental impacts throughout the life cycle of batteries.

It also sets tight due diligence rules for the sources of raw materials used for batteries placed on the European market and introduces labelling and information requirements on the battery's components and recycled contents such as an electronic "battery passport". After signature by the European Council and the European Parliament, the regulation will be published in the EU's Official Journal and enter into force 20 days after.



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[Publication in the EU's official Journal](#)



Levin Sources article: LGBTQIA+ rights are human rights: Paving the way for inclusion in responsible mineral sourcing discourse

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer, Intersex, Asexual and other (LGBTQIA+) rights are rarely

integrated into the discourse of responsible mineral supply chains. The article by Levin Sources sheds light on this important topic by speaking with two entrepreneurs and activists in the upstream and downstream minerals sector. Elaborating those experiences, the article demonstrates how queer individuals face significant barriers preventing them from fully enjoying their human rights. This illustrates the need to integrate LGBTQIA+ rights into the responsible sourcing discourse, creating an environment that embraces inclusivity and safeguards the well-being of people irrespective of their sexual orientation or gender identity. In addition to the article, an interview with Jérémie Safari, Executive Director of Rainbow Sunrise Mapambazuko, was published.

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[To the interview](#)

Article by S&P Global: African mining companies outpace global peers on women in leadership

More women sit at the top of Africa-based metals and mining companies than the global average, an analysis of S&P Global Market Intelligence data shows. The dataset for publicly traded miners in Africa is relatively small, comprising just 16 publicly traded companies headquartered in Mauritius, Morocco, South Africa, Tanzania and Zambia. The larger global dataset comprises more than 2,000 global metals and mining companies. However, among those companies in Africa, women hold 32.0% of the executive roles, 23.9% of the C-suite roles and 26.5% of the board roles.

Women make up a relatively small portion of the global mining industry's leadership positions, filling 14.0% of executive roles, 12.3% of board roles and 12.1% of C-suite roles, according to a Market Intelligence data analysis released in May. South Africa and Zambia, two stand-out countries regarding women in leadership roles in the publicly-traded mining sector, have long histories of racial tension, and the efforts made to address that inequity have also boosted the numbers of women in top positions.

[Read more](#)

Delve-Interview with Pauline Mundia, Zambia Country Coordinator and Ambassador, about ASM

“Delve into ASM” is an interview series that highlights the perspectives of professionals and experts in artisanal and small-scale mining as they reflect on data, trends, and the future of the sector.

In a lead up to the publication of the 2023 State of the ASM Sector report which will focus on ASM's contribution to SDG 5: Gender Equality, Delve is featuring the voices of women in the industry through its interview series.

Pauline Mundia has over 25 years work experience in the mining sector and has held various leadership positions both in the public and private sector. She was appointed as the first woman board member of Kariba Minerals Limited the largest amethyst mine in Zambia.



Pauline Mundia, ©DELVE

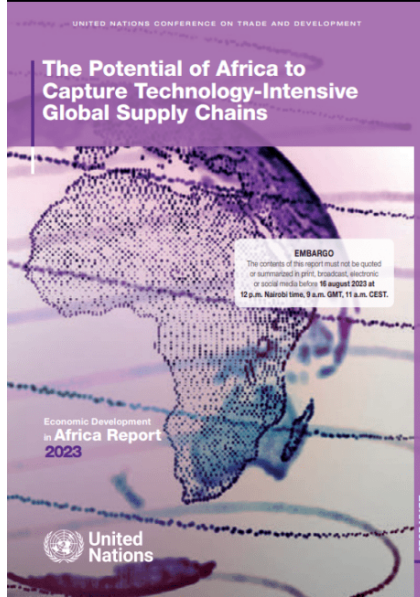
To the interview



UNCTAD: Economic Development in Africa Report 2023

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) recently launched its “Economic Development in Africa Report 2023”. The focus of the report is an examination of Africa’s potential to capture technology-intensive global supply chains. This includes high-technology sectors like automobiles, mobile telephones, renewable energy and health care. As raw materials are needed for all these sectors, mining plays a pivotal role in the report.

African economies can become major participants in global supply chains by harnessing their vast resources of materials needed by high-technology sectors and their own



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growing consumer markets. To help them capitalize on their comparative advantages, the report recommends policy actions to ensure an attractive business and investment environment and new market opportunities.



Upcoming Events

World Resources Forum '23: Rethinking Value - Resources for Planetary Wellbeing

04.09.-06.09.2023, Geneva & online

The World Resources Forum (WRF) 2023 welcomes international policy-makers, businesses, scientists and civil society leaders to find innovative solutions and co-create a new story of sustainable, systemic change. The WRF is an international non-profit organisation mobilising concerted action to promote sustainability and fairness in the global use of natural resources. Through multi-stakeholder conferences and projects, the WRF strives to scale up knowledge and practical solutions able to make resource use a force for human wellbeing within planetary boundaries.

Further information

International Forum on Sustainable Mineral Supply Chains (SMISC)

20.09.-22.09.2023, Chengdu, Sichuan, China

The China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Metals and Chemicals (CCCMC) together with international institutions will host the second International Forum on Sustainable Mineral Supply Chains. The forum is intended to build a platform for policy advocacy, cooperation and consultation, mutual recognition of standards and experience sharing among stakeholders along mineral supply chains. It will bring together experts from international organizations, governments, companies, research and industry institutions, standards and audit bodies.

Further information

OECD Webinar: Critical Minerals and Africa: Avoiding a Zero-sum Game

21.09.2023, 16:00 – 17:30 CEST, online

The African Development Bank, the Center for Global Development and the OECD Development Centre to discuss what the global rush for critical minerals could mean for Africa – in terms of demand, sustainable growth, and opportunities for development. During this event representatives from African governments, industry, and civil society will focus on Africa's strategic interests and priorities for

minerals development, what policy options exist for mineral development to ensure Africa's transformative sustainable growth and local value addition, and how new forms of economic and trade cooperation could accelerate Africa's green industrial transformation.

[Link to Webinar](#)

Conference on Human Rights and Environmental Protection in Global Value Chains and Mining

26.09.2023, Berlin

The German Federation for the Environment and Nature Conservation (BUND), Brot für die Welt, Misereor and the German Metal Union (IG-Metall) will host a conference to address the due diligence obligations of multinational enterprises to prevent and mitigate adverse impacts on Human Rights and the Environment along their value chains. The organisers promote responsible mineral supply chains for international economic activity that is not at the expense of people or the environment in producing and mining countries. For this reason, they will publish a joint statement with key demands to the German government with regard to supply chains and raw materials policy on the day of the conference.

[Agenda and Registration \(German\)](#)

IEA Critical Minerals and Clean Energy Summit

28.09.2023, Paris

The International Energy Agency will host the first ever international summit on critical minerals and their role in clean energy transitions on 28 September 2023 in Paris.

[Further information](#)

19th Annual General Meeting IGF 2023 – Sharing Mining Benefits in the Energy Transition

07.11.-09.11.23, Geneva

The IGF's 19th Annual General Meeting is scheduled for November 7–9, 2023, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, hosted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The theme for 2023 is Sharing Mining Benefits in the Energy Transition. Registration is now open through the United Nations Office in Geneva.

[More information on registration](#)



Did you know...?

... that over 70% of global lithium production comes from only two countries? Australia and Chile stand out as the top producers of lithium, accounting for almost 77% of the global production in 2022. Australia, the world's leading producer, extracts lithium directly from hard rock mines, specifically the mineral spodumene. Chile, along with Argentina, China, and other top producers, extracts lithium from brine.

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