

## Extractives and Development Newsletter



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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!

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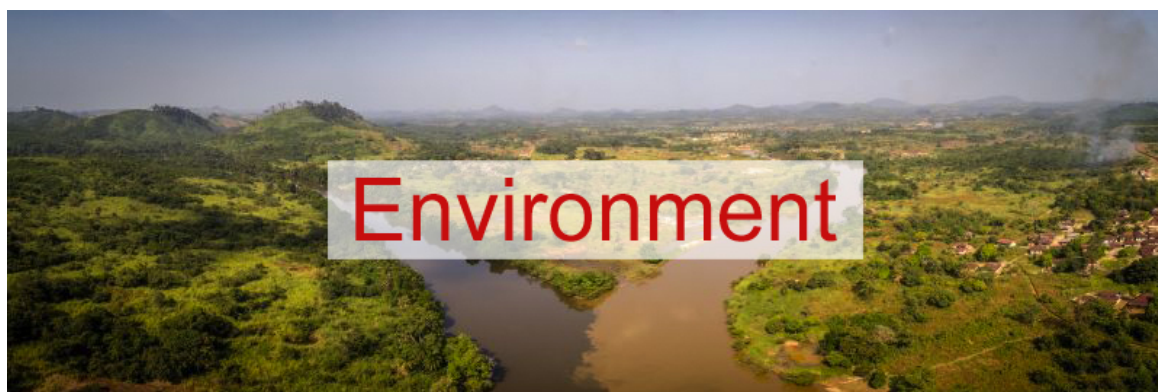
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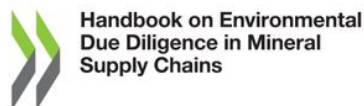
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### DID YOU KNOW...?



## New OECD Handbook on Environmental Due Diligence in Mineral Supply Chains



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The OECD Centre for Responsible Business Conduct has officially published a new Handbook on Environmental Due Diligence in Mineral Supply Chains. It was developed to help companies embed environmental considerations in their mineral supply chain due diligence procedures and builds on already existing international standards on supply chain due diligence and responsible business conduct such as the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct, the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas and the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct. The Handbook was developed 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).

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## IGF Case Studies on Environmental and Social Impact Assessments in Mining Legal Frameworks



In June 2020, the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF) published its Guidance for Governments: Improving Legal Frameworks for Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and Management in Mining. IGF is now conducting case studies to support the implementation of this guidance and has published a report with three case studies from California (United States), Kazakhstan and Queensland (Australia) examining Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (ESIAs) in Mining Legal Frameworks. These three case studies were chosen to demonstrate that ESIA is a critical tool in legal frameworks in order to meet sustainability goals in the mining sector.

The key messages are that leadership in terms of a clear vision for sustainable development promoted by governments and ongoing evaluation to ensure the consistency of legal instruments are critical elements in in

the development of ESIA legal frameworks. Also, much can be learned from other countries' frameworks, so looking for assistance and feedback from outside of the jurisdiction poses a real benefit.

[Read the report](#)

[Read the IGF Guidance for Governments](#)

## Towards Ethical Mining of 3TG in the Great Lakes Region of Africa

In June 2023, the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) conducted its first third-party audit of Kibali Gold, a major gold exporter in Eastern DRC, reflecting regional efforts to promote ethical mining. This audit ensures compliance with the Regional Certification Mechanism (RCM) based on international standards for responsible sourcing, human rights, and occupational safety. ICGLR's analysis enhances market access and paves the way for RCM's expansion beyond conflict minerals.

The Kibali gold mine audit aligns with broader regional initiatives discussed at the ICGLR Regional Gold Forum in Kinshasa in September 2023, aiming to maximize benefits

and minimize negative impacts of gold mining. The ICGLR is a central actor ensuring that mining activities within the region contribute to economic development by creating sustainable jobs, generating government revenue, and attracting responsible investments. Additionally, it plays a vital role in preventing minerals from being exploited for conflict financing, a persistent regional concern. This inaugural third-party audit demonstrates ICGLR's commitment to ethical mining, transparency, and sustainable development in the Great Lakes Region. Through the Peace, Security and Responsible Natural Resource Governance project, GIZ actively contributes to this initiative by strengthening ICGLR's technical and coordination capacities.



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[Further Information on the ICGLR Regional Gold Forum](#)

[Learn more about RCM](#)

## Mining Companies in DRC commit to improve living conditions in communities



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In line with its annual work plan, the EITI-DRC organised a national workshop in Kinshasa to take stock of the implementation of mining companies' social obligations and the allocation of at least 0.3% of their annual turnover. The GIZ' project for the Integrated Economic Development in the Mining Sector II (Développement Intégré du Secteur Minier, DISM II) provided technical and financial support, alongside the GIZ' Project for the Good Management of Local Revenues from the Mining Sector (Projet de Bonne Gestion des Revenus Infranationaux du secteur Minier, ProGERIM), The Carter Center (TCC) and the Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI). More than 170 representatives from national and provincial government agencies, mining and oil companies, local authorities and civil society identified challenges and solutions in implementing corporate social responsibility (CSR) commitments.

At the end of the workshop, participants adopted a reporting template to collect data required by the EITI Standard and stakeholders. They also formulated concrete recommendations aimed at facilitating the payment and management of the 0.3% allocation, as well as at harmonising the work of Local Development Committees, Local Monitoring Committees and specialised bodies around a Local Development Plan which addresses the actual needs of the communities affected by mining operations.

[DISM II project website](#)



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## European Parliament adopts proposal for Critical Raw Materials Act

On 14 September 2023, Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) adopted their position on the EU's Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA), six months after the publication of the proposal by the European Commission in March 2023.

The CRMA is intended to make the EU more competitive and autonomous while cutting red tape and promoting innovation along the entire value chain. During the plenary debate, MEPs highlighted the importance of securing strategic partnerships between the EU and third countries on critical raw materials in order to diversify the EU's supply, on equal footing, with benefits for all sides. It is also intended to push for a stronger focus on research and innovation concerning substitute materials and production processes that could replace raw materials in strategic technologies. Through several amendments the European Parliament decided to add Aluminium to the list of Critical Raw Materials, to vote for a stronger inclusion of FPIC issues and to place a stronger focus on the interests of partner countries from the Global South.

The draft legislation was adopted with a substantial majority. Parliament will now enter into negotiations with the Spanish presidency of the Council in order to reach a first reading agreement.

[Press release of the European Parliament](#)

[Read the adopted text](#)

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## IGF Report on Policy steps for governments for Relinquishment of Closed Mine Sites

The Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF) has published a new report on the Relinquishment of closed mine sites with recommended policy steps for governments.

Relinquishment, which is the legal transfer of responsibility for a closed mine site from the operator to the next landowner after all closure activities have been concluded, is an important but generally absent consideration in modern mine closure policies or processes. Mine closure policies have advanced over recent decades, and most governments do recognize that mine closure is essential to the future of



communities and the environment affected by former mine sites. However, current practices fall short of achieving final closure and envisioned post-mining land uses are often not achieved.

The report reviews the concept of relinquishment and provides an overview over global practices and policies. Furthermore, challenges and key issues governments should consider when developing relinquishment protocols are discussed and recommended policy steps are provided.



[Read the report](#)

## MinSus and its partners provide technical assistance to the government of Argentina on taxing and territorial planning around lithium mining projects



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In August, a joint mission between the Regional Cooperation for the Sustainable Management of Mining Resources in the Andean Countries (MinSus) and the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF) took place to advise the Argentinian government in relation to tax revenues and transfer pricing risks in the lithium sector.

In September, two events organized by the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) in collaboration with MinSus were organised to support the Argentinian national and provincial governments on territorial planning in lithium producing provinces. The first event addressed the challenges related to regional development in the context of the lithium value chain and its territorial deployment. The second event focussed on the importance of strengthening capacities in collaborative public leadership and territorial planning to foster inclusive and sustainable territorial development with mining resources.

[More information on the events with IPLES](#)

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## DRC MPs discussed key recommendations from the IGF and EITI reports to improve oversight of SICOMINES contract

Twenty members of the Congolese Parliament from the Environment, Tourism, Natural resources, and Sustainable

development committee took part in a workshop to assess recommendations related to a mining and infrastructure agreement in the DRC known as the "SICOMINES project". This workshop, which took place at the Fleuve Hôtel in Kinshasa on 29 August, aimed to build a critical mass of parliamentarians who can use both the DRC EITI and the General Inspectorate for Finance (Inspection Générale des Finances, IGF) reports on the SICOMINES project to promote accountability in the extractive sector in the DRC.



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## MinSus co-organizes workshop on Gender for Mining Governance with the Secretariat of Mining of Argentina, the IGF and Fundar.

On 22 – 24 August, the Regional Cooperation for the Sustainable Management of Mining Resources in the Andean Countries (MinSus) together with the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF) and Fundar co-organised a workshop on Gender for Mining Governance to exchange experiences and collectively build a guide for gender mainstreaming in environmental impact assessments and to receive input and feedback to develop a roadmap for gender mainstreaming in the mining sector. In addition, 14 mining secretariats and provincial directorates, as well as the Gender Policy Unit and its Community Development Directorate and the Secretariat of Mining of Argentina (SECMIN) participated in this event.



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Currently, MinSus, together with Fundar, is providing technical assistance to the Secretariat of Mining of Argentina for the development of a roadmap with guidelines for the promotion of gender equity in the mining sector in Argentina. The roadmap, including a diagnosis and a stakeholder mapping is established in a participatory manner with the different key stakeholders of the Argentinean mining ecosystem, such as the provinces and their authorities, civil society organizations, mining companies and trade unions, among others.

[Read more](#)





# Economic Development

## Minister announces Nigerian Solid Minerals Corporation to expand Nigerian mineral extraction sector



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The Nigerian Ministry of Mines and Steel Development (MMSD), in the person of Solid Minerals Minister Dr. Oladele Alake, has announced its plans to set up a state-backed company, the Nigerian Mining Corporation (NMC), to attract local and foreign investments in order to expand the country's mineral extraction sector. According to the Minister, Nigeria is shifting attention from hydrocarbon resources to renewable energy and seeks to diversify its mono-cultural economy away from the current overreliance on oil.

The key objectives associated with the establishment of the NMC are to rehabilitate the Nigerian mining sector in line with global best practices and to create an investment-friendly climate to secure partnerships with multinational companies. Generating adequate geophysical data and adopting several regulatory reforms e.g., concerning security and Artisanal and Small-scale Mining (ASM) structure will also be of high significance.

[Read the Ministry's press release](#)

## ERMA and Greenland Resources mark successful partnership advancing responsible mining and the diversification of critical minerals supply in Europe

The European Raw Materials Alliance (ERMA) and Greenland Resources have established a collaboration on the Malmbjerg molybdenum project in east-central Greenland. The project is supposed to be an example of cross-regional mining exemplifying responsible mining practices to secure a sustainable supply of raw materials for the manufacturing of renewable energy technologies in order to achieve the goals set for Europe's Green Transition. Currently, China produces around 45% of world's molybdenum while the EU is the second largest molybdenum user worldwide and has no production of its own. It is projected that the Malmbjerg molybdenum project will be able to supply some 25% of Europe's total molybdenum demand.



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# Networking of stakeholders in mining revenue forecasting in the Democratic Republic of the Congo



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Organised in the margins of an International Monetary Fund (IMF) workshop on the analysis and forecasting of extractive industry revenues which took place in Kinshasa on 26-30 June, a network event provided an opportunity for participants from different African countries to exchange and share their experiences around mining revenue forecasting in the extractive industry revenues.

The workshop was part of a collaboration with the IMF's Fiscal Policy Department and the African Regional Technical Assistance Centre (AFRITAC), which launched a series of

regional workshops in March 2022 to provide technical assistance to resource-rich countries on revenue forecasting.

The main objective of this networking event was to raise awareness of the need to establish a framework for inter-institutional cooperation between establishments involved in revenue forecasting in DRC's mining sector.

[Find out more about Fiscal Analysis of Resource Industries](#)



## Past Events

### International Forum on Sustainable Mineral Supply Chains (SMISC)

**21.-22.09.2023, Chengdu, Sichuan, China**

The GIZ Sector Programme Extractives and Development joined the second International Forum on Sustainable Mineral Supply Chains (SMISC) organised by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Metals, Minerals & Chemicals Importers & Exporters (CCCMC) in Chengdu, China from 21-22 September 2023.

Delegates from public authorities, academia, civil society, and the private sector at international level discussed topics related to ESG risks in global supply chains of critical minerals.

Together with the Sino German Center for Sustainable Development (CSD) and CCCMC, the Sector Programme Extractives and Development organised a Thematic Session on Responsible Sourcing for Enhanced Supply Chain Governance in Battery Supply Chains with stakeholders from private sector, civil society, and governments.

More information on SMISC will follow.

### IEA Critical Minerals and Clean Energy Summit

**28.09.2023, Paris**

Representatives from almost 50 countries across the world – including large and emerging critical mineral producers and consumers – came together with leaders from industry, investment, and civil society at the first Critical Minerals and Clean Energy Summit hosted by the International Energy Agency (IEA) in Paris. The summit aimed to build broader consensus on priority actions to secure the supply of critical minerals for the green energy transition.

During three thematic sessions, the participants shared experiences and discussed how to unlock potential for technology, recycling, and jobs, how to accelerate progress towards diversified mineral supply chains, and how to ensure transparent, sustainable and responsible mineral supply chains. At the third session on transparent, sustainable, and responsible mineral supply chains, GIZ-Managing Director Ms. Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven shared GIZ experiences and insights on the management of ESG

risks in critical mineral supply chains.

On the following day, at the Critical Minerals Working Party meeting, the GIZ Sector Programme on Extractives and Development presented the findings of a recently published study on the Economic Implications of the Energy Transition on Government Revenue in Resource-Rich Countries.

[Read the IEA's press release](#)



## Upcoming Events

### NRGI – Event: The Critical Mineral Race to Net Zero

**11.10.2023, 09:00 BST, online**

The global demand for critical minerals – those that are essential to the economy and whose supply may be disrupted – is expected to soar in coming years.

The Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI) organises an event to discuss critical minerals supply chain resilience, at a time when large economies such as the European Union (EU), the US and Japan are publishing their own critical mineral strategies seeking to diversify supply chains. Speakers will explore the geopolitical drivers of the race for critical minerals, discuss whether these have spurred investment in the mining sector and the opportunities this creates for resource-rich developing and emerging economies, as well as the resulting (geo)political, environmental, and social risks these countries must navigate.

The event is hosted by ODI's Global Risks and Resilience (GRR) program and will feature among others NRGI Africa energy transition advisor [Silas Olang](#).

[Register here](#)

### Global Battery Alliance Annual General Meeting

**07.-08.11.2023, Brussels**

The Global Battery Alliance (GBA) invites all members to its Annual General Meeting in Brussels. Among other topics, the programme will feature the GBA status and outlook, deep dives in the GBA Battery Passport, and Critical Minerals and Batteries Policy Sessions.

[Register here](#)

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

**07.-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](#)

### EU Raw Materials Week 2023

**13.-17.11.2023, Brussels**

The next EU Raw Materials Week takes place in Brussels, from 13-17 November. It will centre around the EU Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA) and include the 10th annual High-Level Conference of the European Innovation Partnership (EIP) on raw materials, co-organised with Eumicon, on Wednesday,



## Did you know...?

... that the sizes of all of Brazil's currently active legal mining sites add up to a total of 5.4 million hectares of land which almost equals the entire landmass of Croatia?

This was shown in a recent [study](#) by researchers from the University of São Paulo's Luiz de Queiroz College of Agriculture, published in the journal Communications Earth & Environment. The authors argue that if all legal active mining sites in Brazil are exploited over the next decades, 2.55 Gt of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>eq) will be emitted due to the loss of vegetation (0.87 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>eq) and soil (1.68 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>eq). Such an amount of CO<sub>2</sub>eq corresponds to about 5 % of the world's annual greenhouse gas emissions from human activities. To offset these emissions, the researchers suggest the reconstruction of soils using mine tailings and other kinds of waste which could potentially offset up to 60 % (1 GT CO<sub>2</sub>eq) of soil-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

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