

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,
Your Sector Programme Extractives and Development

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DID YOU KNOW...?



Field trip of ministries from the Andean region to rehabilitated mining sites in Saxony and Thuringia as part of the MinSus project



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The field trip, which was organised by the federally owned Wismut GmbH together with the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR) as part of the Regional Cooperation for the Sustainable Management of Mineral Resources in the Andean Countries (MinSus), aimed to train participants in technical issues related to the management of mining waste. During the ten-day stay, 25

representatives of authorities from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru visited rehabilitated mining sites in Saxony and Thuringia, Germany.

These regions were severely damaged by uranium mining activities and extensive remediation has been carried out since 1991. The company Wismut GmbH has invested about 7 billion euros from the German federal budget in the process. In the next ten years, the remediation work will be largely completed, although there are still long-term aftercare tasks.

The participants of the trip had the opportunity to get to know places like Bad Aue Schlema - formerly known as the "Valley of Death" due to enormous environmental pollution from mining activities. Today, the community is a health resort surrounded by lush nature.

After the site visits, part of the group attended the Wissym international conference in Dresden. The conference included high-ranking guests, including the Prime Minister of Saxony, Michael Kretschmer, as well as international and German experts.

[Read the original article](#)

New ISO standard for the management of contaminated mining sites

The International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) has published a new global standard for the management of environmental contamination in mining. This new standard consists of two parts and sets out requirements and recommendations for the management of mining contamination and includes valuable case studies.

The publication of the ISO standard for the management of environmental contamination in mining was made possible by the commitment of the National Standards Institute of Chile (INN) and the technical support from BGR's MinSus project over the years to ISO TC82 Mining/Subcommittee 7, known as the Committee on Closure and Mine Rehabilitation Management.

The cooperation of these two organisations in the international expert group of Working Group 3 was crucial for the creation of the following standards: 1) ISO 24419-1:2023 "Mine closure and reclamation - Management of mining waste - Part 1: Requirements and recommendations" and 2) the standard ISO/TR 24419-2:2023 "Mine closure and reclamation - Management of mining waste - Part 2: Case studies and bibliography".

In addition, the MinSus project worked to involve experts from Peru in the process to strengthen the contribution of Andean countries to the creation of the standard. This is particularly significant as ISO technical bodies in the mining sector are usually dominated by countries from other regions.

[Link to the full article in Spanish](#)

[Learn more about ISO TC82](#)



Joint briefing paper and NGO statement: EU Conflict Minerals Regulation failing to reach its goals

The International Peace Information Service (IPIS) and PAX jointly published a briefing paper analysing the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation's implementation and impact. The paper seeks to evaluate how the Regulation has actually played out and what the obstacles to its effective implementation have been so far. The authors argue that so far the Regulation has not achieved any notable impact along supply chains, let alone in producing countries. They identify, among others, two main reasons for the lack of impact: 1) Responsible Member States' Authorities often lack necessary sector expertise and capacities and 2) EU

The EU Conflict Minerals Regulation High Stakes, Disappointing Results

Paper on the effectiveness of European Union Regulation 2017/821



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[Download the joint NGO statement](#)



NRGI article: Chevron deserts the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)

A recent article published by the Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI) comments on the latest decision by American energy company Chevron to no longer participate as an EITI supporting company and clearly criticises the company's behaviour as well as other supporting companies who are falling short of EITI expectations. According to NRGI, although Chevron has said it will still participate in the EITI at the national level in

countries where it extracts oil and gas, its disengagement at the global level poses a setback for the race to the top in extractive sector reform envisioned by the EITI, since it is one of the only forums where large companies sit across the table from representatives from civil society.

Because of the fact that Chevron was an EITI board member until June 2022 and helped top shape the current EITI standard, the authors of the article raise the question whether the company really bought into the EITI's principles or was rather using the initiative as a fig leaf to launder its reputation



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as an oil and gas company indifferent to social and environmental impacts of its operations.

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USAID extends partnership with EITI to advance anti-corruption work

The International Secretariat of the Extractives Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) have agreed on a new three-year partnership to continue their work on anti-corruption in the extractive sector during the energy transition. The agreement provides USD 3 million to the EITI from the end of 2023 to 2026 and builds upon the existing collaboration between the EITI and USAID since 2006. The partnership will support the EITI's efforts to combat corruption and that data is regularly disclosed and used for analysis and reforms. It will also support the Opening Extractives Programme, which is jointly implemented with Open Ownership (OO).

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Women and the Mine of the Future – Global and Country Reports published in French and Spanish

To help address widespread data and knowledge gaps, the Women and the Mine of the Future: Global Report uncovers the gender-disaggregated employment profile for large-scale mining in 12 nations, focusing on women and their occupations in the sector.

The global report begins with a cross-country analysis that compares the data against commonly held assumptions and key trends in the sector. Next, the researchers consider what the unfolding transformations will mean for mining occupations. The report goes on to identify the main data

gaps and challenges hindering evidence-based policymaking and opportunities for women to fully participate in the future of mining. The report concludes with policy recommendations for governments, companies, and workers to consider. In addition, the country reports providing in-depth analysis of policies have been published.

Women and the Mine of the Future is a collaborative project of the IGF, ILO, IWiM, UNDP EGP and GIZ on behalf of BMZ to increase understanding of the status quo for women in mining, so stakeholders can anticipate, assess, and address gendered impacts as mining evolves.

The Women and the Mine of the Future Global Report is now also available in French and Spanish.



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EU signs strategic partnerships on critical raw materials value chains with DRC and Zambia

On 26 October 2023, at the Global Gateway Forum taking place in Brussels, the Commissioner for International Partnerships of the European Union (EU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a partnership on critical and strategic raw materials value chains with the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) Minister of Mines and a strategic partnership on sustainable raw materials value chains with the Zambian Minister of Finance. Furthermore, a direct follow up to the G20 Summit in New Delhi in September 2023 and its commitment to the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII), the EU, the United States of America, the DRC, the Republic of Zambia, the Republic of Angola, the African Development Bank (ADB) and the Africa Finance Corporation (AFC) signed a MoU to support the development of the “Lobito Corridor”. This transport corridor is intended to connect the southern part of the DRC and the north-western part of the Republic of Zambia to regional and global trade markets via the Port of Lobito in Angola.

The two MoU signed with the DRC and Zambia establish cooperation in five areas: [1] Integration of sustainable raw materials value chains; [2] Mobilisation of funding for development of infrastructure; [3] Cooperation to achieve sustainable and responsible production; [4] Cooperation on research and innovation; [5] Capacity building to enforce relevant rules.

Following the signature of the Memoranda of Understanding, respective roadmaps with concrete joint actions to be implemented by 2030 will be developed.

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New issue of MinSus Newsletter



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The Regional Cooperation Project for the Sustainable Management of Mining Resources in the Andean Countries (MinSus) has released a new issue of its newsletter with the latest activities and publications.

Among the highlights of this issue are the workshops organized with partner organizations as part of the technical assistance provided to the Argentinean Mining Secretariat (SECMIN), to advance on the gender strategy for the mining sector, and to approach the financial challenges and opportunities of the lithium industry.

Furthermore, the newsletter highlights the cooperation between Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR) and the Geological Mining and Metallurgical Institute of Peru (INGEMMET) to promote research on mining environmental liabilities.

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Upcoming Events

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](#)

Paris Peace Forum

10. – 11.11.2023, Paris

The 2023 Paris Peace Forum will convene representatives from states, international organizations, businesses, development banks to foundations and NGOs and more from around the world. The program will feature a panel discussion on fostering global cooperation on responsible critical minerals (10.11., 15:45-16:30) and a roundtable discussion on responsible mining for a just environmental transition.

[More information](#)

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, 15 November.

[More information](#)

58th EITI Board Meeting

29. – 30.11.2023, online

The 58th EITI Board meeting will be held virtually on 29 and 30 November at 11:00 - 15:00 CET on each day. The agenda will be shared to Board members and registered observers at least two weeks before the meeting.

[More information](#)

UNODC Conference against corruption

11. – 15.12.2023, Atlanta

The United States of America will host the tenth session of the Conference of the States Parties (COSP) to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC). This Conference will gather global leaders to make policy decisions and to continue its work in charting the way forward for the international community in the prevention and fight against corruption.

[Conference website](#)



Did you know...?

... that a wind farm can contain between 4 million and 15 million pounds of copper? The copper demand of offshore wind reaches around 8,000 kilograms per megawatt of energy.

Due to its high conductivity, versatility and superior heat dissipation capabilities compared to other metals, copper essential for clean energy technologies and is the world's third most used industrial mineral. With the global growth of renewable energy sources, the demand for copper will further increase accordingly.

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