

## Extractives and Development Newsletter



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Welcome to the English issue of our extractives newsletter!

Every 2nd 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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Your Sector Programme Extractives and Development

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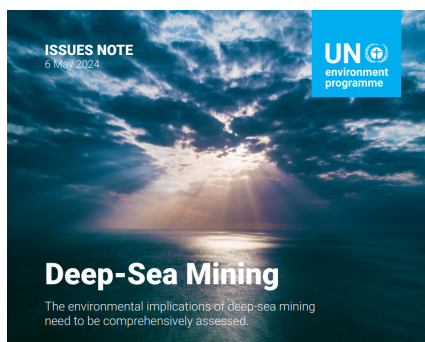
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## UNEP publishes Issues Note on deep-sea mining



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The Issues Note published by UNEP contains recommendations on deep-sea mining that address the lack of data on the environmental impacts of mining. While there are currently no commercial activities, several countries have already indicated their intention to assess the environmental impact of deep-sea mining in their national waters or to apply to the International Seabed Authority for a permit to extract minerals and metals from the deep seabed. UNEP concludes that the environmental, social and economic impacts of deep seabed exploitation are uncertain

and potentially serious. Any decision on whether and how the deep seabed may be exploited must be based on a detailed assessment of all available scientific evidence and take into account the precautionary principle.

[Read all recommendations here](#)

## New UNEP report on climate risks in the metals and mining



## sector

Aimed at banks, insurers, investors and their clients, the report provides a basic understanding of the key physical and climate-related risks facing the mining and metals sector. It is designed to enable financial professionals to integrate their own and their clients' risks into their institution's investment and lending strategies through case studies and risk management recommendations. By helping companies mitigate risk and reduce their financed emissions, this guide can also help financial institutions meet their net zero commitments.

This report is part of a series that addresses the physical and transformational climate risks of some of the most important sectors of the economy. All of these resources are part of the UNEP FI Risk Centre, which helps its members take an integrated approach to sustainability risks and accelerate the transition to a sustainable financial and economic system.

[Read the full report here](#)



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## EPRM awarded six new projects

The European Partnership for Responsible Minerals (EPRM) has awarded six new projects to support the responsible extraction of tin, tantalum, tungsten, lithium, cobalt and copper by ASM Communities in Conflict Affected and High-Risk Areas (CAHRAs).

In August last year, the EPRM launched a new round of tenders for projects that support the responsible extraction of minerals that are relevant to the energy transition and are mined using artisanal methods. A total of 56 quickscans and 16 full applications were submitted. Of these full proposals, the EPRM has awarded six new projects that will start in the course of 2024.

The focus of this call was on projects that promote strong and sustainable linkages with formal supply chains, have the potential for long-term improvements in and around mines and mining communities, improve gender equality and address the environmental risks and impacts of mining in general and/or focus on environmental due diligence. All six winning projects met these conditions.

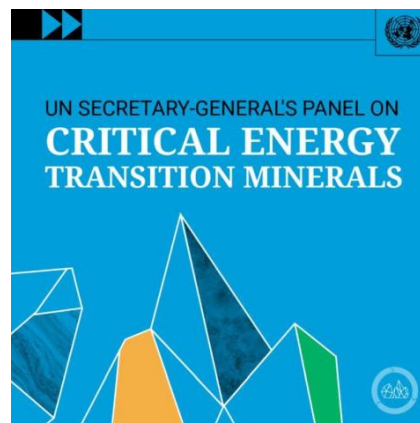
[A list and brief description of the projects can be found here](#)

## New UN Panel on Critical Energy Transition Minerals aims to make mining fairer and more sustainable

With the ever-growing demand for minerals critical to renewable energy technologies, Secretary-General António Guterres is using the convening power of the United Nations to bring together a group of governments and other stakeholders from across the minerals value chain. The new panel will develop a set of global, common and voluntary principles to ensure environmental and social standards and a just energy transition.

The new Panel on Critical Minerals for the Energy Transition will be co-chaired by Ambassador Nozipho Joyce Mxakato-Diseko from South Africa and the European Commission's Director-General for Energy, Ditte Juul Jørgensen. In

addition to governments, intergovernmental and international organizations, industry and civil society are also represented. The panel builds on the work of existing UN initiatives, in particular the working group “Transforming the Extractive Industries for Sustainable Development” and its flagship initiative “Harnessing Critical Energy Transition Minerals for Sustainable Development”.



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[More information and the full list of panel members can be found here](#)

## Raising awareness: gold mining and sustainability

Together with the Center for Global Learning in Berlin (EPIZ), the BGR has developed teaching materials for training in jewelry crafts and sales, electrical/IT, banking and mining technology. Already tested several times at vocational schools and adapted to the needs of the training occupations, a crime game, worksheets and educational videos ensure an exciting and varied learning experience. The aim of this teaching material is to inform and sensitize trainees in gold-processing professions about sustainability issues in gold mining. Small-scale gold mining is at the center of the discussion due to its relevance to development policy. Last but not least, the teaching material aims to show the trainees professional options for action.

[You can find the complete teaching material \(German\) here](#)

## Supporting civil society's contribution to the reform of the mining code in Côte d'Ivoire



Handover of the recommendations by civil

In Côte d'Ivoire, the 2014 Mining Code is currently being revised against a backdrop of massive growth in the sector, an increasingly complex stakeholder landscape and serious environmental and social impacts, particularly in neighbouring communities. In order to support the involvement of civil society in this reform process and to achieve the best possible coordinated and efficient participation, the “Regional Resource Governance in West



relevant stakeholders: first a preparatory workshop with civil society organisations only in December 2023, and now in April 2024 the actual event with the official handover of the reform proposals to the government.

The two-day event was largely organised by the civil society association Observatoire pour la Bonne Gouvernance du Secteur extractif (OBGSE), which brings together various civil society organisations in the country working on the topic. Government representatives, the private sector, mining communities and the media also took part. In working groups, they developed proposals for legislative reform, which, among other things, should improve the governance aspects of the sector and promote greater involvement of the local population. At the end of the workshop, the recommendations were officially handed over to the government and a joint action plan to improve the reform process and governance in the mining sector was adopted. The Directorate of the Ministry of Mines, Petroleum and Energy, which is responsible for the legislative reform, assured civil society that it would do everything in its power to incorporate the proposals into the reform process. This should be completed by the end of the year.

REGO is a regional project in the four countries of the Mano River Union (Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone), commissioned by the BMZ and co-financed by the European Union.

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## New study on grievance mechanisms in large-scale mining

The BMZ, the GIZ Sector Programme Extractives and Development and the GIZ Initiative for Global Solidarity recently published the study “Exploring the Remedy Gap in the Large-Scale Mining Sector – The Role of Grievance Mechanisms to Promote Human Rights in Mineral Supply Chains”. The study was presented in the context of the OECD Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chains in May in Paris. The report focuses on the ability of rightsholders who have been harmed by mining activities to gain access to appropriate legal remedies.

Among other things, the study found that access to grievance mechanisms is still very limited for most rightsholders. In addition, there is a serious lack of transparency about the compensation provided, hardly any third parties are admitted to the grievance procedures and rights holders are rarely involved in the design of the grievance mechanisms.

The full study will be published soon on the Extractives and Development website. For an Executive Summary of the study, please [click here](#)



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EITI has published its “Progress Report 2023”

The EITI published its EITI Progress Report 2023 on April 15. The Progress Report documents the most important developments and activities that have been implemented in connection with the organisation's six strategic priorities. These priorities include supporting countries and companies in managing the energy transition, addressing corruption risks, providing information for investment decisions, disclosing data and strengthening domestic revenue mobilisation, and measuring the impact of the EITI. The report also highlights successful innovations and practices in key areas of the extractive sector, such as creating transparency on beneficial ownership and engaging local communities.



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[Read the full report here](#)

## D-EITI: GIZ once again provides D-EITI Secretariat



As part of the German delegation, MSG members took part in the 59th EITI Board Meeting in Toronto and held intensive discussions on implementation measures for the new EITI Standard. © D-EITI

In May 2024, GIZ was re-commissioned to provide the Secretariat of the German Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (D-EITI) until 2027. The D-EITI Secretariat supports the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Protection (BMWK) and the German multi-stakeholder group consisting of representatives from government, the private sector and civil society in implementing the requirements of the global EITI standard in Germany. In addition to the annual reporting on the German extractive sector, the follow-up mandate will focus in particular on the implementation of the latest standard amendments from the 2023 EITI Standard and the

implementation of the results of the last EITI Validation.

[The documents are available via the D-EITI media library](#)

## IPIS shows links between mining and armed conflict in eastern DRC

The International Peace Information Service (IPIS) has developed an interactive story map that can be used to trace the complex links between mining and conflict financing in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The empirical basis is a survey conducted between 2021 and 2023 in 829 active mining sites (representing over 132,320 artisanal miners).

The data shows that mining in eastern DRC remains highly militarised, but that resource-related conflicts are complex and multidimensional. Interacting with natural resources are several other social dynamics, including inter-community tensions and their historical roots, failed disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration programs, and long-standing governance problems.

[Access to the story map and other reports in the thematic area can be found here](#)



## The Copper Mark, ARM and MinSus held workshops in mining regions to better understand the copper value chain of artisanal and small-scale producers in Peru

Based on fieldwork and regional workshops in Apurimac, Huancavelica, and Ica, the first study addressing artisanal and small-scale copper mining (ASM) in Peru was presented by Coppermark, ARM, and MinSus-GIZ. The study, which is financed by the ISEAL Innovations Fund and counts with the support of the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), includes statistical and geographic data analysis, as well as interviews with small-scale miners.

During the workshops preliminary findings were presented and miners discussed their challenges and possible solutions. A major bottleneck for the miners is the formalization process and the relations with large-scale mining projects. The study provides recommendations to help in the formalization process and promote a more responsible ASM copper value chain. The results were also presented at the OECD Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chains in Paris and the final study will be published shortly.

These and other news about the MinSus project can be found in this month's newsletter

## Advancing Responsible Natural Resource Management in the Great Lakes Region



The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) is committed to fostering peace and stability in the region through effective natural resources management. This is primarily through the Protocol Against the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources. Vital to this mission are the ICGLR Regional and Audit Committee Meetings.

The Regional Committee spearheads efforts against illegal resource exploitation, notably through the Regional Certification Mechanism (RCM). This mechanism is implemented to combat the illicit exploitation of natural resources in the region. The committee oversees RCM compliance, establishes the Audit Committee for transparency, and manages mineral designations and tax harmonization. The recent 28th ICGLR Regional Committee Meeting in Kigali assessed roadmap progress and discussed artisanal gold mining tracking.

The Audit Committee ensures exporters' mineral chains comply with the RCM. Third-party auditors, guided by its standards, undergo accreditation and conduct regular audits. The Committee reviews and approves audit reports, disseminating vital information to Member States and exporters. Rwanda hosted the 24th Audit Committee Meeting, focusing on audit firm accreditation and e-learning initiatives.

With funding from BMZ and the Netherlands, GIZ supports implementing these committees.





## New publication: “A Guide to Gender and Mining – Actors, Issues and Initiatives”

The GIZ Sector Programme Extractives and Development in cooperation with Women’s Rights and Mining (WRM) recently published “A Guide to Gender and Mining – Actors, Issues and Initiatives”. The guide provides an overview of the main challenges, actors, initiatives and resources related to gender and mining.

It is based on the 'Encyclopedia on Gender and Mining' published by GIZ and WRM in 2019 and expands the range of actors involved. A webinar to present the guide will follow shortly and information will be announced on

<https://rue.bmz.de/en/> as well as

<https://womenandmining.org/>.



A Guide to Gender and Mining  
Issues, Actors and Initiatives

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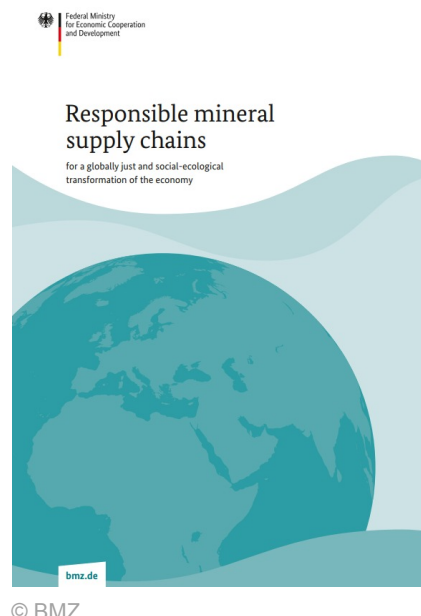
The full guide is available here



BMZ publishes position paper on responsible mineral supply



The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) makes a contribution to responsible mining in its partner countries. Therefore, it recently published the position paper “Responsible Mineral Supply Chains for a Globally Just and Social-Ecological Transformation of the Economy”. With the paper, the BMZ positions itself in the discussion about securing mineral resources which are relevant for the energy and mobility transition. In particular, it sets out the contribution that German Development Cooperation can make towards a fair balance of interests with producing countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia. Parliamentary State Secretary Dr. Bärbel Kofler recently presented the paper at the OECD Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chains in Paris in May. The BMZ focuses on the following three objectives in the position paper:



1. More legal certainty in resource-rich countries through better resource governance and transparency
2. More value creation in resource-rich partner countries by supporting more local production
3. More responsibility along international mineral supply chains

[Read the full position paper here](#)

## New GIZ self-financed measure: Initiative for a responsible, sustainable and resilient supply of raw materials

To cover its needs for raw materials for the energy and mobility transition, Germany is largely dependent on non-European imports and therefore also on new partnerships. Cooperation with stakeholders in resource-rich partner countries is an important element of a successful foreign policy on raw materials. However, the perspective of developing and emerging countries is currently not yet sufficiently taken into account in the formulation of regional and global policies and development strategies. With its self-financed measure “Initiative for a responsible, sustainable and resilient supply of raw materials”, GIZ supports selected partner countries in developing solutions for sustainable development in relation to the raw materials sector and in feeding requirements for the implementation of raw materials cooperation into the political discourse. To this end, regional multi-stakeholder exchanges and political dialogues are held with stakeholders from politics, society, the private sector and research in partner countries as well as in Germany and Europe. The German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) is providing scientific support for the project. It is researching how to design resilient and sustainable supply chains and moderating policy dialogues.

You can find out more about the project here:

[Sustainable Development through Raw Materials Cooperation](#)

[GIZ self-financed measure factsheet](#)



## Past Events

### OECD Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chains in Paris

After the OECD Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chains in the end of May, the Sector Programme Extractives and Development looks back on valuable discussions, inputs and meetings. One of the highlights was the presentation of the position paper of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) “Responsible mineral supply chains for a globally just and socio-ecological transformation of the economy” by Parliamentary State Secretary Dr. Bärbel Kofler.

Furthermore, the Sector Programme was also involved in a number of partner sessions over the course of the week:

Together with BMZ and the GIZ Initiative for Global Solidarity, the GIZ part of the Sector Programme organised a session on “Make Rightsholders' Voices Heard: Enhancing effective Grievance Mechanisms in Mineral Supply Chains”, in which a study on grievance mechanisms in the extractive sector was presented. As part of the multi-stakeholder partnership Women's Rights and Mining, the Sector Programme supported the organisation of the session on “Reclaiming Power? Perspectives from the Global South on addressing structural barriers to female participation in ASM”. Furthermore, Rosalie Seppelt represented GIZ in the session “Artisanal Mining Activity in Copper in Southern Peru”, organised by the Alliance for Responsible Mining (ARM) and The Copper Mark. The results of an upcoming study on small-scale copper mining in Southern Peru, conducted by ARM and supported by GIZ's MinSus project, were presented. In the session “Safeguarding Women's Rights in Mineral Supply Chains: Insights from South Africa”, organised by ActionAid and MACUA WAMUA, Mayely Müller (GIZ) spoke about the possibilities of using feminist strategies to promote gender equality in mineral supply chains.

Together with the Business & Human Rights Resource Centre, Evelyn Schnauder from the Sector Programme's BGR team organised the partner session “Human rights due diligence in upstream mineral supply chains of solar & wind energy sectors”. The discussion highlighted the challenges and opportunities for human rights due diligence in the context of upstream supply chains in the wind and solar energy sectors. Teresa Bornschlegl from the BGR team organised a partner session on “Harnessing Earth Observation Tools for Environmental Due Diligence”. The participants discussed the opportunities and challenges associated with the use of earth observation tools for (environmental) due diligence in mineral supply chains. Furthermore, the BGR presented their remote sensing activities in the DR Congo.

[Find out more](#)



## Upcoming Events

### DRC Mining Week

#### **12.-14.06.2024, Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of the Congo**

The DRC Mining Week will take place from June 12 to June 14 in Lubumbashi, DRC. With over 1300 stakeholders from 57 countries, it will bring together a large number of practitioners and experts from the mining sector.



All information on the agenda and registration, can be found [here](#).

### International Day of Women in Mining

**18.06.2024, 15:00-17:00 (CEST), online**

The International Day of Women in Mining (IDWIM) is an annual global campaign that honours the achievements of all who identify as women and the advancement of inclusion in mining. It represents our continuous commitment to working collaboratively for gender equity in the sector.

Even though this year's day of observance June 15 lands on a Saturday, the festivities won't stop! Join us on our social media platforms as we continue to celebrate IDWIM 2024, showcasing the vibrant celebrations taking place worldwide. It is organised by International Women in Mining (IWIM).

Find out more about the event [here](#).

### 60. EITI Board Meeting

**19.-20.06.2024, Geneva, Switzerland**

The 60th EITI Board Meeting will take place in person from June 19 to June 20 in Geneva, Switzerland.

More information about the board meeting can be found [here](#).

### 2024 Summer School on the Governance of Extractives Industries in Anglophone Africa

**22.-29.08.2024, Accra, Ghana**

The summer school of the Africa Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP) and the Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI) will bring together actors from the raw materials sector from the Anglophone Africa. The focus of discussion will lie on critical topics, challenges, the changing landscape of the African mining sector and the meaning of the energy transition. The participants will also join the Future of Energy Conference (FEC). The FEC provides a platform for innovative solutions and strategies for a sustainable energy future in Africa.

More information about the summer school and registration can be found [here](#).

### Alternative Raw Materials Week and Raw Materials Summit 2024

**07.-14.10.2024, Berlin, Germany**

From 7 - 14 October 2024, the members of the AK Rohstoffe are organising the Alternative Raw Materials Week for the fifth time, during which numerous events will create a space for critical discussion of German raw materials policy. In addition, the AK Rohstoffe is once again organising the Raw Materials Summit on 10 October 2024. Civil society representatives and voices from politics, trade unions, science and business will discuss what the raw materials policy of tomorrow must look like in the sense of - raw materials transition means resource protection.

More information about the Alternative Raw Materials Week can be found [here](#).



## Thoughts without guarantee\*

### The role of Saudi Arabia in the supply of raw materials

Saudi Arabia is a player in the extractives sector that should not be underestimated. According to the Deputy Minister of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources, Saudi Arabia is to become an "economic powerhouse" through transformation. For the transformation, Saudi Arabia needs so-called critical raw materials such as lithium, copper, nickel and iron ore. To secure these raw

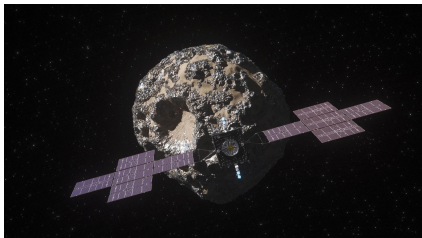
materials, Saudi Arabia established the investment fund Manara Minerals Investment Company (Manara Minerals) in 2023, a joint venture between the Saudi Arabian mining company Ma'aden and the Public Investment Fund. Manara Minerals is to acquire minority stakes in mining companies active in the aforementioned commodities globally.

Saudi Arabia is also gaining in importance by organising the Future Minerals Forum (FMF) based in Riyadh since 2022. The FMF is a conference at which the resource-rich African countries in particular discuss cooperation with Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia is not only a partner of African countries, but also has the potential to serve as a role model for many African countries. This is because Saudi Arabia has managed to significantly raise the Saudi Arabian standard of living with its domestically available oil, while African countries rich in natural resources are often in the lowest quartile of the Human-Development-Index.

From a geopolitical perspective, Saudi Arabia can help diversify the supply chains of critical raw materials. At the same time, Germany and the EU must consider the clear value differences that exist between the EU and Saudi Arabia when establishing and maintaining sustainable supply chains.

Julius Firnhaber, legal trainee in the Sector Programme March – May 2024

## Did you know...?



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...the US company AstroForge is planning to send a space probe to an asteroid this fall, which is said to have rich deposits of iron and nickel. The company aims to mine precious metals in space. However, it is keeping quiet about the exact asteroid for fear of competition. However, it is said that the body is less than 100 meters in size and regularly comes very close to the Earth, as the space probe is expected to reach it within a year. The aim of the expedition is to find out more about the metals contained in the asteroid and their extractability.

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