

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 GIZ Sector Programme Extractives and Development

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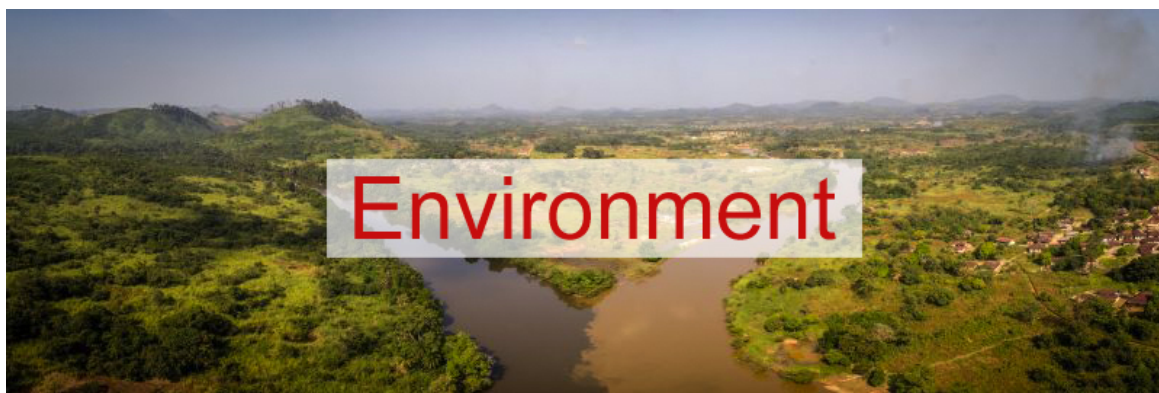
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DID YOU KNOW...?



Mining in the spotlight: Using due diligence to protect forests and peoples from mineral extraction

To reach its climate neutrality goal by 2050, the European Commission has announced the ban on sales of all combustion engine cars by 2035 and wants to have at least 30 million “zero-emission” vehicles on its roads by 2030. Electric transportation and renewable energy both require huge amounts of critical raw materials, which are often found under forests, in important biodiversity areas, and in countries with poor governance records. The rush to source such materials could therefore end up destroying some of the climate’s most valuable allies, the carbon soaking forests, other important ecosystems and the communities that have protected them for generations.

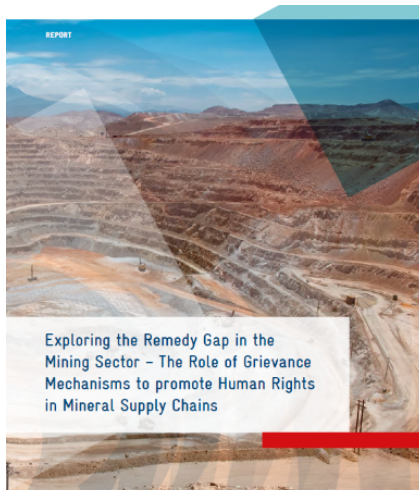
One of the tools to ensure the sustainable and ethical purchase of such minerals is EU laws requiring mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence. This discussion paper published by Fern with support of the Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) of the EU assesses and compares a selection of laws to consider how they could be used to improve critical minerals supply chains.

[Read the discussion paper](#)





Full study on grievance mechanisms to promote human rights in the mining sector published



Against the backdrop of increasing mandatory due diligence laws and guidelines, the GIZ Sector Programme “Extractives and Development” and the “Initiative for Global Solidarity” on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) commissioned a study to analyse the effectiveness of existing grievance mechanisms in mineral supply chains providing access to remedy for rightsholders in large-scale mining. Within the scope of the study the authors evaluated the role of non-state-based non-judicial grievance mechanisms in four countries selected by their importance of the mining sector, namely Colombia, Peru, Indonesia, and South Africa. The existing grievance systems were analysed against the UNGP criteria for effectiveness and both their potentials and limitations in providing effective remedies for human rights violations were explored.



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Guidance for Disclosure on Human Rights Due Diligence in Mining Sector Procurement

In the context of the Mining Shared Value (MSV) programme, Engineers Without Borders Canada (EwBC) with support of the GIZ Sector Programme Extractives and Development, on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), released guidelines that focus on the disclosure on human rights due diligence in mining sector procurement.

By following this guidance mining companies will provide all the information required to satisfy the needs of due diligence

legislation, sustainability and reporting standards in use by the mining sector, and criteria from Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) rating agencies. In working to provide this information, mining companies will identify gaps in their current approach to due diligence during procurement, charting a path towards improvements in their policies and procedures. This guidance is therefore focused on meeting the requirements of various laws, standards, and rating agencies, which sometimes mandate that companies report on existing policies and processes (or their absence) and, in other cases, require companies to both report on and implement due diligence policies and processes. Given this distinction, the ultimate aim of this guidance is to drive improved due diligence performance in the mining sector and go beyond mere reporting to implementing meaningful change within company supply chains.



[Read the full guidance](#)

[Find out more about MSV](#)

[Read more in the Canadian Mining Journal](#)

EPRM welcomes eight new members

The European Partnership for Responsible Minerals (EPRM) has welcomed eight new members in order to foster responsible minerals with a focus on ASM communities. Its civil society organization pillar has grown with four new members: RED Social (Peru), Population and Development Initiative (Tanzania), International Women in Mining and The Impact Facility. Furthermore, four new members were added to the supply chain actors pillar: Fairever, Fairalloy, BMW-Group as well as Thomas Swan & Co. Ltd.

[Find out more](#)

Binding Business to Human Rights

The recent article written by Sikho Luthango (Rosa Luxemburg Foundation Southern Africa) discusses the geopolitical context and how it is shaping the negotiations for a UN Binding Treaty on Business and Human Rights. It further elaborates the different roles of actors, e.g. African states, and embeds current developments such as the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) in the discourse.

[Read the full article](#)





D-EITI achieves another successful result in validation

89 out of 100 points! This is the result of the validation of the D-EITI - the German implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative - which was officially announced on 19 June 2024 at the 60th EITI Board Meeting in Geneva.

The implementation of the EITI in the member countries is validated every three years. Validation is a key feature of the EITI process. It serves to assess performance and promotes dialogue and learning at member country level. It also preserves the integrity of the EITI by holding all implementing countries to the same global standard.

Following the first validation in 2018, Germany has now been confirmed as successfully implementing the international EITI standard for the second time in a row. In an international comparison, Germany is one of 10 out of a total of 55 implementing countries that continuously implement the international **EITI standard** with high quality.

The Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) has published an official press release on Germany's validation: **[BMWK - Global Transparency Initiative EITI confirms Germany's exemplary work in the extractive sector](#)**

Further information on the implementation of the EITI in Germany can be found on the D-EITI website: **[Home - D-EITI](#)**

The elephant in the mine: Why voluntary sustainability standards are insufficient to ensure responsible mining

In the 19th Volume of the journal "The Extractive Industries and Society" Diego I. Murguía and Ana E. Bastida discuss ESG standards in the context of mining. While the authors acknowledge the importance of private voluntary sustainability standards for improving mining performance and accountability, these must support and complement the crucial regulatory role played by the state and its enforcing agencies in resource-rich countries. From this perspective, they argue that the quality of public institutions remains 'the elephant' often overlooked in the room of global mining standards, and we call for re-centering the responsible mining debate around it.

[Find out more](#)





Successful Launch of the Guide to Gender and Mining

In late June, Women's Rights and Mining (WRM) together with the GIZ Sector Programme Extractives and Development hosted a webinar to launch its "Guide to Gender and Mining – Issues, Actors and Initiatives". The guide offers an updated overview of the key issues, actors and initiatives and resources in the field of gender and mining and expands the range of actors included. It was written by Sophie Rickard and commissioned by GIZ on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), overseen by WRM. It includes more than 80 Women in Mining organisations, 38 NGOs, 3 international financial institutions, 7 intergovernmental organisations and UN agencies, 13 national government agencies, 7 research institutions and 14 multistakeholder initiatives and industry associations. The guide was launched by a presentation of the author, accompanied by insights from Mauricio Winkelried (Solidaridad Peru) and Rosebella Osei (International Women in Mining). Since there were more valuable questions than time to answer them during the launch event, WRM compiled a document address unanswered questions.



A Guide to Gender and Mining
Issues, Actors and Initiatives



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[Read more about the launch event](#)

[Read the Q&A of the launch event](#)

[Read the full "Guide to Gender and Mining"](#)

Empowering Women in ASM: Strategies and Innovative Approaches

Women's Rights and Mining (WRM) emphasized empowering women in ASM at this year's OECD Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chains. Together with the panelists, targeted strategies and innovative approaches were compiled. In this recent article published on the WRM website, those strategies and approaches are elaborated and complemented with best practices.

[Read more](#)

World Bank Blogs: Breaking barriers for women in mining

Despite the crucial role of women in the global mining industry, progress toward gender equality remains slow. Women make up only 15% of the mining workforce. The COVID-19 pandemic further increased job insecurity and reduced opportunities for women in this sector, underscoring the urgent need for support and robust safety protocols. In this new article published on World Bank Blogs, the authors Rachel Perks and Tehreem Saifey Ford look at the roles of women in mining and shed light on the activities of the World Bank's Extractives Global Programmatic Support (EGPS) trust fund that foster gender equality in the sector.

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Raw materials partnerships – analysis by Friedrich-Ebert Foundation

The demand for raw materials is increasing worldwide. Demand has also risen dramatically in Germany and the EU. The necessary socio-ecological transformation and the advancing digitalisation in the EU and worldwide cannot be implemented without reliable imports of raw materials. However, enormous dependencies on individual countries, particularly China, have developed over the past decade. With raw materials partnerships, the EU seeks to secure critical minerals. How this can also be made attractive for mineral-producing countries is elaborated in the recent analysis of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation (FES).

[Read the analysis \(available in German\)](#)

Updates from the Andean Region

The Regional Cooperation for a more Sustainable Management of Mineral Resources in the Andean Countries (MinSus) project has published its latest newsletter. In this issue you will be able to read the first study that assesses the artisanal and small-scale copper mining value chain in Peru, as well as review the roadmap that was developed to improve the effectiveness of complaint mechanisms of mining companies. It also provides an update on the Lithium Forum that brings together government officials from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile and Mexico, and gives insights on the 2-day workshop on circular economy opportunities in the Peruvian mining sector. For this and more you can access the newsletter [here](#).



Past Events

60th EITI Board Meeting

The 60th Board Meeting of the Extractives Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) took place in Geneva on June 19 and 20. The focus was on important country decisions as well as on ensuring the financial sustainability of the initiative. Germany's validation result was particularly eagerly awaited. With 89 points, Germany scored exceptionally well. Afghanistan was delisted from the initiative due to its inadequate civil society situation and is no longer part of the EITI.

Germany remains an important partner of the initiative and supports the EITI not only financially but also politically. Since the beginning of this year, the BMZ-Director Paul Garaycochea has served on the high-level international EITI Board. He represents the constituency of supporting countries and contributes actively to the governance of the initiative. Creating transparency for good resource governance is considered a key element in ensuring that the extraction of raw materials is carried out responsibly and benefits local communities, thereby also strengthening the resilience of supply chains.

21st International Anti-Corruption Conference

The 21st International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC), themed “Confronting Global Threats: Standing Up for Integrity,” took place from June 18 to 21, 2024, in Vilnius, Lithuania, attracting 2,000 participants from over 140 countries.

GIZ moderated the session “Safeguarding a Just Energy Transition in the Extractive and Energy Sectors” which aimed to shed light on the corruption risks linked to the increasing demand for minerals essential for renewable technologies, such as bribery and fast-tracking of license approvals. The Director General of Mines and Geology of Côte d’Ivoire delivered a keynote speech outlining how the Ivorian government is tackling these pressing challenges.



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The subsequent discussion featured esteemed speakers from the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), the Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI), Transparency International Australia (TI Australia), and the Centre for Responsible Business Conduct at the OECD, who showcased their latest research and tools to address corruption in critical mineral supply chains.

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) concluded by emphasizing the necessity for a holistic approach to ensure a just energy and mobility transition, including multistakeholder governance, supply chain due diligence, beneficial ownership transparency and corruption risk analysis.



Upcoming Events

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](#).

GBA Annual General Meeting

05.-07.11.2024, Shanghai, China

The Annual General Meeting of the Global Battery Alliance (GBA) will be held from November 5 to 7 in Shanghai, China. The programme will include sessions on the GBA 2024 status, milestones and outlook for 2025, the GBA Battery Passport, including perspectives from China, Critical Minerals and Circularity and GBA governance, including elections to the Board of Directors for designated GBA member representatives and more.

More information can be found [here](#).

20th Annual General Meeting IGF 2024 - Redefining Mining: Balancing the need for minerals with protecting people and the planet

18.-20.11.2024, Geneva, Switzerland

The IGF's 20th Annual General Meeting is scheduled from November 18 to 20, 2024, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, hosted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The guiding theme for 2024 is "Redefining Mining: Balancing the need for minerals with protecting people and the planet".

More information can be found [here](#).



Did you know...?

...that a copper pendant discovered in what is now northern Iraq has been dated back to 8,700 BC, leading scientists to believe it is one of the first metals to be unearthed. Scientists have even discovered copper pipes dated back more than five thousand years. For nearly five millennia, copper was the only metal known to humans, and was thus used for all metal applications.

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