

Extractives and Development Newsletter



Information on current topics and trends in the extractives sector
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Welcome to a new issue of our extractives newsletter!

With our newsletter, the GIZ Sector Programme Extractives and Development 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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DID YOU KNOW...?



Greenpeace Guiding Principles for Minerals for the Energy Transition

A new report by Greenpeace International outlines five guiding principles for a just and equitable approach to minerals for the energy transition. It emphasizes that the focus is not only on building fair supply chains but also on fundamentally reducing raw material demand. Alternatives such as recycling, circular economy, and more efficient use are intended to help reduce dependence on primary raw materials and minimize social as well as environmental risks.

[Access the full report](#)



New EPRM Video: Why Engagement with ASM matters

The European Partnership for Responsible Minerals (EPRM) published a video on artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) engagement. It highlights the importance of continued corporate engagement in the ASM sector in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)—specifically within cobalt mining. Disengaging from ASM may seem like a risk-averse approach, but it can lead to unintended harm for mining communities who depend on this livelihood. Instead, responsible sourcing and production offer a path to positive change on the ground. In the video, EPRM shows how it works with companies, governments, and civil society to support responsible practices in ASM cobalt mining—ensuring traceability, improving working conditions, and promoting sustainable development.

[Access the full report](#)



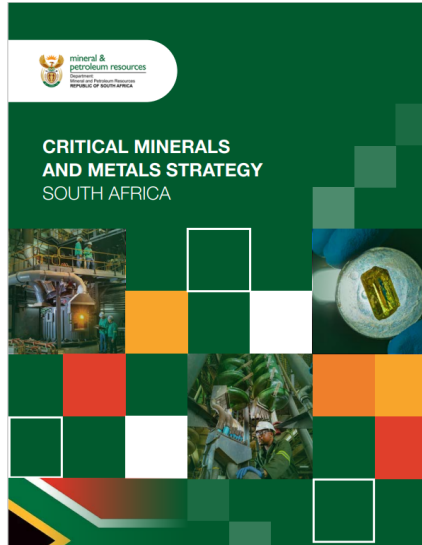
G7 Meeting in Canada: Critical Minerals Action Plan

At the G7 Leaders' Summit held in Kananaskis, Alberta, Canada, from 16 to 17 June 2025, a Critical Minerals Action Plan was adopted. With this plan, the G7 aim to reduce dependence on countries like China and secure their own supply chains for critical raw materials. They also agreed to facilitate

investments, build standards-based markets, and strengthen partnerships with reliable countries. The action plan states that work will continue within the framework of the upcoming Conference on Critical Materials and Minerals in Chicago in September 2025.

[Access the study](#)

South Africa launches Critical Minerals and Metals Strategy



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South Africa has recently published its Critical Minerals and Metals Strategy, which seeks to enhance the country's position in global minerals markets, as the country possesses critical minerals such as platinum, manganese, iron, ore, coal and chrome ore. The strategy also ties into continental efforts to create a **clear roadmap on critical minerals exploitation** and benefit maximization. It consists of 6 key pillars which are:

- 1) Geoscience mapping and exploration
- 2) Value addition and localisation
- 3) Research and development and building a skilled workforce
- 4) Infrastructure and energy security
- 5) Financial instrument to support local beneficiation
- 6) Harmonization of the regulatory and policy framework

The strategy is also underpinned by a circularity imperative that seeks to integrate circularity into mining and processing practices.

[Access the strategy](#)



New Study: Feminist Development Policy in the Raw Materials Sector

The GIZ Sector Programme Extractives and Development, commissioned by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), has published a new

study investigating what feminist development policy means in the raw materials sector and how women and marginalised groups in mining can be better protected and promoted. The study, authored by Syspons, provides a comprehensive analysis of the challenges and potentials of a feminist approach in this area.

The core question of the new study is what feminist development cooperation means in the context of the raw materials sector. The study focuses on four key action areas:

- Health and safety in mining regions
- Combating gender-based violence
- Economic empowerment of women in the extractive sector
- Equal participation in decision-making processes



Feminist Development Policy
in the Raw Materials Sector



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[Read the study](#)

New e-Learning on Gender Equality & Disability Inclusion



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How can companies promote inclusion in their global operations? The upcoming e-Learning on Gender Equality and Disability Inclusion in the Private Sector provides practical strategies for advancing equality and accessibility across business networks, supply chains, and corporate structures.

The GIZ Sector Programme Extractives and Development is contributing to the course with a dedicated module on gender equality and disability inclusion in the extractives sector. The e-Learning will be available free of charge by the end of the year.

For questions, feel free to contact [Linda Weber](#)



Call for Public Consultation by OECD and IGF: Determining the

Price of Minerals

The OECD and the IGF invite public comments on a draft toolkit to support developing countries in addressing base erosion and profit shifting risks when pricing minerals. As part of the ongoing work of the OECD and the IGF partnership on base erosion and profit shifting (BEPS) in the mining programme, public comments on the toolkit are requested:

Determining the Price of Minerals: A transfer pricing framework for copper, which provides a framework to identify the primary economic factors that can influence the pricing of minerals (“mineral pricing framework”) using transfer pricing principles. It shows how the framework can be applied to copper. The deadline for the public consultation is 5 September 2025.

[Further information about the consultation](#)

New Study on Domestic Value Addition in Critical Mineral Value Chains



How effective are industrial, investment & trade policies?

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The GIZ Sector Project Trade and Investment for Sustainable Development with support of the GIZ Sector Programme Extractives and Development has published a new report titled “Domestic Value Addition and Critical Mineral Value Chains”. The study, written by Dr. Masuma Farooki with input from Prof. Raphael Kaplinsky and Prof. Mike Morris, explores how resource-rich countries can benefit in the context of critical mineral supply chains through industrial policy and outlines tools like export restrictions, tax incentives, and infrastructure investment to promote downstream activities. It underlines that strong governance and safeguards are essential to avoid social and environmental risks. The report offers concrete recommendations to support countries turning raw materials into inclusive, sustainable economic growth.

[Access the full report](#)

EU Critical Raw Materials Act: List of Strategic Projects

The European Commission has published a list of all 13 strategic projects located outside the EU. These include the lithium project in Serbia’s Jadar Valley by Rio Tinto, a graphite project in eastern Ukraine (Pobuzhzhya’s Development LLC), as well as a cobalt refining project in Zambia (Kobaloni Energy Zambia Limited). Other projects in partner countries focus, among other things, on rare earths (South Africa, Malawi), graphite (Madagascar, Kazakhstan), and nickel and cobalt (Brazil).

[Further information here](#)

RISE Roadmap "Repositioning Zambia to Leverage Energy Transition Minerals for Economic Transformation" Published

The Resilient Inclusive Supply-chain Enhancement (RISE) initiative managed by the World Bank has released a comprehensive roadmap titled "Repositioning Zambia to Leverage Energy Transition Minerals for Economic Transformation." This report outlines strategic steps for Zambia to maximize the economic benefits of its abundant energy transition minerals, including copper and cobalt. It emphasizes creating value-added industries, strengthening governance, and building sustainable supply chains to support Zambia's economic transformation. The roadmap also highlights the importance of balancing resource development with environmental protection and social inclusion to ensure long-term benefits for the country and its people.

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Past Events

EPRM Members Meeting in Paris

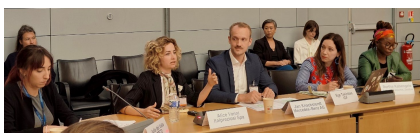
The European Partnership for Responsible Minerals (EPRM) hosted its members meeting at the margins of the OECD Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chains in Paris, France, in early May. In collaboration with the Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance (IRMA), a joint programme day was hosted. In this context, the EPRM members meeting took place.



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The joint programme showcased 5 EPRM-funded projects that develop innovative approaches to traceability and due diligence in mineral supply chains. The EPRM project session "Transparency and Traceability: Challenges and Opportunities in Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining" explored the upstream complexities, challenges, and opportunities of transparency and traceability initiatives, teasing out how transparency and traceability efforts can be shaped by their specific contexts.

Women's Rights and Mining at the OECD Forum 2025



WRM Session at the OECD Forum:
Panelists from left to right: Julia del Valle, Alice Vanni, Jan Knacksterdt, Ege Tekinbas (moderator), and Bertha Kabengele. © WRM.

On 5 May 2025, the Women's Rights and Mining (WRM) multi-stakeholder-partnership hosted a session at the OECD Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chains in Paris, marking the 5-year milestone of the WRM-OECD **Stakeholder Statement on Gender-Responsive Due Diligence** (GRDD). The session, titled "Responsible Sourcing, Inclusive Impact: Cross-Sector Solutions for Gender-Responsive Due Diligence", brought together

upstream, midstream, and downstream industry actors alongside policy experts to assess implementation progress, share innovations, and chart a forward-looking agenda for inclusive sourcing. On behalf of BMZ, GIZ is a member of WRM since 2017 and supporting the secretariat since 2022. The successful session was financially supported by BMZ.

[Access the meeting report](#)

[Find out more](#)

Mining for Tomorrow: Towards Responsible Mineral Supply Chains

During the London Climate Action Week on 25 June 2025, Accountability Accelerator, Porticus, and Rainforest Foundation Norway brought together community leaders, NGOs, standard-setters, corporate actors, and investors for a seminar titled “Mining for Tomorrow: A Responsible Path for All.” Amid the ongoing securitization of the debate surrounding mineral supply chains, participants underscored that ground realities remain unchanged. Pollution, deforestation, biodiversity loss, displacement, and the marginalization of Indigenous Peoples persist as significant threats.

The seminar highlighted the urgent need to strengthen resilient mineral supply chains that adhere to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) standards. This includes securing ‘no-go’ zones, forging alliances across various stakeholders, and leveraging financial power to advocate for responsible mining practices. Key takeaways from the seminar emphasized the necessity to:

- Establish a unified benchmark to safeguard Indigenous rights and protect ecologically and culturally significant areas in future mining endeavours
- Engage with catalytic leverage points to bridge gaps in rights recognition, regulatory enforcement, and policy implementation
- Elevate community engagement, enhance due diligence, and promote transparency

By addressing these critical areas, stakeholders can contribute to shaping a just, sustainable path for future mines that support both environmental sustainability and social justice.

Roundtable and Civil Society Workshop on Responsible Nickel Value Chains in Indonesia and the Philippines



CSO Workshop © GIZ

In early June, the self-financed GIZ Raw Materials Initiative organized two events for a regional dialogue at the margins of the Indonesia Critical Minerals Conference in Jakarta, Indonesia. The first event convened around 25 representatives from government, private sector, civil society and academia in the format of a roundtable. The discussion focused on ways to enhance local value addition, overcome growth barriers and implement ESG standards with an emphasis on the nickel value chain in Indonesia as well as

the Philippines. The discussion led to the identification of concrete entry points and levers for fostering a more responsible raw materials sector and explored options for collective action through regional and international partnerships, particularly looking at the role of Europe and Germany.

Furthermore, the Initiative hosted a workshop for civil society organizations from the two countries. 15 representatives from civil society organizations, academia and trade union shared their perspectives of the current debates around the nickel supply chain in Southeast Asia. The primary objectives were threefold: to gather and reflect civil society perspectives on responsible nickel value chains; to inform participants about recent developments in German and European raw mineral policies; and to formulate concrete recommendations for future cooperation in mineral governance between Europe and Germany.

Multistakeholder Dialogue on Regional Collaboration for Local

Value Addition in the DRC, Zambia and Angola

The self-financed GIZ Raw Materials Initiative, the bilateral resource governance portfolio of German Development Cooperation, in partnership with the EITI DRC hosted a roundtable discussion in Lubumbashi, DRC in June. The roundtable is part of a series of regional dialogues bringing together participants from the public and private sector, civil society and research to develop strategies for long-term development of partner countries in the raw materials sector.



Regional Dialogue in Lubumbashi © GIZ

The roundtable brought together over 40 delegates of the DRC, Angola, and Zambia as well as international partners, private sector, civil society and academia discussing how to strengthen local value addition in the mining sector. Stakeholders recommended that the Lobito corridor should support broader economic development and value addition for local communities beyond its role as transport infrastructure. This requires inclusive and transparent coordination platforms, nationally and regionally. Multilateral development banks noted a lack of bankable projects and an uncertain investment climate. The private sector called for better governance and fighting corruption to attract more foreign direct investment. Stakeholders saw a strong role for development cooperation in addressing these gaps.

[Find out more about GIZ self-financed Raw Materials Initiative](#)

Webinar: The Future of Battery Standards – Regulatory Developments and Due Diligence Requirements in the EU and China

On 9 July 2025, the China Chamber of Commerce of Metals, Minerals & Chemicals Importers & Exporters (CCCME), GIZ Sector Programme Extractives and Development and Sino-German Center for Sustainable Development jointly hosted a well-attended webinar on the evolving regulatory landscape in the battery sector and its global implications. The event brought together stakeholders from across the value chain to discuss how new legal frameworks – such as the EU Batteries Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2023/1542) and China's upcoming national safety standards for EV batteries (GB38031-2025) – are reshaping due diligence obligations, market access conditions, and supply chain expectations.

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Upcoming Events

World Resources Forum: New Resource Strategies for a Fair and Sustainable Future

2 & 3 September 2025, Geneva, Switzerland

The World Resources Forum 2025 convenes global leaders from policy, industry, science and civil society to assess and refine strategies for resource governance and management. The conference will facilitate the exchange of knowledge across regions and stakeholders, exploring how successful approaches can be adapted or scaled globally. A solutions-oriented dialogue aimed at creating

resource strategies that support both global goals and local realities.

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

Europe Sustainability Summit 2025

23 & 24 September 2025, Frankfurt, Germany

In September the amfori Sustainability Summit will take place in Frankfurt. The summit will bring together key stakeholders to address urgent challenges in supply chain resilience and sustainability, as businesses across all sectors are under increasing pressure to navigate disruption, enhance transparency, and build resilient, future-ready supply chains. This cross-sector subject is also increasingly relevant for the raw materials sectors, as supply chains face serious human rights, environmental, and supply risks that must be addressed to ensure a responsible energy- and mobility transition.

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

African Mining Week

1 - 3 October 2025, Cape Town, South Africa

From 1 to 3 October 2025, at the Cape Town International Convention Centre, the African Mining Week will bring together stakeholders from across Africa and around the world to drive meaningful conversations and forge partnerships within the mining sector.

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

IGF Annual General Meeting

3 - 5 November 2025, Geneva, Switzerland

The Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF) 21st Annual General Meeting (AGM) is set for 3 to 5 November at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, hosted by UN Trade and Development. This year's theme is Value Beyond Extraction: Rethinking Mining for a Resilient Future.

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



Did you know...?

... that silver is so indispensable to solar panel production that photovoltaic (PV) cells consumed nearly 14% of the world's annual silver supply in 2023, and this share is projected to grow to around 20% by 2030?

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