

## 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...?

## GIZ News

## Global Programme for Resilient and Sustainable Supply Chains

Investing in Resilient and Sustainable Supply Chains (IGS)



GIZ Global Programme "Investing in Resilient and Sustainable Supply Chains" (IGS) kicked-off at the start of the year. The programme focuses on resilience and sustainability in supply chains, especially those for critical and strategic raw materials.

Here, IGS cooperates with private sector projects in mining, processing, recycling, infrastructure, or transport in developing and emerging countries that improve the diversification or resilience of critical raw material supply chains. Through development cooperation approaches, IGS addresses the opportunities and challenges faced by partner countries arising from such projects. These services

contribute to de-risking investment projects and improve investment and trade conditions, while simultaneously creating developmental added value within the country.

To mobilize partners and jointly develop projects, IGS uses various formats for dialogue with companies, associations, financial institutions, civil society, trade unions and public partners from Germany, Europe and partner countries. Development approaches implemented by IGS include investment promotion, capacity building for better governance and improved due diligence, risk management as well as ESG-standards and measures for local value creation.

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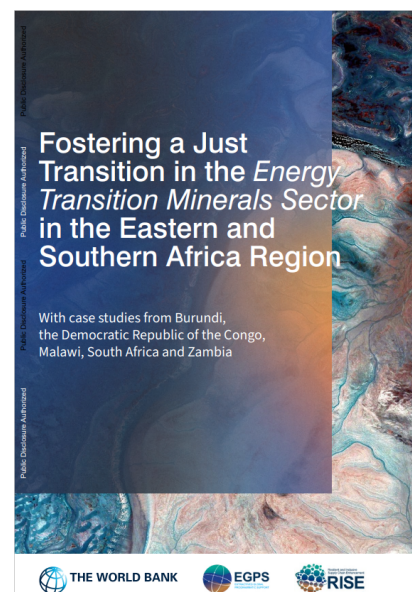
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## New Publication: Fostering a Just Transition in the Energy Transition Minerals Sector in the Eastern and Southern Africa Region

The World Bank and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development recently published the study: *Fostering a Just Transition in the Energy Transition Minerals Sector in the Eastern and Southern Africa Region*. It examines social exclusion and fragility, conflict, and violence (FCT) and how they evolve in response to growing demand for energy transition minerals (ETMs). Focused on a justice-oriented approach, the study looks at Burundi, the DRC, Malawi, South Africa, and Zambia to explore key social justice considerations for inclusive and peaceful developments in the ETM sector.



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# Green & Circular Metals Strategic Impact Group Network (SIGN)

EIT RawMaterials has established a new Strategic Impact Group on Green and Circular Metals (SIGN) Network. The purpose of the network is to mobilize coordinated action along Europe's metal value chains through direct political dialogue, access to innovation and financing tools, strategic networking, and pursue a coordinated approach for issues that companies cannot individually solve. The initial task is to provide contributions to the Circular Economy Act (CEA), public consultation on policy recommendations and action plans which are supported and implemented by stakeholders.



## New IGF-Publication: Local Content Policies in Mining: Insights from a survey of producer countries

IGF recently published a report on four ways governments can strengthen local content policies. It highlights the importance of local content policies because they influence how resource-rich countries turn mining activities into larger development outcomes. These policies, when properly implemented, have the potential to help countries capture greater economic and social value, strengthen their leverage, and support their long-term economic diversification. The report emphasizes how local content policies can ensure that local communities see the benefits of extraction through access to higher wages and employment rates, as well as increase the participation of women and the indigenous populations.



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## "Human Rights-Responsible Raw Materials Extraction" - A Discussion with the European Partnership for Responsible Minerals (EPRM)

International Day of Human Rights

To mark the International Day of Human Rights on

December 10th, GIZ Sector Programme "Extractives and Development" hosted an interview with the European Partnership for Responsible Minerals (EPRM). EPRM focuses on human rights and environmental due diligence in high-risk regions with critical raw materials. Emphasizing the importance of local project implementation, the interviewees stressed their work on knowledge exchange and dialogue as a cornerstone of what makes EPRM unique. As it will reach its 10-year anniversary in 2026, there are plans for new projects to highlight the impact of EPRM's work reducing human rights risks in the extractive sector.



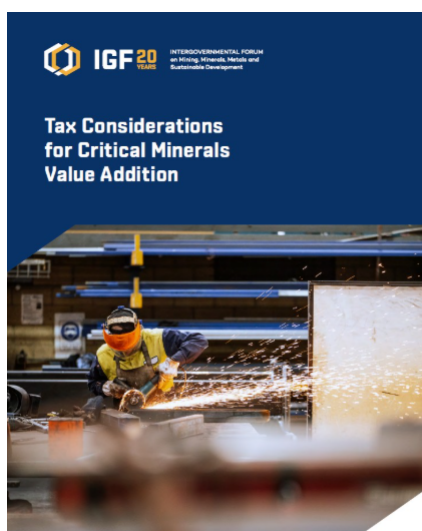
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## EU Agrees to Weaken Due Diligence Legislation

In December 2026, the European Union agreed to reduce requirements under the Supply Chain Act. Previously, all companies with 1,000 or more employees and a minimum turnover of 450 million euros were held accountable under the Supply Chain Act. Following the latest decision, however, only companies with at least 5,000 employees and an annual turnover of 1.5 billion euros or more are subject to the requirements. This decision comes after fierce political debate, with right-wing parties pushing for the new rules. The Supply Chain Act was initially implemented to protect human rights, but companies criticised it and argued it created bureaucratic burdens within complex supply chains. At this time, the EU states and the European Parliament must confirm the new requirements.

## New Report: Tax Considerations for Critical Minerals Value Addition



IGF's recent report on Tax Considerations for Critical Minerals Value Addition investigates ways that resource-rich countries can capture greater domestic value from minerals. It also examines how fiscal strategies and support from legal, regulatory, and infrastructure enablers facilitate local processing, refining, and manufacturing. After reporting on tax policy enablers and practical considerations for tax policy choices, it concludes with policy recommendations to strengthen mineral value chains.

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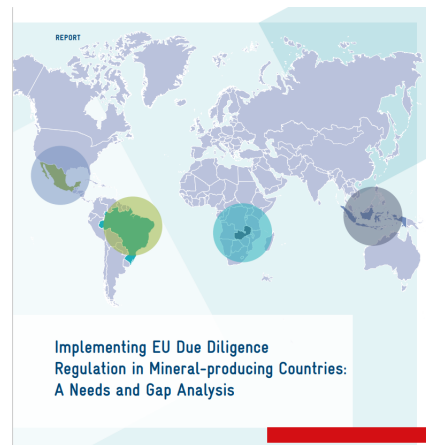
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## New Publication: Report on the Needs of Resource-Rich Partner Countries for the Implementation of EU Due Diligence Legislation

Mandatory requirements for responsible business conduct are expanding globally, particularly in mineral value chains. Recent EU regulations such as the EU Batteries Regulation affect not only thousands of companies within the EU, but also a wide range of actors along international supply chains.

This new report explores the potential challenges and needs that resource-rich partner countries face in implementing these requirements. Based on in-depth case studies from Indonesia, Zambia, Mexico and Brazil, the study examines impacts on local stakeholders and markets while highlighting key considerations for an effective and equitable implementation of EU due diligence expectations.



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The study was commissioned by GIZ Sector Programme "Extractives and Development" in collaboration with the GIZ Global Project [Investing in Resilient and Sustainable Supply Chains \(IGS\)](#) and conducted by Levin Sources.

[Access the study](#)



## EITI Board Nominates Maria van der Hoeven as Next Chair

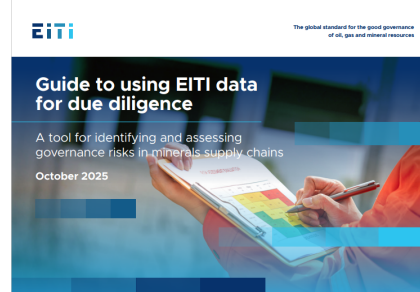
The EITI Board nominated Maria van der Hoeven, former Dutch politician and Executive Director of the International Energy Agency, as EITI Board Chair for the 2026-2029 term. Mrs van der Hoeven brings extensive experience in both international leadership and in energy policy, international cooperation, and resource governance. Her position is still subject to confirmation by the EITI Members' Meeting, which will convene in Manila in June 2026.

[More information](#)

## Guide to Using EITI Data for Due Diligence

In October 2025, EITI released its Guide to using EITI data

for due diligence. Given the many challenges of addressing governance and corruption risks in mineral supply chains, this guide helps companies identify and assess these risks as part of their due diligence efforts. Through steps to identify, assess and prioritise risks for countries and companies, country-level risks, and supplier-specific risks, the EITI supports new supply chain mapping.



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## D-EITI: 8th D-EITI Reporting 2025 Completed

The German MSG published its 8th D-EITI Report 2025, which was completed on schedule by the end of the year. The report contains all relevant data and information on Germany's raw materials sector for the reporting years 2023/2024 and offers the public comprehensive insights into key issues relating to raw material extraction in Germany.



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[The report can be found here](#)

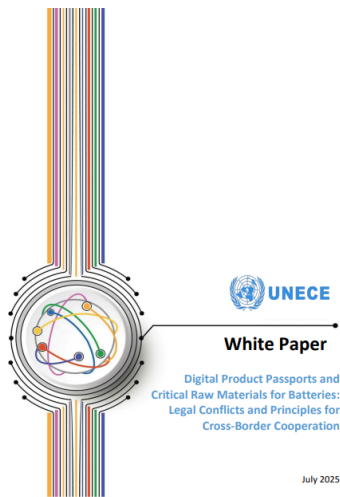
## New D-EITI Champion

D-EITI is happy to announce that Mr. Stefan Rouenhoff, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy and member of the German Bundestag since 2017, will take over the political leadership of D-EITI. This reinforces Germany's commitment to EITI implementation and strengthens the discussion on raw materials policy within the D-EITI and across Germany.

[Learn more](#)

## New UNECE White Paper sets out principles for cross-border cooperation on traceability of critical raw materials

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) released a White Paper titled: Digital Product Passports and the Critical Raw Materials for Batteries. It focuses on Digital Product Passports (DPPs), digital tools



that trace the lifecycle of critical raw materials from extraction to recycling. As the White Paper analyzes the role and implementation of DPPs, it finds that the EU, U.S., and China are all developing DPP systems that are not interoperable. This poses a great challenge to effectively track data, and UNECE proposes a set of core principles for international coordination that will achieve legal interoperability in tracing critical raw materials. These include using existing international treaties and UN standards, as well as methodologies such as the United Nations Framework for Classification of Resources (UNFC).

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[Read the White Paper](#)



## Women in Mining - Success Lab

The WIM Success Lab, a World Bank EGPTS project delivered by IWIM and Satarla for the International WIM Alliance, focuses on strengthening Women in Mining (WIM) globally. To achieve this, it pursues enhanced governance, financial management, leadership, and technical skills delivered through an eLearning platform. This initiative equips WIM organisations with tools that are essential for their successful operations, advocacy, and long-term sustainability. The platform currently offers free modules in English, French, and Spanish with plans for new translations, and concentrates on governance, leadership, technical knowledge, and finance. While it was originally intended for members of WIM organizations, it is now open to the public regardless of membership.

[Find out more](#)





# Economic Development

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## Volta Foundation Becomes New Member of the Global Battery Alliance

In January 2026, Volta Foundation joined the Global Battery Alliance (GBA). With the world's largest network of battery professionals, Volta Foundation brings together more than 75,000 professionals and over 200 members. It facilitates networking through initiatives, including the Battery Forum, Battery Pub, Battery Roundtable, and Women in Batteries, as well as publications such as the recent 2025 Annual Battery Report. Volta Foundation is an important new member for the GBA in supporting a more sustainable and inclusive battery industry.

[More information](#)

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## Zambia Aims to Increase Copper Production to Three Million Tons by 2031

Copper production continues to grow in Zambia as the country pursues its ambitious goals for the sector. Zambia set the goal to produce 3 million tons of copper by 2031, though in 2025 it reached 890,346 tons. In spite of structural challenges, Zambia continues to push towards its goal as more international investors enter the sector.

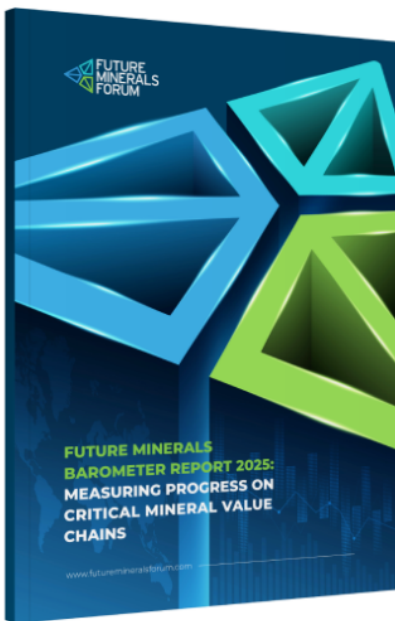
For more insights on this topic, visit our session "**Unlocking Zambia's Copper Potential: Opportunities for Local Value Addition**" at our GIZ Side Event to Mining Indaba in Cape Town.

[More about GIZs activities at Mining Indaba](#)

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## The Future Minerals Framework — New Benchmark for Raw Materials Strategies: More Transparency for Investors and Governments

At the Future Minerals Forum in Riyadh in January 2026, the new Future Minerals Framework was presented. The FMF Barometer, which was developed with McKinsey and Company, is the first comprehensive tool to measure the readiness and progress of critical mineral value chains. In one platform, it combines consolidated data, stakeholder sentiment, and project-level analysis to determine how well mineral value chains can scale responsibly and competitively.



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## A New Era for Forecasting Extractive Revenues in the DRC

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has launched a major reform of its framework for forecasting mining revenues to better integrate resource wealth into national budget planning. A new institutional structure now brings together 17 entities from six ministries, implementing the IMF's Fiscal Analysis of Resource Industries (FARI) methodology under the Ministry of Planning with support from COREF. From the 2026 budget cycle, financial modelling of mining projects will feed directly into the draft finance law, improving revenue forecasts, identifying tax risks, and enabling critical analysis of the sector's tax regime.

The reform, formalised by a 29 September 2025 interministerial decree, establishes the Extractive Revenue Forecasting Unit (NPRE) within the Permanent Macroeconomic Framework Committee (CPCM). For the first time, a coordinated system allows long-term, life-cycle-based forecasting, incorporating price volatility and global demand. Extensive consultations and technical support, including from DISM II, IMF, and GIZ, were key to building consensus on methodology, data, and institutional roles.

A High-Level Forum in Kinshasa (November 2025) highlighted progress, reinforced political commitment, and emphasized data quality, governance, and capacity building. Immediate steps include modelling eleven mining projects and expanding expert training, ensuring that by 2027, the national budget can fully rely on robust, integrated, and sustainable extractive revenue forecasts.

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# Geopolitical Developments

## European Commission Launches REsourceEU Action Plan



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COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

REsourceEU Action Plan

Accelerating our critical raw materials strategy to adapt to a new reality

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In December 2026, the European Commission launched the ReSourceEU Action Plan to accelerate the EU's strategy for raw materials. The Action Plan issues ambitious measures so that new critical mineral projects could reach operation by 2029 or earlier and includes a focus on international partnerships. The initial steps concentrate on value chains for rare earth permanent magnets, battery raw materials, and defence-related raw materials due to their importance for Europe's strategic goals. The Plan also calls for

developing a new critical raw material financing hub as a key step to accelerate new projects, integrating the demand side for raw materials into Europe's resilience strategy, a review of approved hurdles at the EU level, and new strategic funding.

[Read the full action plan](#)

## USA Establishes FORGE as a New Alliance for Reliable Supply Chains

On 04 February 2026, the USA hosted the first Critical Minerals Ministerial in Washington with representatives from 54 countries and the European Commission. The aim is to establish secure and diversified supply chains for critical minerals and rare earths, which are key to future technologies such as AI, batteries and robotics. The US is increasingly relying on bilateral agreements, reference prices and protection mechanisms to make investments more predictable.

New MoUs (Memoranda of Understanding) have been signed with Guinea and Morocco, among others. Washington also announced financing instruments worth billions, including 'Project Vault' to create a strategic raw materials reserve.

FORGE, a new international forum, has been established to replace the previous Minerals Security Partnership.

African countries play a key role – not only as suppliers of raw materials, but increasingly also in processing and value creation. The private sector aims to become more involved through platforms such as Pax Silica and a new industry task force.

[Find out more](#)



# 64th EITI Board Meeting

At its 64th EITI board meeting in Yerevan, 19 and 20 November, 2025 the EITI Board discussed challenges and mechanisms for safeguarding civic space, explored alignment with other sector standards, and approved the EITI's work plan for 2026.

EITI International Secretariat work plan

## GIZ Side Event at EU Raw Materials Week 2025



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At EU Raw Materials Week in November 2025, GIZ hosted a side event in Brussels on responsible and resilient raw materials supply chains.

Panels highlighted aligning raw materials security with sustainable development, social inclusion, and equitable partnerships, as well as Ukraine's potential to support Europe's diversification and resilience. Discussions emphasized the importance of circularity, shared value

creation, and technical cooperation to strengthen reliable value chains. Participants exchanged experiences and best practices for fostering sustainable and inclusive supply chains across borders.

The event reinforced a shared commitment to building a responsible, resilient, and equitable raw materials future, with GIZ drawing on its experience in sustainable trade and international value chains.

## Responsible Gold Forum

On 19.01.2026, the Responsible Gold Forum coordinated by the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR), funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), once again organized a learning and networking event. Actors from craftwork and industry, trade, consultancies, civil society, research, politics and public administration had the opportunity to gain in-depth insights into the challenges and solutions of the gold sector and engage with one another.

The excellent presentations profoundly covered diverse aspects of responsible gold supply chains:

- **Diana Culillas (Swiss Better Gold Association)** set the context of gold mining and discussed the implications of the current gold price boom for both the miners and the processing industry.
- **Augustine Gyan (Bayreuth University)** explored the intricate interrelations of informal small-scale mining and industrial large-scale mining from his extensive research in Ghana.
- **Abibatou Ahne (CARECIM)** represented one of the few formalized small-scale gold mining cooperatives in Senegal, and suggested an approach to support artisanal miners to adopt viable business models.
- **Saidou Kabre (Artisanal Gold Council)** and **Yann Lebrat (IMPACT)** presented their respective



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projects from Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire, funded by the EPRM. They highlighted the particular consideration of traders when building responsibly supply chains.



## Upcoming Events

### **GIZ at Mining Indaba 2026: Main Programme Session “Putting Policy into Practice in Africa–Europe Raw Material Cooperation”**

**09 February 2026, Cape Town**

**13:45–15:15 (UTC +2), Red Sea Stage, CTICC1 (Level 1)**

Join our session “Putting Policy into Practice in Africa–Europe Raw Material Cooperation” hosted by GIZ, BMZ, and Levin Sources at Mining Indaba main programme. This session will examine the challenges and opportunities of aligning African and European raw material strategies, implementing due diligence and regulatory requirements, leveraging digital tools for traceability, and integrating producing countries’ perspectives.

o Moderation: **Kristian Lempa** (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GIZ GmbH)

o Keynotes: **Birgit Pickel** (German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development), **Francisca Tatchouop Belobe** (African Union)

o Panelists: **Jerry Ahadjie** (African Development Bank), **Isabelle Magne** (DG INTPA, European Commission), **Inga Petersen** (Global Battery Alliance), **Jan Klawitter** (Anglo American), **Adam Anthony** (HakiRasilimali)

o Insights from: **Jose Diemel PhD** (Levin Sources), **Hans Merket** (International Peace Information Service)

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### **GIZ Side Event to Mining Indaba 2026 “Unlocking Africa’s Resource Potential for Responsible and Resilient Supply Chains”**

**12 February 2026, Cape Town**

**07:30–16:00 (UTC +2), Radisson RED, Cape Town V&A Waterfront**

GIZ Sector Programme "Extractives and Development" will host a Side Event to Mining Indaba in February 2026. The Side Event will feature sessions analyzing the implementation of the EU's due diligence regulation, transparency as a means to de-risk investments, Zambia's copper potential, value addition in semiconductor value chains, and trade access for women in Africa's mining sector. Several high-level closed-door sessions on traceability and related topics will also take place.

[Click here for more information and registration](#)

### **EITI Global Conference**

**24-25 June 2026, Manila**

Under the motto “Transparency for shared prosperity,” the EITI Global Conference 2026 in Manila will highlight the central role of good governance in creating employment, supporting inclusive growth, and managing the extractive sector during a period of significant transition. GIZ Sector Programme "Extractives and Development" will attend.

More information: [EITI Global Conference](#)



## Did you know...?

... that suction devices similar to a vacuum can be used for deep-sea mining? Some minerals in the deep sea are contained in polymetallic nodules the size of a potato, which can be gathered through suction devices and sent to a vehicle above the surface. While deep-sea mining is highly controversial, especially since most mineral deposits are in international waters, new technologies make it possible to suck minerals from the bottom of the sea.

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