



INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM ON MINING, MINERALS, METALS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Dear IGF members and friends,

We have the pleasure of inviting you to the **11th Annual General Meeting of the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF)** taking place in Geneva, Switzerland from **Monday, October 26th – Friday, October 30th, 2015**.

This year, the Annual General Meeting will focus on the topic of **Post-Mining Transition and Environmental Management**. Presentations and panel discussions will focus on issues such as social and environmental considerations of mine planning, prerequisites for mining investment, responsible mine closure, environment and health impacts of abandoned mines and post-mining regeneration. Various sessions have been designed in collaboration with key partners, including the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), Canadian International Resources Development Institute (CIRDI), University of Alberta and RCS Global.

In addition to the formal Annual General Meeting, workshops will be held on **Monday, October 26th** and **Friday, October 30th**. On Monday, the IGF will host both a one-day training workshop for **IGF members only** on “Designing for Closure with Community Engagement”, along with a concurrent orientation workshop open to all, introducing participants to the IGF and the IGF Mining Policy Framework.

On **Friday, October 30th**, the IGF will hold a special consultation workshop on artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM). This will include presentations on the second draft of the Guidance for Governments on Managing ASM. This is the second scoping workshop for a project that will deepen the guidance provided by the IGF’s [Mining Policy Framework](#).

All events and workshops will take place at the Palais des Nations, 14 Avenue de la Paix, 1211 Geneva, Switzerland.

Countries interested in becoming members of the IGF should consult the IGF website for information on doing so: http://globaldialogue.info/mem_e.htm.

Please follow the steps below to register for the Annual General Meeting:

Workshops:

Registration is required for all workshops. Delegates interested in attending should indicate their availability via email to the [IGF Secretariat](#).

UNCTAD Registration:

Registration with UNCTAD is required in order to access Palais des Nations. Please open the attached UNCTAD Registration Steps document and follow the instructions to register online by **Thursday, October 23rd, 2015**. Please note that approval by UNCTAD to attend the AGM does not mean approval of financial assistance from the Secretariat.

[Register Now](#)

Financial Assistance:

If you are seeking financial assistance to attend (official government delegates from developing countries only), complete the attached **Application for Financial Assistance** and return it via email to the [IGF Secretariat](mailto:IGF.Secretariat@international.gc.ca) by **Friday, September 25th, 2015**. Applications received after September 25th, 2015, may not be considered for financial assistance.

Visa:

Please note that a **minimum of one month** may be required to process a Swiss visa application. Please consult your nearest Swiss consulate for additional information on Swiss visa application procedure.

You will find attached the **welcome kit, draft agenda, application for financial assistance** and **list of hotels** in Geneva. All email correspondence related to the meeting should be sent to the IGF Secretariat: IGF.Secretariat@international.gc.ca.

Additional details on the meeting and the member workshops, including a more detailed agenda, will be forwarded in the coming weeks. Updated information will also be available online at www.globaldialogue.info

We look forward to your participation in October!

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