



SIDE EVENT 11 April 15h00-16h00

Local ESG collaboration in the mining industry as driver for engagement and investment

Context for this side-event

The EU Green Deal and the related transition towards digital, highly energy-efficient, and climate-neutral European economies will lead to a significantly higher demand for raw materials. The technologies requiring them, such as batteries and electric engines, will be key to achieving the goals under the Paris Agreement. At the same time, the expectations towards sustainable business models, throughout the entire value chain, are increasing and encompass not only environmental and community impacts but all ESG aspects of sustainability. In relation to raw materials, downstream companies start to engage more with upstream actors, mainly in the mining business, to advance on this sustainability agenda. Equally, they are themselves expected to change the traditional linear model of materials use towards a more circular approach. Both transformations come with a lot of challenges: the direction is clear, but the how-to is a steep learning curve.

The **Zambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry** is the leading private sector organisation in Zambia. Through its membership it represents several thousands of businesses in the country and represents a huge network of companies of all sizes and sectors. ZACCI offers a range of services to its members and represents private sector interests towards the government for the benefit of Zambia's private sector in a whole. Moving forward on the ESG agenda is at the core of its attention.

CSR Europe and its automotive collaborative platform **Drive Sustainability**, bringing together 16 car- and truck members in a joined effort to enhance sustainability in the automotive supply chain, understand that the sourcing of raw materials is also an access-agenda: Who will have access to the materials? Where are they processed? And what is the return for the countries from which they are sourced? At a downstream level, the need for access to the materials requires investment and engagement throughout the value chain, especially in the evolving geo-political context. More than ever, materials sourcing is therefore not only a sustainability agenda but also a straightforward investment and partnership agenda. For Zambia and its local communities this is an opportunity. Dealing with the sustainability challenges in the value chains of products and services requires more than an individual corporate due diligence approach. Investments in and the empowerment of local actors in the sustainability journey is essential to advance sustainability in the mining sector.

Collaboration is the key word: between competitors, within the value chain and with a wider group of stakeholders. The methodology of "**Local Sustainability Networks**" as developed by CSR Europe in mining projects in DRC and South-Africa allows such an approach and will be explored and discussed during this session.





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The goal of this approach is to strengthen responsible sourcing and due diligence practices in the battery value chain and to have a positive impact on the local economy and local population. This will allow to attract more investment and engagement in the Zambian mining sector.

This side-event will discuss this approach and explore the different challenges where mining companies and their suppliers and customers can work together to tackle shared ESG-issues.

AGENDA

	Topic	Speaker
16h00-16h10	Welcome and introduction: sustainability as driver for investments	Anthony Kabaghe, President, ZACCI
16h10-16h25	Local Sustainability Networks: dealing with common challenges in the value chain and the engagement of downstream actors	Stefan Crets, Executive Director, CSR Europe
16h25-16h55	Panel discussion; sustainability challenges and collaborative solutions in the mining sector in Zambia <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are main ESG challenges that require a collaborative response?• Is the model of a Local Sustainability Network a good way forward?• Who needs to be involved?	Nathalie Kaunda, Programmes Coordinator Center for Trade Policy and Development (CTPD) Dr. McGerald Mvula., Kanshasshi Mine - tbc Raj Chug, President Business Development, Mining Mineral Resources/ MetMin Ltd.
16h55 - 16h00	Concluding remarks	Anthony Kabaghe, President, ZACCI

