



G7 CONNEX Initiative International Conference

Session 4: Progress of the CONNEX Initiative and its Contribution on Capacity Building in the Context of Achieving the SDGs

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on Mining, Minerals, Metals and
Sustainable Development



IGF – who we are

IGF-MPF commitment

IGF members commit to ensuring that mining activities within their jurisdictions are compatible with the objectives of sustainable development and poverty reduction.

Government platform for dialogue, implementation

- 55 member countries
- Member Executive Committee of six
- Member Task Force(s)
- Secretariat
- Strategic partners

History

2002 - Johannesburg Summit – formally recognized by the UN as a partnership

2003 - Global Dialogue Initiative, South Africa + Canada

2005 – 1st IGF AGM - 25 member countries

2010 - UNCSD 18th Session – needs survey accepted

2011 - Mining Policy Framework - UNCSD 19th Session

2013 – IGF-MPF recognized by G8, Lough Erne Summit

2015 – 55 members; 10 years old; Secretariat to IISD

2016 – 12th AGM Geneva, October 24 to 28



IGF Member States





IGF – what we do

Engagement and Outreach

- IGF meetings, membership and partnerships with other organizations

Mining Policy Framework

- Mining and sustainable development – managing one to advance the other

Capacity Building & Technical Support

- Enhancing capacities to achieve sustainable development objectives through good governance in the global mining sector



Session 4 Guiding Questions:

What are the expectations of the CONNEX Initiative?

How best can we utilize the CONNEX Guiding Principles towards Sustainable Development in strengthening capacity building?



IGF Stakeholder Expectations

- Consult with IGF on opportunities to enhance negotiation support in member governments
- Linking CONNEX to long-term capacity building of host governments
- Linking CONNEX to existing and future IGF capacity building programs





IGF Capacity building and technical support

Guidance Documents

- Artisanal & Small Scale Mining (ASM)
- Base Erosion & Profit Shifting (BEPS)
- Members consider and select new guidance annually

National & regional workshops and support

- East Africa Legislative Assembly (EALA) - continuing
- West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA) - previous
- Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) - potential

Demand-driven training

- Tailored to specific member requirements



CONNEX Guiding Principles Towards Sustainable Development

- “...the G7 recognizes that immediate assistance such as dispatching experts for the contract negotiations through the CONNEX Initiative should be carried out in parallel with long-term capacity building and the improvement of transparency.”

5. The G7 will implement the CONNEX Initiative in a manner complementary with the efforts made by relevant stakeholders in the areas pertaining to the extractive industries and sustainable development.

- “The CONNEX Initiative, through establishing and enhancing synergy with them, can make significant contributions to these efforts on the one hand, and can receive valuable inputs from such efforts on the other.” e.g. IGF, OECD, World Bank, ...
- “The G7 will take measures to seek opportunities for further collaboration and synergy with those on-going efforts in order to improve coherence among these efforts made by the relevant stakeholders.”



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