



The EU Conflict Minerals Regulation: Perspectives from Producer Countries

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On the occasion of the application of the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation (EU CMR) on January 1st 2021, a milestone event in responsible mineral sourcing, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Responsible Minerals Initiative are convening a multi-stakeholder conference to take stock of the implementation and impact of the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation, in particular through the lens of producer countries. This conference will feature interactive discussions in an inclusive multi-stakeholder spirit, engaging a global audience of public, non-profit and private sector participants, and explore the past and the anticipated impact of the long-awaited EU CMR on stakeholders in producer countries across the board.

January 13th 2020 – Day 1

Plenary

(all times CET)	Welcome and Introduction
1:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Leah Butler, Vice President, Responsible Business Alliance & Responsible Minerals Initiative
1:15 – 1:25 p.m.	High-Level Opening Remarks Norbert Barthle, Parliamentary State Secretary, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
1:25 – 1:40 p.m.	Keynote Address from Producing Country Representative T.b.c.
1:40 – 1:50 p.m.	Interactive Participants Meet and Greet
1:50 – 2:10 p.m.	The EU Conflict Minerals Regulation: State of Play Philipp Dupuis, Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission, DG Trade
2:10 – 2:15 p.m.	Coffee Break During this break, participants will have the chance to provide input to the following panel discussion through live polling questions.



2:15 – 3:45 p.m.

Panel: What is the Impact of the EU CMR on Upstream Actors?

Based on the input received from participants through the live polling questions, the multi-stakeholder panel will discuss impact of the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation on upstream actors, followed by interactive Q&A with the audience:

Moderator: Hannah Koep-Andrieu, Manager, Responsible Mineral Supply Chains and Alignment Practice, OECD Centre for Responsible Business Conduct

Panelists:

- Olena Wiaderna, Board Member, LuNa Smelter Ltd.
- Government representative (TBC)
- Trader / exporter representative (TBC)
- Dr. Rachel Perks, Mining Specialist, Extractive Industries Practice, World Bank
- Sasha Lezhnev, Deputy Director of Policy, The Sentry

3:35 – 3:45 p.m.

Summary of Day 1 and Introduction to Day 2

Leah Butler, Vice President, Responsible Business Alliance & Responsible Minerals Initiative

Yannic Kiewitt, Senior Policy Officer, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

3:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Open Space

Interested participants can host their own discussion session on any topic of their choice that related to the implementation of the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation. In case of interest, please contact the event organizer.



January 14th - Day 2

Breakout sessions

Select one session to attend

12:45 – 1:00 p.m.	Arrival & Orientation	
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.	<p>Breakout 1: Impact of the EU CMR on Governance & Government Oversight</p> <p>This break-out session will explore how due diligence and producer country efforts for good extractive governance are interconnected. Do they support or undermine each other? What would it take for mutual benefits? How can technological innovations, such as blockchain solutions, help to create a win-win situation?</p> <p>Moderators: Alec Crawford, Senior Policy Advisor and Lead on Environment, Conflict and Peacebuilding, Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development, IGF, and</p> <p>Lisa Zschunke, Advisor Mineral Resource Governance, GIZ, ICGLR/Rwanda</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Boniface Mabanza Bambu, Coordinator, German Ecumenical Service on Southern Africa (KASA) • Gerard Nayuburundi, Coordinator of the Natural Resources Unit, International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) • Erica Westenberg, Director of Governance Programs, Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI) 	<p>Breakout 2: Impact of the EU CMR on Artisanal Miners</p> <p>This interactive break-out session will explore the impact of the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation on artisanal miners in producing countries – economic, environmental, social, health and safety, and other.</p> <p>Moderator: Boukje Theeuwes, Head of Policy Influencing, Solidaridad Europe</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boukje Theeuwes, Head of Policy Influencing, Solidaridad Europe • Yves Bertran, Executive Director, ARM • Lotte Hoex, Researcher, IPIS



Breakout 3: Can Due Diligence Undermine the Human Rights of Vulnerable Groups?

This session explores how, at times, human rights due diligence may undermine the human rights of vulnerable groups. The session will look into concrete actions to address this challenge. Hear from experts and practitioners with concrete experience working in mining communities.

Moderator:

- Dr. Fabiana Di Lorenzo, Responsible Sourcing Senior Manager, Levin Sources

Panelists:

- Dr. Cristina Duranti, Director of Good Shepherd International Foundation, key partner of Bon Pasteur Kolwezi
- Alice Vanni, Compliance and Sustainability Officer, Itaipreziosi SPA
- Sebastian Pennes, Artisanal Mining Specialist, France
- Norman Mukwakwami, artisanal mining and due diligence specialist, Zimbabwe

Breakout 4: Impact of the EU CMR on Illicit Trade

This session will explore the impact of the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation on illicit gold trade with examples from producer countries in Latin America and Africa.

Moderator:

- Louis Maréchal, Sector Lead Minerals & Extractives, OECD

Panelists:

- Joanne Lebert, Executive Director, IMPACT
- Marcena Hunter, Senior Analyst, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC)
- Dr. David Soud, Head of Research & Analysis, I.R. Consilium

Plenary

2:15 – 2:25 p.m.

Coffee Break

2:25 – 3:15 p.m.

Reporting back & looking ahead

This session will take stock of the outcomes of the break-out sessions and, building on that, source ideas from the multi-stakeholder plenary on how to foster the role of different stakeholder groups in catalyzing the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation’s positive impact on producer countries and upstream actors.

Moderators:

- Leah Butler, Vice President, Responsible Business Alliance & Responsible Minerals Initiative



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yannic Kiewitt, Senior Policy Officer, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
3:15 – 4:20 p.m.	<p>Concluding Panel: What are the challenges and opportunities ahead on the journey towards implementing the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation</p> <p>This panel session will conclude the conference with final reflections by senior policymakers and EU representatives, on the challenges and opportunities ahead for an effective implementation of the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bart Devos, European Director, Responsible Business Alliance <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MEP Bernd Lange, Chairman of the International Trade Committee, European Parliament• MEP Iuliu Winkler, Rapporteur on the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation and Vice-Chairman of the International Trade Committee, European Parliament• European Commission, DG Trade• Tyler Gillard, Head of Due Diligence, OECD Responsible Business Conduct Unit
4:20 – 4:30 a.m.	<p>Closing Remarks & wrapping up</p> <p>Closing remarks by Dr. Sören Dengg, Head of Division 422, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)</p> <p>Wrap up by Leah Butler, Vice President, Responsible Business Alliance & Responsible Minerals Initiative</p>