

Making a positive contribution

How mining companies can contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals

The mining and metals industry has extraordinary potential to contribute to the SDGs. Metals and minerals are an essential component in almost every aspect of our lives; they enable farming, healthcare, communications, water and energy supply, transport and construction. And demand is increasing. Beyond this, when working as part of a broad alliance of people, governments and civil society, companies can directly deliver long-term mutual benefits that secure the futures we want for present and future generations.

International Council on Mining and Metals

ICMM is an international organisation dedicated to improving the social and environmental performance of the mining and metals industry. Bringing together 23 mining and metals companies and 34 regional and commodities associations, we serve as an agent for change: identifying common challenges and establishing a safer and more sustainable industry. Membership of ICMM requires a commitment to our 10 principles, a best-practice framework for sustainable development in the mining and metals industry. Our principles are strongly supportive of the global development agenda meaning that improvements in the performance of the mining and metals industry will make a positive contribution towards the universal objectives of the SDGs.



ICMM 10 Principles

Established in May 2003 the principles respond to the key challenges identified by the Mining, Minerals and Sustainable Development Project's agenda for change. We expect all member companies to implement the principles in full and to transparently report on performance. Our principles define member commitments in the following areas:

- 1 Ethical business & sound governance
- 2 Sustainable development in decision-making
- 3 Respect for human rights
- 4 Effective risk management
- 5 Health & safety performance
- 6 Environmental performance
- 7 Conservation of biodiversity & land-use planning
- 8 Responsible use & supply of materials
- 9 Social contribution
- 10 Engagement & transparent reporting

For more information on our 10 principles visit www.icmm.com