



Responsible Minerals Sector Initiative (RMSI) Dialogue Series

Mexico, Canada, and the Mineral Sector: Responsibility and Sustainability Challenges and Opportunities

Thursday, October 20, 2011

***Work Centre for Dialogue, Room 320
580 West Hastings St
Vancouver, BC, Canada***

An Invitational Dialogue to bring together participants with the background, experience, and interest in building the knowledge, skills, and networks to strengthen working relationships between Canadian and Mexican companies and communities who are interacting with each other around mineral exploration and development.

- All dialogue participants are encouraged to contribute and engage on the theme area topics. Targeted questions will be used to sustain focus and integration of the discussion. Facilitators will capture workshop outcomes and suggestions for how to carry forward the discussion and take actions.
- Short opening introductions by Lead Discussants will be followed by remarks of Roundtable Participants to stimulate plenary conversations on five key theme areas. Each of the roundtables will reflect a broad range of perspectives including indigenous, non-governmental, academic, corporate and government.
- While time will not permit consideration of site specific challenges, meeting space and opportunity for follow-up discussions will be provided the day following.

*The overall goal of the RMSI Dialogue Series is to shape and inform the development of a focused program of activities related to **Pathways for Improving Practice** and **Agendas for Responsive Research**. RMSI's objective is to support capacity building and competency development in strengthening working relationships and cross-sectoral engagement in the mineral sector.*

PROPOSED AGENDA

8:00 am Continental Breakfast

8:45 Welcome and Introduction

Glenn Sigurdson, Executive in Residence and Chair, RMSI

9:00 -9:30 Opening the Conversation

Introductions and roundtable dialogue on “*the single most important thing which you believe needs to be present to ensure effective relationships between companies and communities*”.

Theme 1: Why is this an Important Conversation? Priorities, Concerns, and Issues

9:30 – 10:30 *A dialogue on the nature, extent and importance of the Canada/Mexico relationship in the mineral sector.*

Lead Discussants: **Brent Bergeron** Gold Corp
Dra. Lilia Granillo Vazquez Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana

Roundtable: **Krista Robertson** Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
Emilio Rivero ProMexico, Mexican Ministry of Economy
Vinita Watson Interamerican Development Bank
Ancelmo Garcia Panamerican Institute for Labour Issues
Armando Ortego New Gold
Dr. Carolyn Egri Simon Fraser University

10:30 - 10:45 Break

Theme 2: Embedding Sustainability and Developing Norms: Exploring Values and Standards, Interests and Rights

10:45 – 12:00 *A dialogue on embedding sustainability in organizational structures, global standards and norms and the use of non coercive instruments in support of sustainability objectives.*

Lead Discussants: **Dr. Stephanie Bertels** Simon Fraser University
Dr. Kernaghan Webb Ryerson University

Roundtable: **John Greenslade** Baja Mining
Dr. Angeles Mendoza Sammet Protected Areas Management.org
Stephanie Garrett Consultant, SD & Corporate Responsibility
Edna Aguinaga Gallegos Consultant, Sustainability Reporting
Dave Barrett Ernst & Young, Sustainability Services



12:00 – 1:15 LUNCHEON and NETWORKING

Theme 3: Companies and Communities: People, Land and Minerals

1:15 – 2:15 *A dialogue on land access, with particular reference to free prior informed consent, indigenous communities and ejidos, and other aspects of Aboriginal and collective rights.*

Lead Discussants: **Lic. Rocendo Gonzalez Patino** Procurador, Procuraduria Agraria
Dave Porter First Nations Energy and Mining Council

Roundtable: **Pedro Victoriano Cruz** Intercultural University of Michoacan
Cynthia Callison CH Laws
Rick Killam New Gold
Dr. Ingrid Putkonen Consultant

2:15 – 2:30 Break

Theme 4: Building Relationships and Resolving Differences

2:30 – 4:15 *A dialogue on relationship building and dispute resolution in the mining sector.*

Lead Discussants: **Dr. Marketa Evans** Extractive Sector Corporate Social Responsibility Counselor
Jim Rader Avanzar Consulting

Roundtable: **Dra. M. Teresa** Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico
Gutierrez- Haces
Gonzalo Rios Aura Minerals
Ezra Jimenez Yale Resoures Ltd.
Luis Felipe Medina Agnico-Eagle Mines
Kim Stirling Natural Resources Canada

Sergio Florencio Brazilian Consul General



Theme 5: Key Take Aways – Pathways to Practice and Agendas for Research

4:15 – 4:45 A dialogue to highlight key insights and learnings from the day.

Roundtable: **Louis Guay** Formerly, Department of Foreign Affairs and
International Trade
Don McCutchan Gowlings-International
Nicole Lindsay Simon Fraser University
Kendra Low Baja Mining
Kate Kopischke RESOLVE

4:45 – 5:00 Closing and Adjourn

An evening social will follow from 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Throughout Friday, October 21st, meeting space will be available at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade for informal networking and workshops inspired by the previous day's dialogue. Please contact Jessica Bratty at 604-603-1711 to reserve.