

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ON MINING AND METALS

ICMM TORONTO DECLARATION

On 15 May 2002 the ICMM Council adopted the ICMM Toronto Declaration that appears below. Following this decision, the Council directed its Secretary General, in conjunction with its Members and through consultation with its key constituencies, to develop a work program to implement this Declaration.

The Spirit of Toronto—An ICMM Perspective

During the Global Mining Initiative Conference held May 12-15, we participated in a dialogue, driven by a shared desire to enhance the contribution that mining and metals can make to social and economic development. Participants have, in our belief, discovered many shared values including the realizations:

- that successful mining and metals processing operations require the support of the communities in which they operate;
- that respect for these communities and a serious engagement with them is required to ensure that mining and metals processing are seen as beneficial for the community and the company;
- that successful companies will respect fundamental human rights, including workplace rights, and the need for a healthy and safe workplace; and
- that successful companies will accept their environmental stewardship responsibilities for their facility locations.

To give expression to these values will take dedicated and focused action on our part. We cannot achieve this alone. Progress towards sustainable development will be the product of continuing engagement with government and civil society. This engagement, which will have to occur at all levels of our industry, will at times involve trade-offs and difficult choices. These three days in Toronto provided a context of partnership in which continuing engagement can realise a future for the mining, metals and minerals sector that offers clear and important benefits for all.

ICMM recognizes that:

- The MMSD Report and the process on which it was based, including the regional programs, have elevated and informed the debate leading to a way forward for the sector.
- Decisive and principled leadership is required at this critical time.
- Accountability, transparency, and credible reporting is essential.

- Its Members, in satisfying their obligations to shareholders, must do business in a manner that merits the trust and respect of key constituencies, including the communities in which they operate.
- Constructive and value-adding engagement among constituencies at the local, national, and global levels is essential.
- Its Members must move beyond a regulatory-compliance-based mindset to effectively manage the complex trade-offs of economic, environmental, and social issues.
- The industry requires additional capacity to be effective in advancing sustainable development.
- The roles and responsibilities of the diverse parties comprising governments, civil society, and business are different and must be respected.
- Artisanal, small-scale mining and orphan site legacy issues are important and complex. However, they are beyond the capacity of ICMM to resolve. Governments and international agencies should assume the lead role in addressing them.

ICMM will:

- Expand the current ICMM Sustainable Development Charter to include appropriate areas recommended in the MMSD Report.
- Develop best-practice protocols that encourage third-party verification and public reporting.
- Engage in constructive dialogue with key constituencies.
- Assist Members in understanding the concepts and application of sustainable development.
- Together with the World Bank and others, seek to enhance effective community development management tools and systems.
- Promote the concept of integrated materials management throughout the minerals value chain wherever relevant.
- Promote sound science-based regulatory and material-choice decisions that encourage market access and the safe use, reuse and recycling of metals and minerals.
- Create an emergency response regional register for the global mining, metals and minerals industry.
- In partnership with IUCN-The World Conservation Union and others, seek to resolve the questions associated with protected areas and mining.



NOTE: See ICMM website (www.icmm.com) for “ICMM Toronto Declaration: Goals and Implementation Process,” for further details.