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“A Green Deal for Sustainable Resources”

Programme WRF'21 Physical Event Switzerland

Wednesday 13th October 2021, 09:00 – 14:00

Empa Akademie, Dübendorf ZH

Alongside the three-days online programme, WRF'21 will host a half-a-day physical event for face-to-face interaction in Switzerland. The in-person event is fully dedicated to plenary keynotes and panel debates, which will be live streamed into the virtual event platform for participants from all over the world to (virtually) attend.

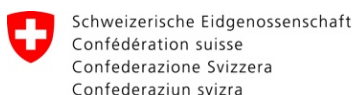
Programme

09:00 – 09.30	Registration
09:30 – 10:00	Opening Session
10:00 – 11:00	Panel 1: Fostering sustainability in commodity trading & finance: the role of transparency and technology
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 12:30	Panel 2: 'Green Mining' - can we move from vision to reality?
12:30 – 13:00	Closing Session
13:00 – 14:00	Networking Lunch

Our programme partners:



The WRF'21 Swiss event is hosted by:



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Materials Science and Technology



Detailed Programme

09:30 – 10:00 Opening Session

- **Martine Rohn-Brossard**,
Head of Europe, Trade and Development Cooperation Section and Deputy Head of International Affairs Division, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment
 - **Xaver Edelmann**
Vice-President, World Resources Forum Association
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10:00 – 11:00 Panel 1: *Fostering sustainability in commodity trading & finance: the role of transparency and technology*

Actors and institutions involved in the trading of metal & mineral commodities and financial assets play a key role in shaping the international commodity markets, which in turn support economic growth in resource-rich developing countries and facilitate the delivery of raw materials for the global economy. However, there are increasing calls for commodity-related financial transactions and trading actors and institutions to demonstrate transparency in their operations and evidence their sustainability credentials.

Despite recent efforts in developing and promoting monitoring and reporting practices to address the issue, considerable challenges remain with their operationalization, harmonization and credibility. One key obstructing factor has been the lack of harmonized and comparable good-quality data that would evidence sustainability performances.

- **Martin Bardenhewer**, Head Institutional Clients & Multinationals, Zürcher Kantonalbank
 - **Diana Culillas**, Secretary General, Swiss Better Gold Association
 - **Gediminas Mikutis**, Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer, Haelixa AG
 - **Florence Schurch**, Secretary General, Swiss Trading and Shipping Association
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11:30 – 12:30 Panel 2: *'Green Mining' - can we move from vision to reality?*

While progress has been made in reducing the environmental, social and governance (ESG) impacts of the extractive industry, challenges remain that will need to be addressed to enable a sustainable transition towards low-carbon economies. Governments, researchers, mining companies and civil society are individually and collectively attempting to identify and implement technologies, best practices and processes to reduce the negative impacts associated with the extraction and production of mineral resources. These efforts aim to improve the sector's ESG performance at different stages of the value chain. Despite these initiatives, some scholars and observers remain skeptical whether a "green mining" vision can be fully implemented in practice.

- **Gerard Bos**, Director of IUCN Global Business and Biodiversity Programme, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
 - **Rohitash Dhawan**, CEO, International Council on Mining and Metals
 - **Anna Krutikov**, Head of Sustainable Development, Glencore
 - **Helene M. Piaget**, CEO, Responsible Mining Foundation
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12:30 – 13:00 Closing Session

- **Bruno Oberle**, World Resources Forum (President)

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<https://wrf2021.wrforum.org>