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AGENDA**



IGF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) PRELIMINARY AGENDA

- Plenary sessions numbered 1 to 12 will take place in the Tempus room at the Palais des Nations.
- All plenary sessions will include language interpretation for participants in English, French, Spanish, and Russian.
- Information about confirmed speakers and additional sessions will be added to the agenda in the weeks ahead.
- Session details are subject to change.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026 – AGM DAY 1

08:00–10:00 Registration

10:00–11:15

Session 1 | Official Opening | Preparing for What's Next: New capacities for mineral governance in an interdependent economy

The global mineral economy is becoming increasingly interconnected and complex, with governments facing growing demands to strengthen their capacity to govern the mining sector effectively.

This opening session sets the stage for discussions on the future of mineral governance, exploring the new skills, knowledge, and institutional capacities needed to respond to emerging challenges and opportunities. It will also mark the launch of the IGF Mining Academy, a new platform designed to support peer learning, training, and capacity development for government officials in the mining sector.

11:15–11:45

Break

11:45–13:00

Session 2 | Governments as Enablers of Benefit Sharing: Building trust between mining companies and communities

This session will explore the role of governments in enabling socio-economic benefit sharing between mining companies and mining-affected communities through Community Development Agreements, Impact Benefit Agreements, community development funds, revenue-sharing mechanisms, and other forms of participatory planning. It will examine how governments can act as conveners, regulators, and guarantors of trust between companies and host communities, including Indigenous Peoples, youth, women and other groups whose rights, livelihoods, and expectations are directly affected by mining.



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13:00–15:00 Lunch Break

15:00–16:15 **Session 3 | Global Cooperation and Strategic Agreements in the Critical Minerals Era**

The race for critical minerals has triggered a proliferation of bilateral agreements, memoranda of understanding, and government-to-government frameworks aimed at securing supply chains and directing investment into producing countries. These instruments are reshaping the governance landscape, but they are also emerging largely outside conventional structures, raising questions about coherence, transparency, and whether producing countries are getting equitable terms. As the number and variety of these deals grow, so does the need for a neutral space where governments can assess their implications, share experiences, and develop common approaches. This session will examine the impacts of these agreements in global mineral value chains and what implementation looks like in practice.

16:15–16:45 Break

16:45–18:00 **Session 4 | Critical Choices: From analysis to actionable critical minerals strategies**

Critical minerals strategies are not one-size-fits-all. As the geopolitical stakes increase, governments must move from identifying critical minerals to navigating trade-offs around sequencing, value chain development, and associated socio-economic and environmental impacts. Which minerals and industries should be prioritized? Where should limited resources be focused? How can countries balance extraction, value addition, regional cooperation, market access, environmental stewardship, and community expectations? Drawing on IGF's support to its member countries and regional blocs, this session will explore how governments can translate critical minerals ambitions into tailored, evidence-based, and implementable strategies.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 – AGM DAY 2

10:00–11:15

Session 5 | Strengthening Social Performance: Harmonizing sustainability standards and mining policy (IGF-ICMM-OECD policy dialogue #2)

Governments increasingly face the question of how standards affect public policy and how they can be leveraged to attract responsible investment in mineral value chains. Focusing on social performance, this session will offer examples and space for discussion around how standards and public policy can complement each other to strengthen local trust around mining operations and licence to operate, addressing a key barrier to responsible mining investment. Following the first policy dialogue held at the OECD Critical Minerals Forum in Istanbul, the IGF, ICMM, and OECD are reconvening governments, industry, and civil society actors for a multistakeholder dialogue focused on advancing practical solutions and shared priorities.

11:15–11:45

Break

11:45–13:00

Session 6 | Where Nature Thrives, Communities Trust: Rethinking environmental performance in mining

This session will explore how effective management of environmental impacts, combined with community engagement, Indigenous stewardship, and development of nature-positive initiatives in mining areas, can safeguard community well-being and build trust in mining operations. Moving beyond mitigation, it will highlight how environmental stewardship can directly contribute to social outcomes, including community health, ecosystem-dependent livelihoods, consent, and long-term social licence to operate. The session will identify lessons learned for integrating local and Indigenous knowledge of nature into mining policy, showcasing practical approaches to reducing environmental harm, restoring ecosystems, and generating shared benefits for communities.

13:00–15:00

Lunch Break

15:00–16:15

Session 7 | Strategies for Developing Post-Mining Transition Governance Frameworks

The development and implementation of effective governance frameworks for the post-mining transition require a strategic, well-planned approach. This session will explore key stages of developing governance frameworks, from identifying the regulatory need and establishing a development team to leveraging IGF expertise, engaging stakeholders, and securing review, approval, and implementation. Case studies will include the development of a mine closure policy framework and guidelines to support the preparation of mine closure plans.

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16:15–16:45

Break

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Session 8 | Beyond Risk: Managing mine waste and unlocking opportunities in remining tailings

From waste rock piles to active and legacy tailings ponds, this session will examine governance approaches that should be considered when reviewing, approving, and overseeing mine waste structures. The discussion will also explore regulatory frameworks and emerging opportunities for remining and reprocessing tailings.

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 – AGM Day 3

10:00–11:15

Session 9 | Sustainability Risks at the Exploration Stage

Exploration activities can shape community relationships, environmental outcomes, and project viability long before a mine is developed. This session will examine the key sustainability risks that arise during exploration, including environmental impacts, community engagement, Indigenous rights, and transparency. It will also discuss how governments and companies can build trust early through responsible practices, clear communication, and effective oversight.

11:15–11:45

Break

11:45–13:00

Session 10 | Beyond Formalization: Moving toward more responsible artisanal and small-scale mining

While formalization remains central to artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) policy, many approaches have struggled to deliver lasting benefits. This session will explore how countries can move beyond compliance-driven models toward trust-based governance that makes legality practical, attractive, and economically rewarding. It will examine how responsible sourcing can create shared value for miners and communities while identifying practical policy approaches to strengthen environmental, social, and economic outcomes.

13:00–15:00

Lunch Break

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Wednesday, October 14, 2026 – AGM Day 3

15:00–16:15

Session 11 | State Participation in Mining: Models, opportunities, and trade-offs

As governments seek to capture greater value from their mineral resources, many are looking beyond taxes and royalties and exploring more direct forms of participation in the mining sector. But what models of state participation are available, and under what conditions do they deliver value? This session will examine different approaches to state participation—including state equity ownership, carried interests, national mining companies, strategic partnerships, and innovative financing arrangements. It will also explore the opportunities, risks, and governance challenges associated with each. Drawing on country experiences, participants will discuss how these models can support long-term value creation, particularly in the context of critical minerals. They will also share experiences of public officials sitting in board meetings and discuss whether such approaches can improve trust and help deliver long-term financial returns.

16:15–16:45

Break

16:45–18:00

Session 12 | Official Closing | The Future of Mineral Value Chains: Embedding trust through benefit sharing

As demand for minerals grows, so do expectations that mineral wealth should deliver tangible benefits to people through jobs, economic diversification, stronger local industries, and shared prosperity. At the same time, governments face difficult choices about how to position their countries in increasingly complex and interdependent global value chains. This session will explore how value-addition strategies can contribute to more inclusive and resilient mineral value chains while building trust that mineral development is delivering real benefits to citizens and communities. Participants will discuss how to translate mineral endowments into long-term economic and social development in an interconnected world.

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