2022 Global Forum on Artisanal & Small-Scale Gold Mining

26-28 APRIL 2022

The event brought together the global ASGM community, from miner representatives and policy and technical experts to practitioners, governments, and donors in order to exchange knowledge and experiences, while ultimately spurring action toward transforming the sector's practices globally.

Day 1
26 April 2022

Opening Session
Speakers:
- Abiola Olanipekun Chief of Science & Technical Assistance Branch | Basel, Rotterdam & Stockholm Conventions
- Carlos Manuel Rodríguez CEO and Chairperson | Global Environment Facilit
- Monika Stankiewicz Executive Secretary | Minamata Convention on Mercury
- Ludovic Bernaudat planetGOLD Programme Manager | Senior Task Manager, Chemicals & Health Branch | UNEP

The Role of Financial Institutions in Creating Responsible Gold Supply Chains
Session highlighted planetGOLD and other financial models, and the role financial institutions have in fostering responsible operations.

Speakers:
- Rosanna Ramos-Velita Chairman of the Board | Caja Los Andes
- Susana Morales Especialista de la comercializacion de oro en el Banco Central de Ecuador
- Nikki Duncan Chief of Party | USAID’s Zahabu Safi (Clean Gold) Project
- David McEvoy Trust Merchant Bank
- Gaylhord Omasale SME Banking Head | Equity Banque Commerciale du Congo
- Jérôme Stucki Chief of Materials and Chemicals Management Division | UNIDO
Investor Toolkit
Workshop demonstrated and discussed tools to support financial analysis of ASGM operations Speaker:
► Scott Gryba planetGOLD Global Financial Advisor

Financial access for women miners
Discussion focused on successful initiatives addressing gender inequalities, and how to increase opportunities and financial access for women involved in mining.
Speakers:
► Anna Bugmann Project Manager and Supply Chain Expert | Artisanal Gold Council
► Juan Fernando Céspedes González Director de redes y circuitos economicos de Cooperativa Financiera de Antioquia
► Alizëta Ouédraogo National Project Coordinator | planetGOLD Burkina Faso
► Fidèle Sidinyidé Ramde Géographe | Conseiller en Promotion du Genre | Ministère du Genre et de la Famille | Burkina Faso
► Manuel Hurtado González Profesional Especializado en Finanzas | planetGOLD Colombia
► Rocío Fernández García Project Administrator | UNIDO
► Salma Kundi Ernest General Secretary | Tanzanian Women’s Miners Association (TAWOMA)

Facing the Challenges of Formalization
Sessions explored approaches to overcome challenges to creating a well-regulated ASGM sector.
Speakers:
► Mayiani Saino Project Manager | planetGOLD Kenya
► Wendy Wilson Senior Programmes Manager | Fund for Peace
► Cassie Ann Hoffman Global Development & Innovation Lead | Conservation X Labs
► Gavin Hilson Chair & Professor of Sustainability in Business | Surrey Business School | University of Surrey
► John Buchanan Vice President | Sustainable Production | Center for Environmental Leadership in Business

Day 2
27 April 2022

Voices from the Field
Miners from planetGOLD countries across the globe provide their first-hand perspectives on the biggest challenges they face, and opportunities they see, to improve their operation.
Moderator:
► Abiola Olanipekun Chief of Science & Technical Assistance Branch | Basel, Rotterdam & Stockholm Conventions

Supply Chain Case Studies and Practical Considerations
Session highlighted global experiences with creating a responsible supply chain from ASGM and present practical obstacles/solutions.
Speakers:
► Christina T. Miller Founder and Consultant | Christina T. Miller Consulting
Roundtable: Exporters, Refiners and Responsible Gold
Discussion illuminated what gold exporters and refiners are expecting from responsible suppliers.
Speakers:
- Louis Maréchal Sector Lead, Minerals & Extractives | Centre for Responsible Business Conduct | OECD
- Alan Martin Head of Responsible Sourcing | London Bullion Market Association
- Alice Vanni Compliance and Sustainability Officer | Italpreziosi
- Paula Andrea Gallo Restrepo Vice-President | Grupo Altea
- Güzhan Gülay Executive President | Borsa Istanbul

Mercury-Free Gold Production
Case studies highlighted prospecting, and mercury-free technology piloted in planetGOLD operations.
Speakers:
- Daniel Stapper Manager | Pact Mines to Market
- Dayshawn Billingy planetGOLD Guyana
- Byambasuren Odgerel National Technologist Engineer | planetGOLD Mongolia
- Louie Bedes National Project Technical Specialist | planetGOLD Philippines
- Itai Mutemeri University of Witwatersrand | Mutemeri Consulting

Digital technologies to support responsible gold
Session covered remote sensing, other technologies.
Speakers:
- Kenneth Davis Programme Officer | Chemicals and Health Branch | UN Environment Programme
- Peter Chirico Associate Center Director | Florence Bascom Geoscience Center | US Geological Survey
- Marcus Scaramanga CEO & Co-founder | Minexx
- Leon Riedel Business Area Manager for Mineral Sector Governance | Levin Sources

Day 3
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Controlling Mercury Flows to ASGM
Discussion of current mercury trade issues affecting ASGM and presentation of Bali Declaration
Speakers:
- Jérôme Stucki Chief of Materials and Chemicals Management Division | UNIDO
- Yun Insiani Senior Environmental Impact Controller | Ministry of Environment and Forestry | Indonesia
- Peter Maxson Director | Concorde East/West Sprl
- Marcena Hunter Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime
Gender Mapping and Impact Assessment
Lessons from East Africa and Asia

Speakers:
► Lynn Gitu Uganda Programme Leader | IMPACT
► Ernawati Eko Hartono Gender Focal Point of MoEF Indonesia | Government Counterpart
► Jacklyn Belo-Enricoso Gender Specialist | planetGOLD Philippines
► Lkhagvadulam Jamiyandagva Gender Specialist | planetGOLD Mongolia Project

Educating miners through social media and other technology platforms
Sharing communication modalities, including miner to miner information exchange programs, using social media.

Speakers:
► Malgorzata Stylo Associate Programme Management Officer | UNEP
► Blessing Hungwe Regional Coordinator for English Speaking Africa Regions | Delve Exchange
► Alexandre Jaillon Researcher and GIS manager | IPIS
► Natalia Uribe Martinez Standards and Assurance Manager | Alliance for Responsible Mining

Spotlight: Indonesia
Discussion of current mercury trade issues affecting ASGM and presentation of Bali Declaration

Speakers:
► Timothy Tear Director, Center for Conservation and Climate Change | Biodiversity Research Institute
► Yuyun Ismawati Senior Advisor | Nexus3 Foundation
► Baiq Dewi Krisnayanti National Project Coordinator | planetGOLD Indonesia Project
► Sunbaek Bang Korea Mine Rehabilitation and Mineral Resource Corporation | KOMIR

Recovering Mercury from Tailings
Methods to remove mercury from tailings before further treatment.

Speakers:
► Shun-Ping Chau Mining Engineer and Public Health Professional | US Department of State
► Alfonso Rodriguez Global Mercury Strategy and Country Director | Pure Earth | Colombia
► Silvia María Méndez Parodi Environmental Law Attorney | Director of the environmental area at Muñoz Tamayo & Asociados

Gender Impacts and Assessments: Lessons from South America

Speakers:
► Ana María Araníbar Executive Director | Cumbre del Sajama S. A
► Karla Alvarado Presidenta de ASORF
► Verónica Salomon Joyera AJP (Applied Jewelry Professional) | Martalia Jewelry
► Kazia Watson GEF Safeguards Coordinator | Conservation International Guyana
► Diana Cabrera Engineer | Ecuador Ministry of the Environment and United Nations Development Programme
ASGM Impacts on Forests
Latest research on mercury uptake, deforestation and other related impacts of ASGM on forests.
Speakers:
► Luis Fernandez Executive Director | Center for Amazonian Scientific Innovation, Wake Forest University
► Jacqueline Gerson Postdoctoral scholar | University of California – Berkeley
► Matthew Finer Senior Research Specialist | Amazon Conservation

Applying Principles of Free and Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) in the ASM Context
Latest research and examples of FPIC in ASGM setting and give feedback.
Speakers:
► Taylor Kennedy Acting Director | Sustainable Resources Program | RESOLVE
► Sarah Aviado National Project Manager | planetGOLD Philippines
► Johannes Abielie Coordinator for the Artisanal and Small-scale Mining (ASM) Mercury phase-out project in Suriname