Agenda Regional Consultation UNEA 5/12 Environmental Aspects of Minerals and Metals Management – Group of Latin American and Caribbean States

17-18 May 2023 in Santiago, Chile
Conference Room Celso Furtado

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) headquarters (Av. Dag Hammarskjöld 3477, Vitacura) Santiago, Chile

17 May – Technical session on sand and tailings management

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| 10.00-11.00 | Technical Session 1: Session on strengthening scientific, technical and policy knowledge with regard to sand (led by UNEP/GRID-Geneva) |

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- What are the scientific knowledge gaps with regard to sand in your country?
- What are the technical knowledge gaps with regard to sand in your country?
- What are the policy knowledge gaps with regard to sand in your country?
- What global policies and actions are required regarding environmentally sound extraction and use of sand?
11.00-11.20 Coffee Break

11.20-12.20 Technical Session 1 (Part 2): Session on strengthening scientific, technical and policy knowledge with regard to sand (led by UNEP/GRID-Geneva)
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12.20-13.30 Lunch Break

13.30-15.30 Technical Session 2: Session on knowledge gaps in relation to environmental aspects of tailings management

Reflections on knowledge gaps by
- GRID-Arendal
- ECLAC/UNECE
- Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)
- UNEP/GRID-Geneva
- Global Battery Alliance

Guiding questions for consideration
- What are the regulatory knowledge gaps on environmental aspects of tailings management in your country/region? How could these gaps be addressed?
- What are the technical and scientific knowledge gaps on environmental aspects of tailings management?
- What actions are required to address these gaps?

15.30-15.50 Coffee Break

15.50-16.20 Closing: Key take aways and synergies with objectives of day 2 consultations
- H.E. Saqlain Syedah, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations Environment Programme
- Ms. Martine Rohn-Brossard, Deputy Head of International Affairs Division of the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment

18 May - Intergovernmental Consultations

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<td>Recap Day 1, Welcome, objectives and expectations of day 2</td>
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| 08.45-10.45 | **Stocktaking of existing activities and actions** in the public and private sectors and by other relevant stakeholders to enhance the environmental sustainability of minerals and metals and identify | The Secretariat will present:  
- best practices  
- responsible business practices  
- standards, guidelines  
- technical tools, environmentally sustainable technologies and the use of renewable energy in mining  

**Proposed guiding questions.**  
- What other existing activities and actions by public and private sector actors and other relevant stakeholders exist in your region?  
- In your view, what are opportunities and barriers to the management of the environmental aspects of minerals and metals?  

10.45-11.00   | **Coffee Break**                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                         |
| 11.00-13.00 | **Identify opportunities for enhanced international cooperation**                                    | **Proposed guiding questions**  
- What meaningful action(s) could be undertaken at a transboundary or international level to strengthen minerals and metals management?  
- How can Member States, business and industry, and civil society take leadership as well as be supported to advance sustainable management of minerals and metals?  
- What role can international organizations play to improve environmental aspects of minerals and metals management?  
- How can the multilateral system support a level playing field for market transformation with a life cycle approach?  

13.00-14.00   | **Lunch Break**                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                         |
| 14.00-17.00 | **Towards the development of non-prescriptive proposals**                                            | **Guiding questions**  
- From your perspective, what measures and by whom could prevent and reduce the environmental impacts across the life cycle of minerals and metals?  

17.00-17.15   | **Coffee Break**                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                         |
| 17.15-17.45 | **Recap, key takeaways and next steps**                                                            | - H.E. Saqlain Syedah, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations Environment Programme  
- Ms. Martine Rohn-Brossard, Deputy Head of International Affairs Division of the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment  

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