Concept Note

Mining in Latin America and the Caribbean: interdependencies, challenges and opportunities for sustainable development

19th November 2018

The Westin Lima Hotel and Convention Center, Lima, Peru

Background

ECLAC is carrying out an initiative on sustainable management of mining in collaboration with the ‘Regional Cooperation for the Sustainable Management of Mining Resources in the Andean Countries’ Programme that is being executed by the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), in operational coordination with the German Cooperation Agency (GIZ).

The Programme aims for the countries of the Andean subregion to benefit from the knowledge and dialogue processes generated by ECLAC on the subject of Extractive Resource Governance and environmental democracy, taking into account the guidelines and objectives of the 2030 Development Agenda.

For the Latin American and the Caribbean region, a thorough transformation of the extractive sector is essential to foster sustainable development along with equality, one which ‘leaves no one behind’. Due to its impacts on economic growth and environmental and social externalities, mining, both positively and negatively, directly affects the quality of life communities at regional, national and local levels, which implies that public policies have a transcending role in finding the best way in utilizing mining for the service of sustainable development in all its dimensions. In this sense, the 2030 Agenda is the common denominator between the different actors involved.

Generating the links between mining and sustainable development in a concrete and constructive manner requires a new intersectoral, multi-stakeholder and integrated perspective which redresses the compartmentalization of public policies and adopts a different approach to the existing traditional views in the sector in the region. Such an integrated perspective allows us to highlight the relationship between mining and the most important concerns in the development of
the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, such as overcoming poverty, combating climate change, changing patterns of production and consumption, the protection of ecosystems and the development of peaceful and inclusive societies, among others.

In this context, international cooperation plays an important role in addressing the challenges of bringing fundamental changes to perspectives, visions and practices in the mining sector, and allowing the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean to learn from global experiences to implement more sustainable management of the mining sector, exchange national experiences, and identify financial requirements, institutional mechanisms and institutional capacities that are needed to undertake medium and long-term reforms.

**Objectives and expected results**

The objective of this meeting is to facilitate a high level regional dialogue on mining that contributes to an inclusive and more sustainable development within the framework of the 2030 Agenda, as well as to facilitate the exchange of experiences, knowledge and ideas to address challenges.

**Format**

The meeting will be held in close coordination with the Conference of Ministries of Mining of the Americas (CAMMA) and will include interactive discussions among the participants based on technical presentations linking mining with sustainable development in the Andean countries.

The event seeks to systematize messages and learnings from a multi-stakeholder discussion on how mining can be a central element in achieving the objectives of sustainable development as an input for the Conference of Ministries of Mining of the Americas.

The panelists and commentators will refer to concrete cases and examples of good practice in their interventions.

**Participants**

This is a multi-stakeholder event which will see participation from high level experts in mining and environment in the Andean countries from across the public sector, the private sector, civil society, academia and the organizing institutions.
Preliminary agenda

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Morning session: The Challenges in Governance of Mining in the Region

9:00 Inauguration:

Francisco Ísmodes, Minister of Energy and Mines, Peru (to be confirmed)

Carolina Sánchez, Mining Policy Secretary, Argentina, and President of the Executive Committee of CAMMA

S.E. Stefan Herzberg, German Ambassador in Peru

Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

10:00 Session 1: Governance of natural resources for sustainable development: actors, regulations and institutions

Moderator: Jeannette Sánchez, Director, Division of Natural Resources and Infrastructure (NRID), ECLAC

Keynote Speech: Challenges in the Governance of Extractive Resources for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary, ECLAC

Keynote Speech: ¿How to achieve sustainability in mining? Examples and best practices in the governance of global value chains, Dr. Bögemann-Hagedorn, Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, BMZ

Panelists:

- Luis Miguel Incháustegui Zevallos, Viceminister of Mining, Peru
- Carlos Monge, Regional Director for Latin America, Natural Resource Governance Institute
• Ana María Zamora, Mining Association of Colombia
• Martin Walter, Extractive Sector Initiative, IDB

11:30 Coffee break

11:45 Session 2: Guidelines for a more sustainable mining
Moderator: Carlos de Miguel, Chief, Policies for Sustainable Development Unit, Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division, ECLAC
Commentators:
• Marcos Alegre, Viceminister of Environmental Management, Ministry of the Environment, Peru
• Javier Jahncke, Executuive Secretary, Red Muqui, Peru
• Patricio Chávez, Vicepresident, Corporate and Sustainability Vicepresidency, Codelco, Chile
• Alejandra Salas, Senior advisor, Environment and Social Performance, Newcrest Mining Limited, Chile

13:00 Lunch

Afternoon session: Economic Challenges in Mining

14:30 Session 3: Mining, international trade and value chains
Moderator: Mario Cimoli, Deputy Executive Secretary, ECLAC
Commentators:
• Fernando Benalcázar, Viceminister of Mining, Ecuador
• Cesar Montaño, Director of the Andean Community
• Javier Portocarrero, Executive Director, Economic and Social Research Consortium (CIES), Peru
• Jorge Cantallopts, Director of Studies and Public Policies at Cochilco, Chile
• Jorge Falla, Director of Permits and Liabilities, Compañía de Minas Buenaventura, Perú

15:45 Coffee break
16:00 Session 4: Mining for a low carbon future: towards a sustainable lithium value chain

Moderator: Joseluis Samaniego, Director, Division of Sustainable Development and Human Settlements, ECLAC

- Carolina Sánchez, Secretary of Mining Policy of Argentina, and President of the Executive Committee of CAMMA
- Pablo Terrazas, Deputy Secretary of Mining, Ministry of Mining, Chile
- Martín Obaya, Researcher of the National Council of Scientific and Technical Research of Argentina
- Guy Ethier, Senior Vice Presidente, Supply Chain Sustainability, Umicore
- Jörgen Sandstrom, Head of Mining and Metals Industry, World Economic Forum

17:30 Closing session: Opportunities and guidelines for future work

Round table comprising of representatives from ECLAC, BMZ and Ministers of Mining of the Region.

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Commentators:

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- Francisco Ísmodes, Minister of Energy and Mining, Peru
- Carolina Sánchez, Secretary of Mining Policy of Argentina, and President of the Executive Committee of CAMMA
- Luis Marchese, President, National Society of Mining, Energy and Oil, Peru
- Fernando Patzy, Latin America Senior Officer, Natural Resources Governance Institute, Bolivia

18:00 Cocktails: Closing of the ECLAC meeting and welcome for the Ministers and high authorities of the Conference of Ministries of Mining of the Americas (CAMMA)