

The conference will provide a platform for showcasing investment initiatives and updates in foreign direct investment (FDI) policies that are geared towards advancing mining hubs in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Mongolia and Armenia. In addition, the conference will highlight examples of industrial development that target enhancing productivity, reduction of environmental footprint, and fostering durable community ties with extractive industries.

The conference is hosted by Simmons & Simmons @ CityPoint, 1 Ropemaker St, London EC2Y 9SS

08.45 – 09.30 Foyer Registration

09.00 – 09.30 Networking area Welcome coffee

09.30 – 09.40 Auditorium
Welcome and introduction from the organisers

09.40 – 10.40 Auditorium
1 Session: Strategic partnerships on critical raw materials with Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia and Mongolia

The global shift towards clean energy technologies, including electric vehicles, wind turbines, and solar panels, has led to a substantial surge in the demand for minerals essential for powering these technologies. Escalating demand underscores the growing importance of international collaboration with mining jurisdictions in Central Asia, Mongolia Caspian & Caucus regions in addressing the mineral requirements of the advancing global energy transition.

Moderator
Richard Oldcorn, Director and Corporate Consultant, SRK Consulting UK

09.40 Welcome
Laurie Moorhead, Director, Trade and Investment, Department for Business and Trade, British Embassy Tashkent

09.50 Strategic Partnerships on Critical Raw Materials in Central Asia – some Geological Perspectives
Richard Oldcorn, Director and Corporate Consultant, SRK Consulting UK

10.10 The future of mining in the Republic of Armenia.
Hovhannes Harutyunyan, Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration, and Infrastructure of Armenia

10.20 Panel discussion
Panellists
Natalia Lacorzana, Head of Natural Resources, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Marius Dan, Deputy CEO – Corporate Strategy, Franklin Templeton

10.40 – 11.00 Networking area Intermission

11.00 – 11.40 Auditorium
2 Session: Kyrgyzstan session on mining, energy and climate change

The high-level session organised in cooperation with the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Moderator
Nicholas Bowler, His Majesty's Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic

11.00 Rt Hon Bob Stewart, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Kyrgyzstan

11.05 Akylbek Zhaparov, Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers and Head of the Presidential Administration of the Kyrgyz Republic

11.15 Melis Turgunbaev, Minister of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic

Q&As

Bakyt Torobaev, Deputy Chairman, Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic

11.30 MoU signing ceremony

11.40 – 12.00 Coffee break

11.50 – 13.00 Auditorium
3 Session: Mineral Resources development and FDI opportunities in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Mongolia and Armenia

Experts and Companies will present and discuss business opportunities in the Raw Materials domain. During the session, the speakers will address the following questions:

- What is the status of mineral exploration in respective countries?
- What strategies can enhance the effectiveness of public exploration programs?
- What is the most effective method for leveraging exploration findings to attract and reduce the risks associated with private investments?
- What companies are doing to improve ESG performance.

Moderator
Tim Lucks, Managing Director & Corporate Consultant, SRK Consulting UK

12.00 Kumtor Gold Company - General overview of the company's activities

Almaz Baryktabasov, President, Kumtor Gold Company

12.10 Bozymchak: a successful example of investment opportunities in the Kyrgyz Republic.

Ilyas Tulekeyev, General director, KAZ Minerals Bozymchak

12.20 Alтынken: Pioneering Sustainable Mining and Partnership Excellence.

Azamat Aliev, Member of the Board, Alтынken

12.30 Opening a new mining district in Chatkal region, Kyrgyz Republic.

David Mackenzie, Chief Financial Officer, Chaarat

12.40 Encouraging persistent ability to create shareholder value.

Alp Togay, General Director, Etibakır Tereksay

12.50 Navoi Gold's journey to market economy: new challenges and opportunities.

Evgeny Antonov, First Deputy General Director, Chief Transformation Officer, member of the Management Board, Navoi Gold

13.00 Strategic Partnership Opportunities with "Altyn Samruk Qazaqstan".

Zhanibek Nurzhanuly, Corporate Development Adviser, Altyn Samruk Qazaqstan

13.10 Uranium Mining in Mongolia.

Serdar Karliev, Managing Director Corporate Finance, Uranium Industry

13.20 The International Chamber of Mines of Armenia and its Role in the Implementation of the Government's Mining Sector Development Strategy.

Artyom Geghamyan, Executive Chairman, International Chamber of Mines of Armenia

13.30 – 14.30 Networking area Networking lunch Hosted by Simmons & Simmons

14.30 – 15.30 Auditorium

4 Session: Mining Finance and Impact Investment in Eurasia

The development of critical raw materials across Eurasia is heavily reliant on the financial markets and strategic investors. However, in 2023, many mining companies in the region were negatively impacted by rising costs, inflation, shrinking exports, and the "impact investment" requirements to improve ESG performance. The ongoing war in Ukraine and dependence on Russia and China continue to drive up investment risk discounts and the cost of borrowing. This session will focus on good practices in financing and investing the exploration of raw materials while safeguarding the environment and welfare of local communities.

Moderators

Corinne Noel, Of Counsel, Simmons & Simmons

Alexander Keepin, Partner, Simmons & Simmons

14.30 Toronto Stock Exchange - Introduction and Overview.

Graham Dallas, Head of Business Development EMEA, Toronto Stock Exchange

14.40 Capital markets update and latest financing trends for Eurasian mining companies.

Ayuna Nechaeva, Head of Europe, Primary Markets, London Stock Exchange

14.50 Panel discussion

Panellists

David Williamson, Head of ESD Operations, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Adrian Petreanu, Portfolio Manager, Ashmore

Antony Rowe, Credit Investment Manager, Resource Capital Funds

Carla Toledo, Operations Officer, International Finance Corporation

15.30 – 15.50 Networking area Coffee break

15.50 – 17.00 Auditorium

5 Session: Solutions that enhance safety, efficiency and productivity of mines

The mining industry is facing both challenges and opportunities as it moves towards a more sustainable future. Companies will present and discuss projects, cases and solutions in the ESG, Net Zero strategies, Climate Change, Water Management and Green Energy transition domain. Attendees can expect to gain insights into exciting projects, cutting-edge technologies, sustainable practices, and efficient resource management strategies driving the sector forward.

Moderator

Richard Elmer, Director, Knight Piésold Consulting

15.50 Introduction of Nerospec SK's solutions that enhance safety, efficiency, and productivity on mines.

Harald Bornebroek, Business Development Manager, Nerospec SK

16.05 Activities of the testing laboratory Stewart Assay and Environmental Laboratories.

Salamat Imanakunov, Laboratory Manager, Stewart Assay and Environmental Laboratories

16.15 Lessons Learned from the application of remote operations centers in Mining Operations in Australia and the Americas.

Tony Edwards, CEO, StepChange Global Consultancy

16.25 Data Driven Mine-to-Mill Optimization.

Hannah Lang, Team Lead, Digital Solutions, MineSense

16.40 Orica's role in making mining more efficient.

Abhisek Roy, Head of Marketing - Europe, Middle East and Africa, Orica

16.50 Introducing The Mining Association of the UK, a Strategy of Leadership and the recognition for competence in mines.

Andrew Fulton, President, The Mining Association of the UK

17.05 Closing remarks

17.10 – 19.00 3rd floor Foyer Networking drinks

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