



**Division for Sustainable Development  
Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)  
Thematic Seminar Series: Mining**

**Friday 9 April 2010  
10:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Conference Room 7 (NLB)**

The CSD Secretariat announces the Thematic Seminar on Mining, the fourth event in the CSD Thematic Seminar Series.

**Topic Overview**

While mining provides a livelihood for millions of people in developing countries, its activities have been associated with serious environmental and social impacts on communities living near extraction sites, while generating few or limited benefits to producing countries in terms of economic growth and poverty reduction. Since 2002, major international multi-stakeholder initiatives have been launched, targeting more transparency over the revenues generated by mining activities by both companies and governments. The mining industry has also stepped up their engagement in social issues arising in mining or neighbouring communities and in corporate social and environmental responsibility (CSER) activities. However, absence of Prior and Informed Consent (PIC) with indigenous communities, resettlements and conflicts between the mining communities and other actors are still an issue in many countries. Adequate capacities at the national and sub-national government levels for planning, dealing with companies, enforcing regulations relating to health and working safety and the environment are often lacking.

**Short Videos**

Five short documentaries will be shown, to illustrate issues surrounding the following industries:

- **Uranium mining in the Southwest United States**
- **Diamond mining in Sierra Leone**
- **Lapis lazuli mining in Northern Afghanistan**
- **Gold mining in Ecuador**
- **Bauxite mining in Guinea**

**Panel Presentations**

This seminar will feature presentations by the following panel of experts:

**Dr. R. Anthony (Tony) Hodge**

President, International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM)

“The Mining Industry and Sustainable Development: Where Are We 10 Years after Johannesburg?”

**Manuel F. Pino**

Professor of Sociology and American Indian Studies, Scottsdale Community College, Arizona

Board of Directors, Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN)

“Mining and Indigenous Rights”

**Patrick Chevalier**

Director, Strategic Outreach and Partnerships Division, Minerals & Metals Sector

Department of Natural Resources, Government of Canada

“Lessons from UN Partnerships for Sustainable Development”

The panel presentations will be followed by an open discussion, which will be moderated by H.E. Mohamed A. A. Alahraf, Vice Chair (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya).

All interested representatives from Governments, UN entities, IGOs, NGOs and other Major Groups holding a valid UN grounds pass or representing an accredited organization are welcome to participate. For inquiries, please contact Tonya Vaturi, Division for Sustainable Development, phone: 212-963-4704, or e-mail: [vaturi@un.org](mailto:vaturi@un.org).