



Welcome to the first edition of the Women's Rights and Mining Newsletter. This newsletter is meant to keep you up-to-date with WRM's work to establish a better **UNDERSTANDING** of the gender dimensions of mining and to create **AWARENESS** and secure **COMMITMENT** to take action and uphold women's rights in mining and mineral supply chains. Under these three headings, we share highlights of 2019 as well as ongoing and forthcoming activities.

HIGHLIGHTS 2019

➤ Understanding

WRM Knowledge Platform Meeting, 25th June 2019

To contribute to knowledge sharing this event featured three guest speakers:

- **Doris Buss**, Carleton University - on challenges facing the Kenyan government's formalization approaches viewed through the lens of women's gold ASM livelihoods
- **Matthew Bliss**, Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF) - on a new gender governance training for decision makers and practitioners in the mining industry
- **Jocelyn Kelly**, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative's (HHI) Women in War program - on the negative gender outcomes of the primary due diligence mechanism in eastern DRC i.e. the ITRI Tin Supply Chain Initiative (ITSCI). You can find the presentation [here](#)¹.



Gender and Mining Encyclopedia

This joint publication of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and WRM offers a snapshot and contact details of some of the key actors, initiatives and programmes in the field of gender and mining. It aims to help practitioners gain an overview of the sector and potentially ideas for projects or collaborations. You can find the Encyclopedia [here](#).

➤ Awareness

Gender-Responsive Due Diligence in Mineral Supply Chains

To ensure dedicated discussion on gender-responsive due diligence, WRM co-organized gender sessions at OECD's 2019 Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chains (Paris, April 2019) and the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development's Annual Meeting (IGF-AGM) (Geneva, October 2019). Over 200 participants attended these sessions.

WRM Powerwalk

WRM has developed an interactive role-play where participants experience how different levels of power and privilege - based on gender, class, age and other social markers - result in social and gender inequities in mining. In 2019, WRM facilitated the Powerwalk with more than 250 participants from three different audiences, including participants of the Leaders in Extractives and African Development Programme (Cape Town, February 2019), the 2019 OECD Forum and 2019 IGF-AGM.



➤ Commitment

WRM-OECD Gender Statement

The “*Stakeholder Statement on implementing gender-responsive due diligence and ensuring the human rights of women in mineral supply chains*” was prepared by the WRM in cooperation with the OECD Secretariat and launched at the OECD Forum in 2019 (see picture below). It includes 13 commitments on how governments, the private sector and civil society can work together to prevent gender inequalities along mineral supply chains. WRM used the IGF Annual Meeting in October to further promote the Statement. By November 1st, already **19 organizations** have signed-on to the statement!

We encourage all stakeholders to sign-on to the Statement

You can find the Statement on our [website](#). To sign on please send an email to info@womenandmining.org



Gender integration into international mining standards

In 2019, to increase the gender responsiveness of mining policy and practice, WRM contributed to the review of the Fairtrade Standard on Gold and the US State Department's recommendations on "Managing Risks to Women in Supply Chains". Also, to ensure that our previous contributions to international standards were taken on, we kept the conversation going on engendering the London Metal Exchange's Responsible Sourcing Position Paper, the OECD Risk Portal as well as the Regional Certification Mechanism (RCM) of the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region.



ONGOING AND UPCOMING

Knowledge Platform Survey

A year after the creation of the WRM Knowledge Platform, we find it an opportune moment to reflect on how it has been functioning and how we can strengthen its relevance, serve our members interests and needs better, and benefit from their expertise and experience. To this end, we will shortly invite WRM Knowledge Platform members to participate in a survey.

Special Videos on Gender and Mining

With WRM's support - and funded by GIZ and the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs - High Grade Media is launching an online interview series on gender equality in the field of extractives, giving an unique insights into key gender questions affecting stakeholders in the sector. An impactful summary clip of all the interviews can be watched [here](#). All individual interviews and further material will be published during November and December 2019, on www.highgrade.media

Gender-based violence research

GIZ - a WRM core-group member - has commissioned a study on gender-based violence in the extractive sector in Africa. GIZ and WRM will co-publish the study, which we hope to share with you at the end of 2019.

Making the commitments of the Gender Statement real

We are truly encouraged by the support so far received to the WRM-OECD Gender Statement and we continue its promotion to increase the number of signatories. Real progress towards the Statement's 13 gender equality commitments, however, requires action. Early 2020, in the run-up to the 2020 OECD Forum, we therefore plan a survey amongst signatories to gain insights into what activities they have undertaken and what results they have achieved.

Survey results will be presented at the 2020 OECD Forum to compliment OECD data (see news on engendering OECD reporting). If successful, the survey will be repeated as a learning tool and an accountability mechanism.

Engendering OECD reporting

WRM received news that OECD plans to introduce a gender question in future annual questionnaires for member states on progress related to implementation of the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas. Also, OECD plans to include a section focused on gender risks in upcoming baseline assessments. WRM will support OECD by reviewing drafts of these new measures.

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About WRM

Women Rights & Mining is a collaborative effort of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, GiZ, Global Affairs Canada, and nongovernment organizations based in the Netherlands including ActionAid, Simavi, Solidaridad and KIT Royal Tropical Institute. WRM works with governments, civil society and companies to integrate gender equality concerns into mining policy and practice so that women and men benefit equally and women's rights are realized in mineral supply chains.

On our [website](#) you can find more information about WRM's objectives, activities and members.

It also features a gender and mining Resource Library where you can access WRM's research and knowledge products as well as a broad selection of studies, tools, guidelines and videos. And on our News & Events page you can find news, updates and upcoming events that we facilitate and help organize.

Do you have resources related to gender and mining that can be posted on our site? Please email them to us via info@womenandmining.org



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ⁱ The presentation can be accessed via our WRM website until 01-01-2020.