



Welcome to the third 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. Also, see our section **ONGOING AND UPCOMING** to read about what we are currently doing or planning. On our [website](#), you can find more information about WRM's objectives, activities and members.

LATEST HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Alliance for Responsible Mining**
 - o ARM resources on gender and equity in mining:
<https://www.responsiblemines.org/en/gender-equity-and-mining/>
 - o Research conducted by MIT-DLAB included discussion on the inclusion of GBV guidelines in ARM's Fairmined Standards: Creative Capacity Building to Address Gender-Based Violence in the Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining Sector in Colombia (2021).
<https://www.responsiblemines.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Creative-Capacity-Building-to-Address-Gender-Based-Violence-in-the-Artisanal-and-Small-Scale-Gold-Mining-Sector-in-Colombia-02172021.pdf>
- **Solidaridad**
 - o Partnership with Kering, case study selected by Women Win: Understanding the impact of gender-transformative programmes through effective monitoring
<https://www.genderduediligence.org/understanding-the-impact-of-gender-transformative-programmes-through-effective-monitoring/>

- GIZ
 - o Launch of the new website of the sector programme with a page on gender justice: [Strengthening Gender Justice in the Extractive Sector | BMZ](#)
 - o Internal virtual event on the German Supply Chain Law (Lieferkettensorgfaltspflichtengesetz) and the consideration of women in the law
 - o GIZ joined the advisory panel of the IGF and IWIM project “Women in the Mine of the Future” [Establishing Baseline Data for Women and the Mine of the Future - Intergovernmental Forum: Intergovernmental Forum \(igfmining.org\)](#)
 - o On 09th March, Yannic Kiewitt – Senior Policy Officer for Extractives at German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development – will be part of the panel “Impactful Women: Examining Opportunities and Constraints for Women in Mining Organizations Worldwide”, an online event organised by IWIM and WB [Impactful Women: Examining Opportunities and Constraints for Women in Mining Organizations Worldwide Report Launch \(worldbank.org\)](#)
- IMPACT
 - o IMPACT’s new Foundations for Peace project aims to support a more responsible artisanal gold sector in Burkina Faso while increasing security in mining communities. The project specifically focuses on promoting women’s economic empowerment and financial inclusion by introducing Village Savings and Loans Associations in artisanal mining communities: <https://impacttransform.org/en/work/project/foundations-for-peace/>



ONLINE

UNDP Course on Gender and Mining Governance (MOOC)

In September 2021, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) ran, for a second year, a free Massive Online Open Course (MOOC) on Gender and Mining. It was a four-week course offered in English, French and Spanish and covered the topics of gender and mining governance (week 1), women’s participation in decision-making in the mining sector (week 2), gender-based violence in the mining sector (week 3) and

investment in gender in mining governance (week 4). WRM's research was used to help develop the week 3 lecture on SGBV and mining.

For more information on the MOOC, visit the [website](#).

IGF Annotated Bibliography: Gender in Mining Governance

The IGF has published "Gender in Mining Governance: An annotated bibliography for artisanal and small-scale mining." In this report, you can find resources written by WRM members, such as Jennifer Hinton, Katrine Danielson from KIT and Joanne Lebert from IMPACT.

The bibliography is available [here](#).

IGF Webinar Regulatory Tools for Gender Equality in Mining

In September 2021, the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF) held a webinar on the Regulatory tools for gender equality in mining alongside the Responsible Mining Foundation (RMF). You can watch the webinar [here](#).

Latest additions to WRM website Resource Library

- Research: IGF (2022). Gendered Impacts of COVID-19 on Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining.
- Bibliography: IGF (2022). Gender in Mining Governance: An annotated bibliography for artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM).
- Research: Umpula, E., Buxton, A. & Schwartz, B. (IIED, 2021). Islands of responsibility? Corporate sourcing of artisanal cobalt in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
 - Also available in French: Des îlots de responsabilité ? L'approvisionnement des entreprises en cobalt artisanal en République démocratique du Congo.
- Tool: WRM (2021). Conference tool, inspirational messages & questions on gender-responsive due diligence and women's rights in mining
- Research: MIT-DLab (2021). Creative Capacity Building to Address Gender-Based Violence in the Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining Sector in Colombia.

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



COMMITMENT

WRM-OECD Gender Statement

The WRM-OECD “*Stakeholder Statement on implementing gender-responsive due diligence and ensuring the human rights of women in mineral supply chains*” was launched at the OECD’s 2019 Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chains. It includes 13 commitments on how states, the private sector and civil society can work together to prevent gender inequalities along mineral supply chain. By February 2022, 36 organizations have signed-on to the Statement. You can find the Statement on [our website](#). To sign on please send an e-mail to info@womenandmining.org.

Gender integration into international mining standards

To increase the gender responsiveness of mining policy and practice, WRM regularly contributes to stakeholder consultations and reviews of international mining policies, regulation, standards and guidelines:

- In July 2021, WRM contributed to the review of RMI’s Global Due Diligence Standard.
- In July 2021, WRM submitted comments to the LBMA Responsible Gold Guidance.
- In November 2021, WRM participated in the review of the Forest-Smart Artisanal Small-Scale Mining Standard and Guidelines, as commissioned by the World Bank and developed by Levin Sources, ARM and Fauna & Flora International.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING

WRM event

In June 2022, WRM will be hosting an online webinar on the topic of Anti Child Labour Laws.

WRM at OECD Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chains, May 2022

For the sixth consecutive year, WRM will be active at OECD’s Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chains:

- WRM has provided recommendations to the OECD, and is working in collaboration with them, on how to improve the Responsible Mineral Supply Chain Forum in terms of diversity, inclusivity and content, and increasing sensibility and awareness of the need for the integration of gender concerns in panels
- The results written by WRM are available on the OECD website:
- WRM helped revise the panel descriptions for the OECD forum to integrate a gender lens.

Knowledge Platform Review – Summary of results


In 2021, WRM undertook internal and external scoping to elaborate a Knowledge Platform strategy. Online resources and thematic events are rebranded under the Knowledge Platform. The goal, in the long term, is to

create an interactive community in which one can consult, submit and share questions, assistance and resources. The Knowledge Platform plans to focus on the following aspects:

- Regular knowledge exchange among members
 - Organize Knowledge Platform events three times per year if possible during relevant conferences or other moments when members and other mining sector stakeholders come together.
 - Ensure follow-up to events and communicate information shared broadly.
- An inclusive Knowledge Platform
 - Connect with relevant networks and/or NGOs in producing countries and expand the membership of Knowledge Platform
 - Host hybrid events with local/regional partners and focus. The local event is followed up by an online event.
 - Translate WRM products and website to French and Spanish
 - Targeted social media posts in the language of the relevant area/region
- Create a central digital platform of resources on gender and mining: an online digital community which serves not only as a resource base, but that also connects KP members
 - Expand and catalogue the [resource section](#) on the WRM website
 - Explore possibilities for collaboration with other knowledge platforms
 - Create practical knowledge products, such as the '[10 do's](#)'.
 - Promote relevant gender and/or mining events on a calendar on the website
- Increase the visibility of WRM's work
 - Annual newsletter
 - Continuously promote the work of the WRM via different media channels

On our [website](#) you can find more information about *WRM's objectives, activities and members*. On our *News & Events* page you can find news, updates and upcoming events that we facilitate and help organize. The website 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. For the latest entries, see section **UNDERSTANDING**.

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An aerial photograph of a mining operation in a hilly, green landscape. A large red circle is superimposed over the center of the image, containing white text. The mining site shows excavated earth, some structures, and equipment.

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