

Alternative Mining Indaba

Proposed Session Title: Overview: Practical Steps to Enfranchising Small-Scale Miners in 2021

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Artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) provides jobs to 13 million people in 80 countries worldwide. The numbers may resemble those of large-scale mining, but there the resemblance ends.

Small-scale miners are often forced work in unstable, dangerous environments, without proper tools and with minimal health or safety considerations. In the absence of a formal offtake process in most instances, artisanal miners have little guarantee of sales, and no guarantee of a fair price.

Efforts to improve traceability, price transparency, sustainability, and safety in the mining sector frequently overlook the importance of artisanal practices, and in doing so limit the possibility of effecting genuine change where it is needed most.

This panel will bring together new and established contributors to the mining sector to explore how small-scale miners can be better enfranchised, supported and integrated into the formal economy in the 12 months ahead and enacting the AMV process for a 'transparent, equitable and optimal exploitation of mineral resources to underpin broad-based sustainable growth and socio-economic development.'

Proposed Panellists

Leslie Cairns, Head of Investment, dcc Africa

Leslie Cairns is Head of investment at DCC Africa, a privately managed and operated conglomerate, working in mining and extractives and financial services across the African continent. In 2021, dcc Africa will emerge as one of the leading foreign investors in gold mining and processing in Tanzania, working closely with artisanal communities in XX and XX.

Leslie is a serial entrepreneur with a more than 30 years' experience drawn from investments in the mining, raw materials, technology and automotive sectors in Western Europe, East and West Africa. Currently based between London, Dubai and Dar Es Salaam, Leslie is committed to strengthening the overall investment environment in Africa through DCC Africa's project portfolio, pioneering a new foreign investment model in Africa, and providing wider overall training and education opportunities through his work.