



**Mining Minerals
Sustainable Development**



**International
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MMSD'S PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

THE BASIS OF PARTICIPATION

Those involved in an MMSD activity do so with the assurance that the Project is committed to providing the opportunity for participants to interact, with these expectations:

1. MMSD provides an opportunity for people both to inform each other within the context of a project which seeks to describe the global mineral cycle, and also to offer advice and guidance to the Project.
2. We hope to identify and understand the diversity of perspectives, values and interests that can help build the foundation for positive change. Views have to be freely expressed and the risks of such expression reduced. *This is a forum in which individuals or groups can investigate ideas.*
3. There is a need for a place where views can be exchanged frankly and openly. *MMSD has no authority to impose solutions on anyone.*
4. The Project should strive to identify where it can best help to guide the flow of discussion. *The objective should be to help develop areas of common ground, understand where differences exist, and the underlying reasons for them.*
5. Wherever possible, we should widen the networks of connections and identify ways of addressing challenges, within and beyond the life of the Project.
6. Participating in, or contributing to workshops or other events, commenting on documents produced, suggesting participants for meetings, and other interactions with the Project are not and will not be portrayed as an endorsement of MMSD. These basic understandings on the basis of participation will be included in any meeting reports prepared by MMSD. *It is important that the basis for participation be widely understood.*
7. Notes or minutes prepared by MMSD will report important comments and points of view but will not attribute them to specific participants unless this is requested by the person making the statement. *Exchange of ideas is freer when unknown consequences can be minimised.*
8. The notes from workshops should be reviewed by a representative group of attendees, agreed at the meeting, prior to finalisation. Notes will typically be of a summary nature and will include a list of participants. *There should be an opportunity to discuss the contents of the notes and ensure that everyone is comfortable with them prior to their wider circulation.*
9. There should be an opportunity to discuss this Basis for Participation at the outset of any activity to ensure that participants are comfortable with it and that it is appropriate for the purpose. *It is in no way a constraint on the participants to develop further or additional understandings as are appropriate in the circumstances.*

MMSD recognizes an affirmative responsibility to ensure that this Basis for Participation is as widely known as possible within and among the different communities with which the Project is involved.