

CONFERENCE AGENDA

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II INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

DAY 1 Monday, August 4, 2025

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8:30 AM – 11:00 AM: ON-SITE SIDE-EVENT

Side-event: Women in Mining Argentina **Shaping the Future of Human Capital in Argentina's Mining Industry**

A new session led by Women in Mining Argentina, focused on human resources and mining-related training. This space will feature insights from female leaders within San Juan's productive matrix, highlighting workforce development needs and training and education opportunities in the mining sector.

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11:00 AM – 12:00 PM: ON-SITE SIDE-EVENT

Side Event: Training Session on the Canadian NI 43-101 Standard and Access to the Toronto Stock Exchange Venture (TSX V) **Key Steps to Finance Mining Projects Through the World's Leading Capital Market Hub**

An exclusive session with representatives from TMX Group—operator of the TSX and TSX Venture Exchange—focused on the process of listing mining projects on the Toronto Stock Exchange. The session will cover the requirements of Canada's NI 43-101 standard, a key framework for accessing international financing. Tailored for prospecting, exploration, and development companies looking to scale up their capital access. A joint initiative of the Government of San Juan and TMX Group, held as part of Argentina Copper 2025.

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11:30 AM – 1:00 PM:

General Check-In & Business Welcome Reception **+ Opening Brunch**

1:00 PM – 1:20 PM:

Special Pre-Session: Opening Conversation With Roberto Cacciola

Defining where the mining industry stands—and what may lie ahead

Before the official inauguration, this featured conversation sets the stage for a deep dive into Argentina's mining landscape. Roberto Cacciola, President of CAEM, reflects on the sector's recent progress, ongoing challenges, and the critical decisions shaping its immediate future. Are we ready for the next chapter in Argentina's mining story?

progress and goals of the emerging GEMA initiative, highlighting the role of economic diplomacy in strengthening the export profile of the national mining sector.

» **Alfredo Bascou**, Ambassador; Undersecretary for Export Promotion and Mining Group Coordinator, Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs

4:00 PM – 5:20 PM:

Argentina in the Copper Century: The Private Sector as a Driving Force in a New Mining Era **Mining as a Key Industry in Shaping the World to Come**

Copper is no longer just a resource — it has become a decisive factor in both local and global strategic agendas. As the world accelerates the energy transition and redefines value chains, Argentina has a unique opportunity to position itself as a relevant player. This panel brings together leaders from the private sector, finance, and the international mining industry to discuss the decisions that will shape the country's role in this new era. Investment, regulatory frameworks, local development, competitiveness, and long-term vision: the core issues defining Argentina's place in the Copper Century.

» **Alejandra Cardona**, Executive Director, Argentine Chamber of Mining Companies

» **José Morea**, Country Director, Vicuña Corp.

» **Ricardo Dessy**, Director – Economics, Government and Public Affairs, Citi

» **Michael Meding**, General Manager, Los Azules Project & VP, McEwen Copper

» **Javier Robeto**, Country Manager, Altar

Moderated by:

» **Lucila Sigal**, Correspondent, Thomson Reuters

» **Daniel Tejada Nacusi**, Journalist

5:20 PM – 5:45 PM:

Privatization and Unbundling of Belgrano Cargas **Development of Railway Logistics for Mining**

This talk explores the privatization and unbundling of Argentina's freight rail system, focusing on its impact on mining—especially copper transport. It examines current challenges such as low cargo density and underinvestment, and proposes a new operational structure to improve efficiency, reliability, and regional and international logistics connectivity.

» **Alejandro Núñez**, President, Belgrano Cargas y Logística S.A.

» Roberto Cacciola, President, Argentine Chamber of Mining Companies

Moderated by:

» Ernesto Cussianovich, Director of Energy, Natural Resources & Environment, Poliarquía

1:20 PM – 2:45 PM:

The Copper Moment: Argentina's Strategic Copper Agenda

Governing the Future: Copper Policy and Leadership in a Defining Era for the Industry

Copper represents a historic opportunity for Argentina. This high-level panel officially opens the conference with a dialogue on the present and future of the copper sector. Governors of Argentina's main mining provinces, together with national government officials and international figures, will share a unified vision of copper as a driver of federal, competitive, and sustainable growth.

Topics will include investment challenges, the RIGI framework, infrastructure, public policy, and governance in a shifting global context. A joint discussion between the national and provincial governments and key players in the mining ecosystem—drawing the new productive map of Argentina, with copper leading the way.

- » Luis Lucero, National Secretary of Mining
- » José Rolandi, Deputy Chief of the Cabinet of Ministers
- » Diego Sucleasca, Head, Argentine Investment and Trade Promotion Agency
- » Amador Sánchez Rico, Ambassador of the European Union to Argentina
- » Marcelo Orrego, Governor of San Juan
- » Alfredo Cornejo, Governor of Mendoza
- » Raúl Jalil, Governor of Catamarca
- » Carlos Sadir, Governor of Jujuy
- » Gustavo Sáenz, Governor of Salta
- » Héctor Laplace, General Secretary, Argentine Mining Workers Association (AOMA)
- » Iván Grgic, President, San Juan Mining Chamber
- » Celeste González, General Director, Panorama Minero
- » Michael Meding, Chair, 2nd International Conference: Argentina Copper

Hosts:

- » Romina González, Canal 13 San Juan TV / Co-creator, Ya Era Hora Streaming
- » Alejandro Colombo, Editorial Director, Panorama Minero

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM:

Copper Leaders' Networking Hour

Coffee Break and Exchange With Mining Sector Leaders

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM:

Session by the Argentine Mining Exporters Group Presentation on the GEMA Initiative

The Argentine Mining Exporters Group (GEMA) presents its roadmap to position the country as a key player in international markets. Led by Ambassador Alfredo Bascou, Undersecretary for Export Promotion at the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the presentation outlines the

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM:

Critical Minerals and Diplomacy in a Fragmented World Alliances, Supply Security, and Financing on the Global Stage: Mining as a Force for Balance

In a world marked by geopolitical fragmentation, critical minerals have become central in the race to control supply chains. This panel explores how mining is increasingly pivotal to new global alliances, energy security, and international balance—with a focus on Latin America's role amid major power blocs. The session will also address how access to financing—from multilateral institutions to sovereign funds and geostrategic capital—shapes project viability and creates new zones of influence on the international mining map.

- » Ilse Cougé, Head of Cooperation, European Union
- » Martín Walter, Extractive Sector Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
- » Fabián Calle, Senior Fellow, Florida International University; Director, Institute for International Security, CARI
- » Alberto Carlocchia, Mining Committee, Argentine-Canadian Chamber of Commerce

Moderated by:

- » Norma Ramiro, Director, Asia Chamber

7:00 PM – 7:30 PM:

The Challenge of Communication in the Mining Industry Communicating with Clarity, Context, and Responsibility

Day 1 Takeaways

In an environment where mining is under increasing scrutiny from society, the media, and governments, communicating in a clear, contextualized, and credible way is essential. This talk offers a strategic perspective on how to create narratives that reflect the real value of copper for national development—integrating environmental, social, and economic factors, with a focus on people.

The session will explore approaches to make a highly technical and often misunderstood activity more accessible to new audiences, connect with diverse stakeholders, and strengthen dialogue with society through information and transparency, without underestimating the complexity of today's context.

- » Maximiliano Aguiar, Communication Specialist. Consultant on Campaigns and Government in Latin America

7:45 PM:

Sunset Reception Cocktail & Networking

Welcome Reception to the Province and Institutional Gathering

Transportation to the cocktail venue will be provided by the organization. If needed, please use the on-site shuttle service. Location: *Salón Los Morrillos*

*Exclusive access for sponsors or by prior invitation**

END OF DAY ONE

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM:

Day 2 Welcome: Business Coffee & Networking Lounge
Strategic Connections to Kick Off the Day: Welcome and Networking Session

9:00 AM – 9:20 AM:

Forward Faster: Real Impact Sustainability in the Mining Industry
A Business-Oriented Approach: The Global Compact's Strategy to Align Productive Development With Corporate Responsibility

Mining plays a leading role in economic development, but it also carries an increasing responsibility in the face of social, environmental, and ethical challenges. In this session, Flavio Fuertes, Executive Director of the UN Global Compact Argentina, outlines how the UN's Universal Principles can translate into concrete actions for companies in the sector.

Through the Forward Faster campaign, a clear roadmap is presented to help mining companies align with international standards and amplify their positive impact.

» Flavio Fuertes, Executive Director, UN Global Compact Argentina – A United Nations Initiative

9:20 AM – 9:50 AM:

Water, Myths, and Prohibitions in Argentine Mining
The Urgent Task of Demystifying Water Use in the Mining Industry

Since the early 21st century, various currents in public and political debate have influenced the perception and development of mining in Argentina. Among the most sensitive issues is water use and the notion of scarcity linked to the industry. In this context, it is essential to communicate clearly, accurately, and based on evidence how these resources are managed. This presentation offers a comprehensive look at a complex issue—one that requires scientific rigor, long-term vision, strategic planning, and collective intelligence.

» Pablo Marcet, President, Geo Logic

9:50 AM – 11:10 AM:

Water as Enabling Infrastructure for the Development of Major Mining Projects
The Evolving Relationship Between Water and Mining in the Era of Regenerative Collaboration

Water is not just another piece of infrastructure—it is a cross-cutting, vital resource for all economic sectors and society at large. In this panel, speakers will present various experiences of Regenerative Water practices—initiatives aimed at restoring, revitalizing, and improving aquatic ecosystems and the natural water cycle—and will discuss how mining can be positioned as an ally rather than a competitor. The goal: to demonstrate that mining can contribute to increasing water availability, generating a supply greater than its operational demand, thus breaking the zero-sum mindset that often dominates this conversation.

» Maciej Matuszewski, Director, Development of Foreign Projects, KGHM Poland
» Mariusz Lasek, General Manager, KGHM Chile

**Presentation in English. Headsets available upon request for simultaneous interpretation.*

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM:

Networking Break & Midday Interlude
Refreshments

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM:

Exploring Today to Build the Major Mines of Tomorrow
Innovation, Investment, and Territory: Keys to Energizing the Exploration Stage

The future of mining begins with its earliest stage: exploration. As copper becomes a critical input for the global energy transition, Argentina faces the challenge of accelerating discoveries and turning resources into viable projects. Michael Meding will share GEMERA's perspective on how to energize this vital phase of mining development—analyzing the current state of the exploration ecosystem and the conditions needed to unlock its full potential. A reflection on how to transform exploration into a true engine of growth and opportunity nationwide.

» Michael Meding, President, Group of Mineral Exploration Companies of Argentina (GEMERA)

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM:

A Shared Mountain Range: Argentina–Chile Mining Integration in the New Copper Era
Binational Outlook Amid a Global Energy Transition

The global energy transition is driving an unprecedented surge in copper demand. In this context, mining integration between Argentina and Chile presents a strategic opportunity to advance key projects across the Andes. This session explores the legal, technical, and economic frameworks enabled by the Mining Integration and Complementarity Treaty (MICT), as well as the cross-border projects' potential impacts on investment, production, employment, and shared infrastructure. A joint perspective from CESCO (Chile) and Fundar (Argentina) on how to turn a border into a platform for global competitiveness.

» Cristian Cifuentes, Public Policy Coordinator, CESCO (Chile)
» Víctor Delbuono, Energy and Mining Researcher, Fundar (Argentina)

2:30 PM – 3:45 PM:

Legal Foundations for Mining Project Development
Regulations, Risks, and Opportunities in the New Legal Geography of Copper

- » **Camila García**, Water Resources Specialist, Stockholm Environment Institute
- » **Juan Camezzana**, LATAM Operations Director, H2O Innovation
- » **David Tauss**, Project Officer, French Development Agency (AFD)
- » **Matías Guichón**, Water and Sanitation Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank
- » **Carlos Foxley**, President, Chilean Desalination Association (ACADES)

Moderated by:

- » **Eduardo Barrera**, Expert Member, Commission on Energy, Mining and Agriculture, The Water Positive Think Tank / Advisor, European Union

11:10 AM – 11:35 AM:

**Market Session by Benchmark Mineral Intelligence
Challenges and Opportunities for South American Copper**

A data-driven session offering deep insights into the fundamentals of the copper market—including supply, demand, pricing, and global context. Key information to understand what is driving today's market and how leading players are responding to these signals..

- » **Carlos Piñeiro Cruz**, Senior Analyst – Copper Supply, Benchmark Mineral Intelligence

11:35 AM – 12:00 PM:

**Future-Focused Mining: Modular Solutions for Safer, More Efficient and Competitive Operations
How Modularization is Transforming the Development of Large-Scale Projects in Remote and Complex Locations**

Building mining projects in extreme environments poses significant logistical and operational challenges. This presentation by Einari Ojala—a regional reference with over 30 years of experience in mineral processing solutions—will explore how the design and implementation of modular plants can reduce safety risks, deadlines, and costs, streamlining assembly and accelerating timelines. Drawing from real-world cases, Metso will share its approach to integrated solutions with a focus on critical process equipment, operational efficiency, and new strategies for a more agile, safe, and competitive mining industry.

- » **Einari Ojala**, Director, Plant Solutions South America, Metso

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM:

**KGHM: Business Model of a Global Copper Production Leader
Integrated Production, Global Expansion, and Sustainability in Copper Mining**

KGHM is one of the world's largest producers of refined copper and silver, with operations in both Europe and the Americas. From its base in Poland, the company has developed an integrated mining and metallurgical model that combines technological innovation, energy efficiency, and a strong commitment to sustainability. This presentation will explore how KGHM manages the full copper cycle—from exploration to final product—as well as its decarbonization investments and strategies to operate responsibly in diverse environments, including its involvement in Latin America.

A panel of leading mining law experts from Argentina, Chile, and Peru will discuss the evolving legal landscape surrounding mining operations. Topics will include cross-border regulations, environmental law, infrastructure, and community engagement, all within the local, regional, and global context shaping today's copper projects.

- » **Florencia Heredia**, Partner, Allende & Brea
- » **Sergio Hernández Núñez**, Legal Advisor on Mining, Chile
- » **Beatriz Krom**, Founder, Krom & Asociados; Professor, University of Buenos Aires (UBA)
- » **Úrsula Zavala Carlin**, Counsel, Natural Resources & Environment, Rodrigo, Elías & Medrano Abogados, Peru
- » **Maria Gabriela Novoa**, Senior Legal Director & Compliance Officer, Vicuña Corp.

Moderated by:

- » **Silvia Bauni**, Mining Law Specialist

3:45 PM – 4:30 PM:

**Mining Suppliers at the Forefront
Local Development, Innovation, Strategic Alliances and Global Opportunities**

The final conference block highlights the strategies positioning Argentina's mining suppliers at the cutting edge of an increasingly demanding global industry, with a strong emphasis on sustainability, technological innovation, and internationalization.

Guided by the METS (Mining Equipment, Technology, and Services) framework, this session will explore real-world cases demonstrating how this key segment of the mining value chain can lead transformation, drive local industrial linkages, and export high-value-added solutions: technology, knowledge, and specialized services.

The discussion aims to promote strategic partnerships, share best practices, and foster dialogue around the challenges and opportunities involved in building a competitive and collaborative supplier ecosystem at both the national and international levels.

- » **Nicolás Salgado**, Executive Director, Worley Argentina
- » **Santiago Azcona**, CEO, DAMS Ingeniería
- » **Eduardo Jaime**, CEO, Industria Jaime
- » **Norma Ramiro**, Director of the Australia Chapter & Energy and Mining Commission, Asia Chamber

Moderated by:

- » **Jimena del Valle Daneri**, Mining Law Specialist, GPI Consulting

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM:

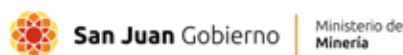
**Copper Leaders' Cocktail & Final Networking
Closing Space With Key Copper Industry Stakeholders**

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