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The governments of Australia, Botswana, Canada, Peru, and the United States founded ERGI with the understanding that clean energy solutions and electrified transport are a major part of the broader energy ecosystem. Dramatic increases in industrial scale solar and wind energy and personal electric vehicles are projected within the next ten years. While policy makers and think tanks are confronting issues like renewable intermittency and project financing, to date there has been limited attention given to the minerals, metals, and critical supply chains that will provide the foundation for this energy transition. There is growing recognition, however, that increased deployment of clean energy technologies comes with an increase in demand for crucial mineral resources. The ERGI partners share an interest in ensuring that demand is met sustainably and responsibly.

**Summer Workshop Schedule**

**Localization and Workforce Development** – August 6th, 2020 10:00 – 11:30AM EDT

- **Tom Butler** – Keynote Speaker – CEO of the International Council on Mining and Metals
- **Morgan Bazilian** – Moderator – Director of the Payne Institute for Public Policy
- **Hass Kouao-Bilé** – Panelist – Principal Advisor to Regional Senior Vice President, Newmont Africa
- **Robert Letsatsi** – Panelist – National Coordinator, Botswana Watch
- **Sipho Mungwe** – Panelist – Secretary for Health and Safety, National Union of Mineworkers (South Africa)
- **Nicole Smith** – Panelist – Assistant Professor at Colorado School of Mines

**Sustainable Midstream Supply Chains** – August 20th, 2020 2:00 – 3:30PM EDT

**Social License to Operate** – September 3rd, 2020 2:00 – 3:30PM EDT
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Localization & Workforce Development

As the world continues to industrialize and develop, increases in mineral demand present numerous opportunities for countries focused on resource extraction and processing, but only if mining activities result in substantial benefits to local populations. With many mining activities now taking in place in areas with weaker resource governance, it is important to evaluate and identify best practices. The workshop will examine the steps countries can take to ensure that mining activities result in a substantial benefit to their populations, the role of industry in developing resources responsibly, and discuss artisanal and small-scale mining. Perspectives from industry, labor, and academia will be presented.

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Welcome and Introduction
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