





OECD Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chains

Partner Session:

How Multistakeholder Engagement through the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights Contributes to Increasing Human Rights Due Diligence Requirements

Date and time: Wednesday, 26 April 2023, 8h30-10h **Room:** Auditorium, OECD Headquarters, Paris

Format: Panel presentation with questions and answers

Language: Discussion in French with simultaneous French translation

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Brief description of session:

This session will consider how the framework of the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights can promote smart partnerships between national authorities, companies, and civil society to improve human rights protections and prevent conflicts in the natural resource sector. The session will explore the example of the DRC, which has applied to become an engaged government member of the Voluntary Principles Initiative and where multistakeholder working groups are intervening to address security and human rights challenges in eastern and southern DRC. The session will share lessons learned to date, plans for deepened engagement, and will demonstrate how the Voluntary Principles can be an effective framework for meeting due diligence requirements under the OECD Due Diligence Guidance, the United Nations Guiding Principles, and other human rights due diligence requirements. It will address how different stakeholders benefit from participating in multistakeholder processes to address human rights risks associated with security arrangements linked to both industrial and artisanal extractive operations. It will also provide guidance on how companies can conduct human rights due diligence on public and private security providers, including through the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers.

Moderator:

• Mirna Adjami, Principal Programme Manager, DCAF

Speakers:

- Tony Ntambu, Chief of Staff, Ministry of Human Rights, DRC
- Eric Kajemba, Executive Director, Observatoire Gouvernance et Paix, Bukavu, DRC
- Timothée Mbuya, Executive Director, Justicia, Lubumbashi, DRC
- Marie Chantal Kaninda, Glencore
- Frédéric Chenais, Senior Expert, FDFA Switzerland,
- Prosper Luundo Ekyamba, Economic Advisor, Dutch Embassy of the DRC