

# 2026

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King Abdulaziz International  
Conference Centre

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

## OFFICIAL EVENT BROCHURE

**Dawn of a global cause:** Minerals for a new age of development

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## VISION

As the premier global platform for shaping the future of minerals, the Future Minerals Forum (FMF) has consistently brought together world leaders, industry experts, and key stakeholders to drive actionable outcomes.

In its 5th edition, FMF has facilitated groundbreaking agreements, launched transformative initiatives, and sparked strategic dialogues that have reshaped the minerals industry.

Nowhere else do ministers, global influencers, CEOs, investors, and industry pioneers converge to set the direction for the future of minerals. It is more than just an event—it is a movement, a cause that unites nations in securing the minerals needed for sustainable global development.

Recognized globally as an integrated powerhouse for the minerals and mining sector, FMF redefines global dialogues on mineral discovery and sustainable production.



# MISSION, PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

## MISSION

To convene leaders from government, business, multilaterals, NGOs, academia, and trade associations in a government-led, action-focused, and multistakeholder platform. FMF is committed to driving tangible outcomes that enhance the global minerals ecosystem and advance the energy transition.



## PURPOSE

Enable the creation of resilient and responsible mineral value chains in supplier regions for a new age of global development.

FMF is a catalyst for sustainable growth, ensuring that mineral-rich regions can fully benefit from their resources.

## OBJECTIVES

1.

Create an inclusive, multistakeholder space bringing together leaders from around the world to enable a new age of development and prosperity in supplier countries.

2.

Position Saudi Arabia as a global hub for minerals and metals production and trade.

3.

Attract investments to develop resilient mineral value chains across supplier regions, ensuring global access to critical minerals.

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**“For the third time, I am delighted to attend the Future Minerals Forum, which has shown remarkable progress year after year”.**

**– Paul Chanda Kabuswe**  
*Minister of Mines and Mineral Development, Zambia*





# LEVERAGING THE UNIQUE POSITION OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

**Saudi Arabia has positioned itself as a leader in the global minerals and energy sectors, not only through its vast natural resources but also by fostering a global dialogue on sustainable mineral supply.**

With Vision 2030, the Kingdom has accelerated investments in green technologies, sustainable mining practices, and international collaborations that shape the future of the industry. The highly anticipated event is scheduled to be held in Riyadh in January 2025.

In its 5th edition, FMF reflects the Kingdom's ongoing commitment to shaping international cooperation in minerals.



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**“The Future Minerals Forum has become a pivotal global platform where decision-makers gather to exchange ideas, expertise, and explore ways to improve the mining sector worldwide”.**

**– Gilles Nembe**  
*Minister of Mines, Gabon*

FMF will facilitate knowledge sharing and technology transfer, encouraging attendees to create meaningful international partnerships and initiatives that can inspire new ways of thinking and drive forward a unified effort to make sustainable mineral supply a common path for global energy transition conversations.



# ABOUT THE EVENT

**The Future Minerals Forum (FMF) is more than just a conference or exhibition – it is a cause that unites the world to ensure the sustainable supply of minerals essential for global development, prosperity, and stability.**

The demand for minerals will not decrease—without partnerships, the mineral value chain will not be able to cater to the increasing demand.

Taking place in Saudi Arabia, FMF serves as a platform for collaboration, trust-building, and action among global stakeholders.



What to expect? FMF will incorporate a number of specialised industry themes and showcases focused on the critical topics dominating our industry.

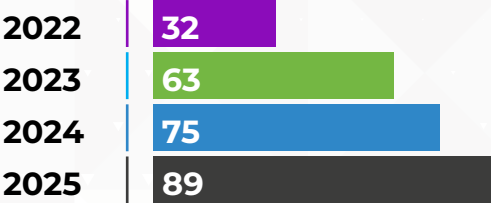
In its 5th edition, FMF continues to deliver an unmatched experience for participants looking to shape the future of minerals



# TRACKING THE EVOLUTION: CONFERENCE METRICS

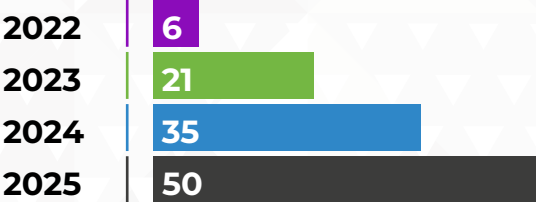
## Ministerial Roundtable for Mining Ministers

(Countries)



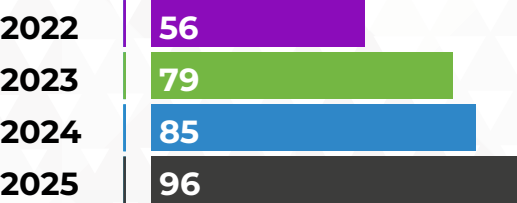
## Organisation

(Government and Non-Governmental)

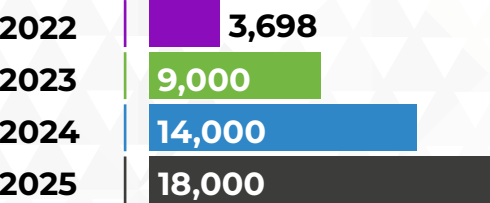


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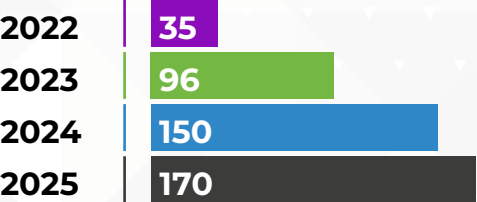
(Discussion Panels, Bilateral Meetings, Keynote Speeches, Fireside Chats)



## Attendance

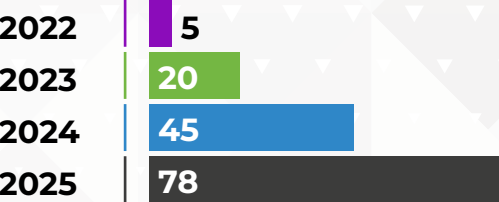


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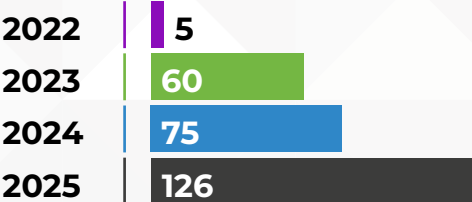


## Attendance from Top Executives

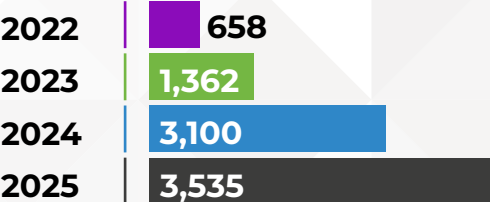
(CEOs of major miners, investment companies and value chain representatives)



## Memorandum of Understanding and Agreements



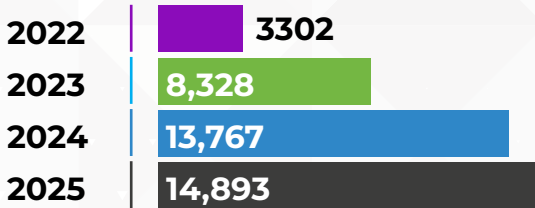
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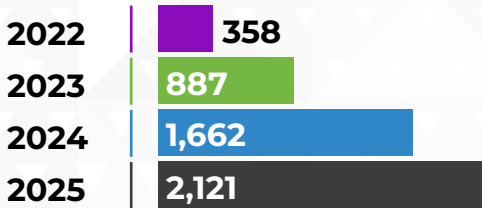


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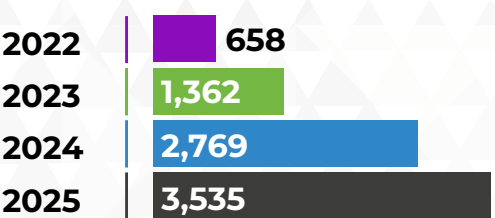
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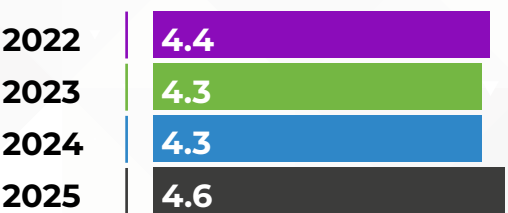
## Users with Confirmed Meetings



## Total Confirmed Meetings

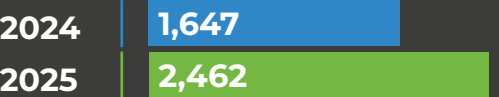


## Average Meeting Rating



## GLOBAL CONNECT LOUNGE MEETINGS

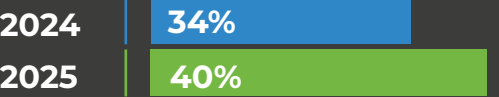
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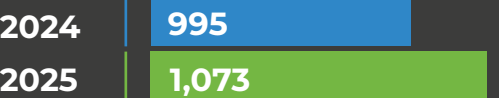
### Lounge Meetings Attended



### Attendance Percentage



### Meetings Booked at Stands





FOUR DAYS. ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES. ONE UNFORGETTABLE EVENT.



“I would like to thank the Government of Saudi Arabia and the Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources for organizing the Future Minerals Forum. I am proud to participate in it and pleased to cooperate with the KSA for its leading role in the mining sector”.

– Benjamin Gallezot  
Minister-Delegate,  
Supply of Strategic  
Minerals and Metals,  
France



For the fifth year of global engagement, FMF presents a comprehensive four-day agenda designed to connect policy with practice, thought leadership with business, and nations with industry.

Over three days, from 13 to 15 January 2026, attendees will hear from ministers, policymakers, and executives. Day 1 – 13 January – will focus on top-level government engagement, with a spotlight on ministerial vision and strategic alignment. Days 2 and 3 – 14 & 15 January – will feature rich programming across the mineral value chain, involving open discussion, networking, and knowledge exchange.

An exclusive, by-invitation-only Ministerial Roundtable will set the tone under the theme: Minerals for a New Era of Development. Focused on leadership, action, and the introduction of new voices, it frames the dialogue by bridging public sector strategies with private sector priorities across the global mineral ecosystem.

Select theaters and exclusive content sessions will run in parallel with the International Exhibition and National Country Showcases beginning 14 January. This program connects intellectual debate with commercial ambition—enabling impactful partnerships between governments, investors, and industries.



# WHO ATTENDS?



FMF brings together a diverse group of stakeholders, including:



Government  
representatives



Business  
leaders



Multilateral  
organizations



Non-governmental  
organizations (NGOs)



Academic  
institutions



Trade  
associations



## WHY PARTICIPATE?

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**“In these turbulent times,  
partnerships are our strongest asset.  
This imbalance presents significant  
investment opportunities.”**

**– Dominic Barton**  
*Chairman, Rio Tinto*



**1.**

Connect with global leaders and decision makers from the full value chain across critical minerals and energy sectors

**2.**

Explore opportunities for partnerships, investments, and collaborations.

**3.**

Gain insights from thought leaders on the future of minerals and sustainable value chains.

**4.**

Be part of a cause that is driving a new era of global development and prosperity.

**5.**

FMF offers unrivalled access to global decision-makers, breakthrough innovations, and transformative technologies across the entire minerals value chain.



## A PLATFORM DRIVEN BY KNOWLEDGE, PARTNERSHIP AND ACTION - MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE

The Ministerial Roundtable at FMF is a high-level gathering of government leaders focused on leadership, action, and the exchange of new ideas.

The demand for minerals will not decrease—without partnerships, the mineral value chain will not be able to cater to the increasing demand. It provides a unique platform for ministers to discuss strategies for shaping the global minerals sector.



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**“I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our Saudi partners for organizing this exceptional event, which provides a significant opportunity to meet with global mining industry leaders and foster international collaboration”.**

**– Kanat Sharlapaev**  
Minister of Industry and Construction, Kazakhstan



# 89 GOVERNMENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE MINISTERIAL MEETING

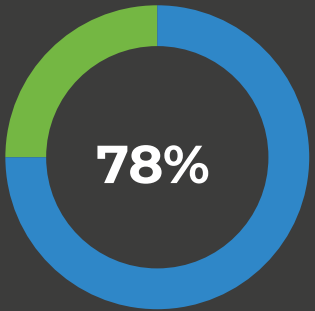




# TACKLING THE TOUGH ISSUES - LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

FMF’s conferences and theaters provide a space for thought-provoking discussions, keynotes, and panels, covering emerging trends and pressing challenges in the minerals industry. This platform enables knowledge sharing and strategic dialogue.

In its 5th edition, FMF expands its intellectual agenda with more impactful themes, greater participation, and solutions-driven dialogue.



ATTENDANCE FROM  
TOP EXECUTIVES

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**“We are all committed to finding the right balance between securing the minerals essential for our growth and energy transition and ensuring that our investments have a positive economic and social impact on the communities involved. Together, through responsible actions and innovative solutions, we can overcome the challenges and seize the opportunities in the mining sector”**

**– H.E. Bandar Alkhorayef,**  
*Minister of Industry and Mineral  
Resources, Saudi Arabia*



# EMERGING THEMES

Funding 7 priority mineral corridors to enable development through local value creation



Global (political) disruption – wake up call for governments, miners and investors



The rise of protectionism – collaboration on minerals v division

Industry's poor reputation



Supplying minerals for global security and powering AI revolution



An industry unprepared for current and future challenges



Saudi Arabian leadership on minerals in complex times

Mineral supply security and 'green shoring'



Carbon taxes and implications for minerals sector



DAY 1: MINISTERIAL ROUNTABLE AGENDA FOR 2026

Tuesday 13 January 2025 | (Five-star hotel)

THEME: MINERALS FOR A NEW ERA OF DEVELOPMENT			
10:00 – 10:30	WELCOME MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE GUESTS		
10:30 - 13:30 (Four Seasons Hotel Riyadh at Kingdom Center)	MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE – AGENDA		
	Government strategic discussion		Government, business, civil society dialogue
	» Debrief of G20.		» Policy reform
	» General agreement on minerals		» Industry reputation and narrative
	» Announcement of global minerals fund		
	» Collaboration on global engagement		
13:30 – 14:30	LUNCH		
10:00 – 17:30 (MRT subsidiary meetings)	10:00 - 12:30	10:00 - 12:30	
	Center off Excellence (Talent Development Hub)	Center of Excellence (Sustainability Hub)	
	14:30 - 17:00	14:30 - 17:00	14:30 - 17:00
	International Geological Surveys Meeting	International Geological Surveys Meeting	Policy Center of Excellence Meeting





# DAY 1: CONFERENCE

Tuesday 13 January 2025 | (King Abdul Aziz International Conference Center)

THEME: DELIVERING IMPACT			
	Knowledge Exchange 1 – Theatre 6	Knowledge Exchange 1 – Theatre 2	Theatre 1
10:00 13:00	University Challenge Circular Economy	Energy and Carbon	FMF Talks Black Swan panels Elephant in the Room interviews
13:00 14:00 Lunch	PARTNERSHIPS CENTRAL: (agreements announcements) mid-link stage		
15:30 16:00	EXHIBITION OPENING (King Abdul Aziz International Conference Center)		
	Knowledge Exchange 1 – Theatre 6	Knowledge Exchange 1 – Theatre 2	Theatre 1
14:00 17:00	Sustainability and Traceability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Policy</li><li>• Talent (courses, pathways, mobility)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opening by KSA Official</li><li>• MinGen</li><li>• Young Professional</li><li>• Women in Mining</li><li>• Meet the Leader</li></ul>
19:00 22:00	MINISTERIAL DINNER		

	Theatre 4	Theatre 3	
	FMF-BMO Investor matchmaking (Closed - by invitation)	Leadership Roundtables x 2 (60 minutes each)	
	PARTNERSHIPS CENTRAL: (agreements announcements) mid-link stage		
	EXHIBITION OPENING (King Abdul Aziz International Conference Center)		
	Theatre 4	Theatre 3	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FMF-BMO</li><li>• Investor matchmaking (Closed - by invitation)</li></ul>	Leadership Roundtables x 2 (60 minutes each)	
	MINISTERIAL DINNER		

EXHIBITION

EXCELLENCE HUB





# DAY 2: CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

Wednesy 14 January 2025 | (King Abdul Aziz International Conference Center)

THEME: DELIVERING IMPACT			
09:30 10:00	OPENING CEREMONY		
10:00 13:00	PLENARY		
	GREAT DEBATE 1 Should the minerals industry be placed on a wartime footing? Keynote   Panels   Fireside chats		
13:00 14:00 LUNCH	PARTNERSHIPS CENTRAL: (agreements announcements) mid-link stage		
14:00 17:00	THEATRE 1	Theatre 2	Theatre 3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Panels</li><li>• Keynote</li><li>• Fireside chats</li></ul>	Country showcases x 3	Leadership Roundtables x 2 (60 minutes each)
19:00 22:00	FMF DINNER		

OPENING CEREMONY					EXHIBITION  CONNECT BUSINESS MEETINGS  EXCELLENCE HUB
PLENARY					
GREAT DEBATE 1 Should the minerals industry be placed on a wartime footing? Keynote   Panels   Fireside chats					
PARTNERSHIPS CENTRAL: (agreements announcements) mid-link stage					
Theatre 4	Theatre 5		Theatre 6		
Opening by KSA Minister (Al Falih) Gateway to Funding (CEO outlook presentations x 5 and panels)	Opening by KSA Minister (Al Jadaan) State of the Sector Stream		Opening by KSA Minister (Al Benyan) MinValley Tech Stream		
FMF DINNER					



# DAY 3: CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

Thursday 15 January 2026 | (King Abdul Aziz International Conference Center)

THEME: DELIVERING IMPACT			
10:00 11:00	GREAT DEBATE 2 – Will the minerals industry as we know it exist in 30 years time?		
11:00 13:30	THEATRE 1	Theatre 2	Theatre 3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Panels</li><li>• Keynote</li><li>• Fireside chats</li></ul>	Country showcases x 3	Leadership Roundtables x 2 (60 minutes each)
13:30 14:30 LUNCH	PARTNERSHIPS CENTRAL: (agreements announcements) mid-link stage		
14:30 17:00	THEATRE 1	Theatre 2	Theatre 3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Panels</li><li>• Keynote</li><li>• Fireside chats</li></ul>	Country showcases x 3	Leadership Roundtables x 2 (60 minutes each)
17:00 18:00	FMF CLOSING		

GREAT DEBATE 2 – Will the minerals industry as we know it exist in 30 years time?					
Theatre 4	Theatre 5	Theatre 6	EXHIBITION	CONNECT BUSINESS MEETINGS	EXCELLENCE HUB
Gateway to Funding (FMF-BMO Company CEO outlook presentations) x 4 (By registration)	State of the Sector Stream	MinValley Tech			
PARTNERSHIPS CENTRAL: (agreements announcements) mid-link stage					
Theatre 4	Theatre 5	Theatre 6			
Gateway to Funding (CEO outlook presentations x 5 and panels) (By registration)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FMF Talks</li><li>• Black Swan panels</li><li>• Elephant in the Room interviews</li></ul>	MinValley Tech			
FMF CLOSING					



## LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLES: POWERING GLOBAL GROWTH

**FMF26 will convene high-level Leadership Roundtables, spotlighting Africa, Central Asia, and Latin America - regions rich in resources yet underrepresented on the global stage.**

These exclusive roundtables bring together governments, investors, and industry leaders from resource-rich countries to unlock new partnerships, shape regional strategies, and build a unified voice in the global minerals conversation with the goal of creating a unified global minerals movement.





## KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

**Following its first hugely successful year at FMF, the 2026 event will see its second ever Knowledge Exchange.**

This is a dedicated space for in-depth discussions on advancements in geology, sustainability, mineral intelligence, and talent development, fostering the exchange of ideas to strengthen the industry's future.





## CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE & TECHNOLOGY MEETING

**FMF26 will host the second meeting of the Centers of Excellence & Technology initiative, gathering industry leaders and experts from mining, academic, and technological sectors.**

**In 2026, there will be four meetings focused on Technology, Sustainability, Talent, and Policy.**

The meetings aim to build capacity in mineral supply.

The Centers of Excellence & Technology initiative represents a transformative vision for the mining sector, addressing the need for the critical minerals required for the global energy transition, while fostering local development and promoting sustainability and innovation.





## INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL SURVEY MEETING

**The Future Minerals Forum 2026 will welcome geological experts and senior leaders of geological surveys to the third International Geological Survey Meeting.**

On the agenda will be how to address critical challenges in geological surveying, improving access to geological data, and progress on the creation of a global Center of Excellence to enhance exploration and targeting efforts.



Saudi Arabia and its neighbors in the Super Region host many of the critical minerals deposits the world needs to enable its transition to cleaner energy. It is a unique geological endowment, containing more than half of the world's reserves of minerals critical to the energy transition. However, the region is under-explored with the lowest exploration spend of any region globally.

Participants at the meeting will therefore work towards gaining a better understanding of the Super Region's geological potential, and the surveying capability challenges that exist around the world.

Without having identified exactly where the minerals are located, to what degree of certainty they occur, and without the ability to create reliable geological data on which investors can base decisions, the world risks not being able to produce enough material to meet its vast demand.

The IGSM reflects the critical importance of the geological perspective in delivering what the world needs to achieve for a sustainable future.



## FMF PREMIER: THE PINNACLE OF ACCESS AND INFLUENCE

**FMF Premier is an exclusive, invitation-only initiative for dignitaries, senior industry leaders, and key influencers across the global minerals value chain.**

It offers a high-impact environment for high-level networking — where global leaders forge partnerships, shape policy, and drive the strategic agenda for the future of minerals. FMF Premier is more than a status, it is where influence meets opportunity.

For Premier membership enquiries:

**Premier@futuremineralsforum.com**



**1.**

Access to a dedicated executive lounge for private meetings.

**2.**

Exclusive roundtable discussions with global industry leaders.

**3.**

Direct engagement with decision-makers shaping the future of minerals.

**4.**

Premium networking opportunities in an elite environment.

**5.**

Priority access to VIP events and sessions.

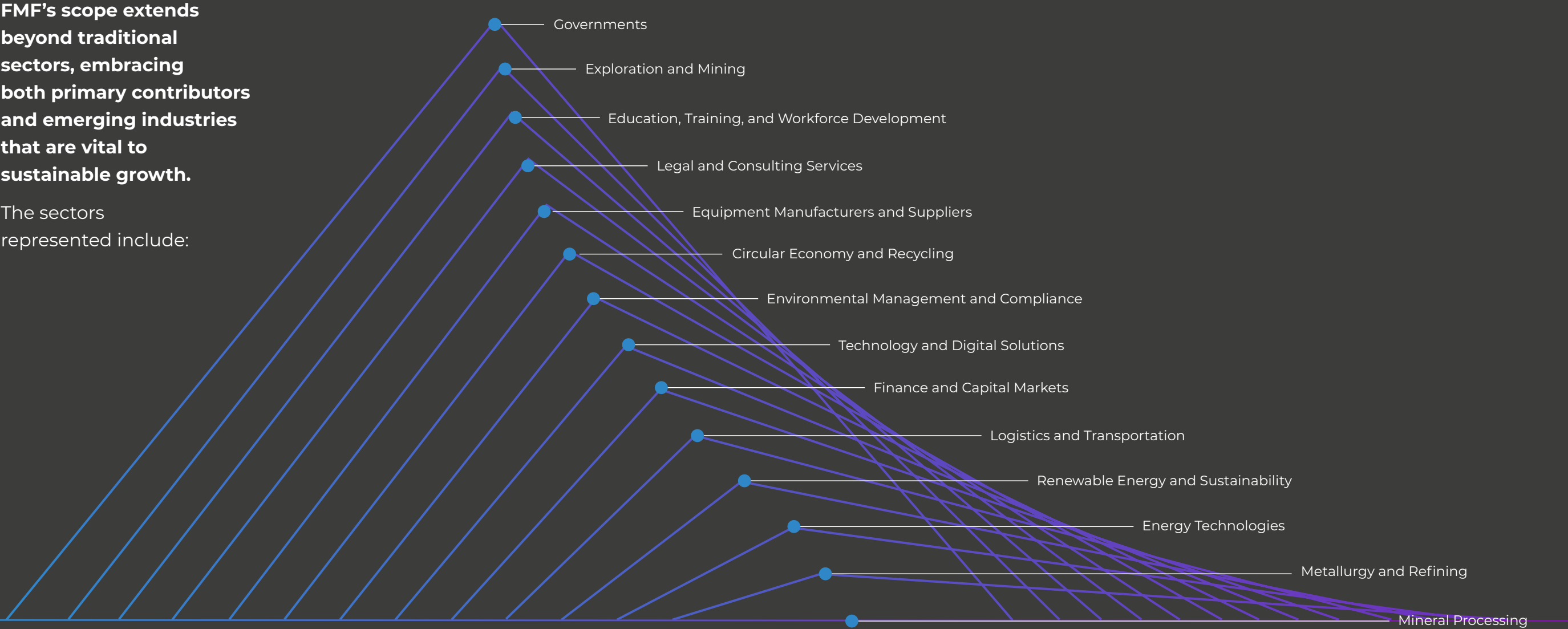


# THE FMF INDUSTRY LANDSCAPE



**FMF's scope extends beyond traditional sectors, embracing both primary contributors and emerging industries that are vital to sustainable growth.**

The sectors represented include:





# COUNTRY SHOWCASE

Explore the unique mineral potential, strategic projects, and investment opportunities of participating nations.

The National Country Showcases bring together individuals, companies, and countries, providing a platform to explore new markets, establish connections, and create frameworks for cross-border partnerships and initiatives that drive tangible impacts on the global mineral supply.

In its 5th edition, FMF amplifies this platform to help forge even more powerful international alliances and bolster trade ties.



Australia



Brazil



Canada



Egypt



India



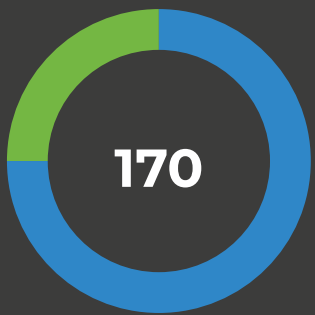
Pakistan



Sweden



United Kingdom



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# WHY GLOBAL STAKEHOLDERS INVEST IN FMF

## Making an Impact

The MRT has impacted the minerals industry by turning talk into action through the drive of the following initiatives:

1.

Gain exclusive insights into the latest developments in the global minerals, mining, and metals sectors.




2.

Establish connections with senior government officials, industry leaders, and global stakeholders.

3.

Explore partnership opportunities with leading organizations and emerging market players.



4.

Discover new markets, investment opportunities, and strategic collaborations.

5.

Access cutting-edge technologies and innovative solutions shaping the future of the minerals industry.




6.

Engage in high-level discussions on global challenges and emerging themes in the sector.

7.

Experience Saudi Arabia's leadership in driving global dialogue and collaboration on responsible mineral value chains.



Again, in its 5th edition, FMF remains a pivotal meeting point for the international minerals community.



# NEW LANDS OF OPPORTUNITY

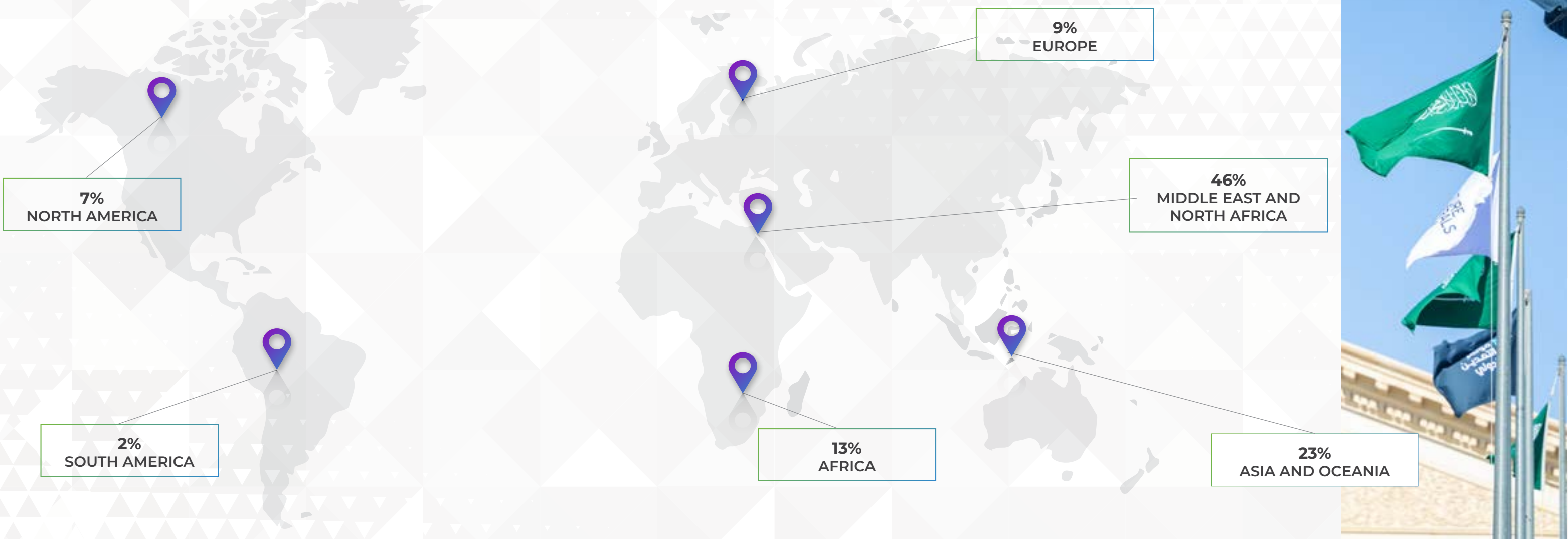
**Future economic growth and prosperity require a robust supply of minerals and metals. The demand for metals such as copper, steel, and aluminum will exponentially increase to meet our growing need for essential materials for the energy transition.**

In order to meet this growth in demand, it is crucial to ensure that the capacity and logistics of mineral and metal value chains keep up.

The adoption of ‘green metals’, and the establishment of ‘industrial hubs’ in an emerging minerals ‘super region’ spanning from Africa through Western and Central Asia, will play an important role in the future development of resilient supply chains for minerals and metals.

These countries possess substantial resource endowments that serve as a strategic foundation for the critical minerals needed for our future. By joining forces, they can increase their sustainable development opportunities through the creation of new mining, metals and manufacturing industries.

## PAST PARTICIPANTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD


























# EXHIBIT AT THE CENTRE OF INDUSTRY INFLUENCE

**Exhibitors at FMF26** can look forward to showcasing their businesses and minerals-related activities to a global audience of around 20,000 attendees from more than 160 countries, each of whom is engaged in the same aim of shaping the future of minerals.

This truly International Exhibition also provides a place for nations' pavilions at which their involvement in mining and minerals can be given a prominent platform.



## SECTORS REPRESENTED AT THE EXHIBITION

 Government	 Mining & Exploration	 Automotive	 Downstream	 Analytical	 Sustainability
 Data Systems	 Electrification	 Engineering	 Construction & Infrastructure	 Consulting	 Equipment & Tools
 Health & Safety	 Water Usage	 Logistics & Transport	 Automation & Digital Transformation	 Fuel Cells & Batteries	 Refining & Processing
 Manufacturing	 Circular Economy	 Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning			



# MINERAL EXPLORATION HUB

**Future Minerals Forum 2026 will again provide a stage for junior exploration companies, or junior mining companies that specialize in early-stage mineral exploration and development.**

Such companies are playing an important role, identifying and appraising potential mining assets that could help to ensure supply stability of critical minerals, and the Mineral Exploration Hub provides them with a valuable opportunity to connect with potential investors.



Mineral Exploration Hub  
Participants Include:























# HUB OF EXCELLENCE

**Exhibitors within the FMF 2026 Hub of Excellence will showcase the technology organizations that epitomise excellence within the industry.**

Their innovations will make mining safer, more efficient and productive, and will be key to creating modern mining industries that can supply the minerals required for societal development and the energy transition.



## Hub of Excellence Participants Include:



# OUTDOOR INDUSTRY IMPACT ZONE

**Experience the future of transport in the mining and minerals sector with an exclusive preview of next-generation heavy-duty trucks and advanced terrain vehicles, purpose-built for the world's toughest environments.**

Witness live demonstrations of breakthrough designs, explore transformative technologies, and engage with the experts redefining mobility in mining. From advanced engineering to real-world performance, this is where innovation hits the ground running.





# LIVE ONSITE FMF TV

**FMF TV, the Forum’s very own exclusive video channel, will be broadcast to a global audience via YouTube and social media.**

Featuring a range of senior voices from the industry, from mining CEOs to tech leaders and government ministers, FMF TV is filmed in a dedicated studio space within KAICC, staffed by a professional industry crew and anchored by a leading presenter from the world of business journalism.





## GLOBAL CONNECT: SMART, CURATED, AND BUILT FOR DEAL-MAKING

With collaboration at its core, FMF26 introduces FMF Global Connect — an AI-powered platform that turns connections into opportunities.

FMF Global Connect helps delegates identify and engage with the people who matter most to their business, using intelligent filters and concierge support to ensure every meeting is relevant, high-value, and easy to manage. Whether forging new partnerships or advancing strategic deals, it makes it simple to schedule targeted meetings and unlock meaningful conversations.





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