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

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“DAWN OF A GLOBAL CAUSE”
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Since its maiden edition in 2022, the Future Minerals Forum (FMF) has grown in leaps and bounds to become the leading global platform for shaping the future of minerals. Now in its 5th edition, **FMF 2026, themed “Dawn of a Global Cause,”** will build on the momentum of past editions to drive a new age of mineral development across supplier countries.

The forum will facilitate agreements, launch transformative initiatives, and spark dialogues reshaping the future of minerals.



Dawn of a Global Cause will convene senior governments, industry experts, investors, academia, government, and non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders across the entire mineral value chain to promote resilient and responsible supply of minerals.

FMF is more than a conference and exhibition; it is a government-led forum, a cause driven from Saudi Arabia—a cause that brings the world together to deliver the minerals for creating a new era of global development, prosperity, and stability.

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 electrification goals.



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.



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 are shaping the future of the industry.

The highly anticipated 5th edition is scheduled to take place from January 13 – 15, 2026, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

FMF reflects the Kingdom's ongoing commitment to advancing international cooperation across the global mineral value chain.



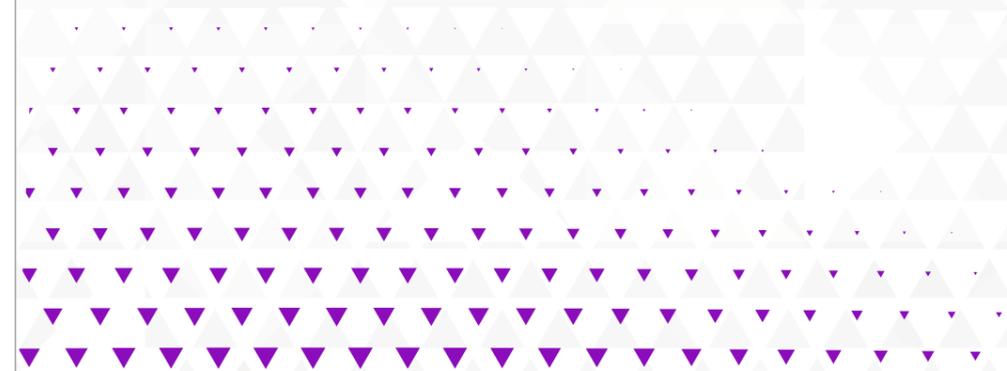
FMF will facilitate knowledge sharing and technology transfer, encouraging attendees to create meaningful international partnerships and initiatives that can inspire new ways of thinking and drive forward a unified effort to make sustainable mineral supply a common path for global energy transition conversations.



“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



ADDRESSING REALITY

Mineral demand is rising, and it will not slow down. Without strong partnerships across the value chain, the industry is projected to struggle in meeting the growing global demand.

Taking place in Saudi Arabia, FMF is the world's go-to platform for collaboration, trust-building, and decisive action among global stakeholders.



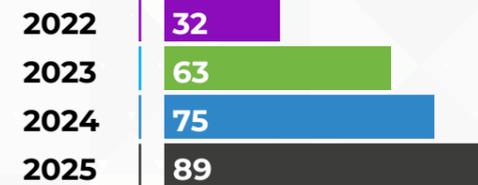
WHAT TO EXPECT AT FMF 2026

The 5th edition of FMF will feature specialized themes and dynamic showcases centered around the most critical topics shaping the global minerals industry.

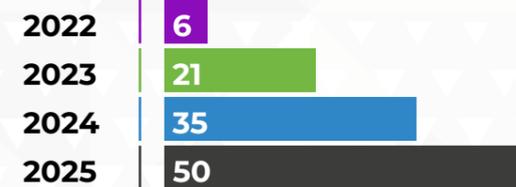
FMF 2026 provides a platform for leaders, innovators, and investors to connect, collaborate, and shape the future of minerals, driving resilience and responsible supply.

TRACKING THE EVOLUTION: CONFERENCE METRICS

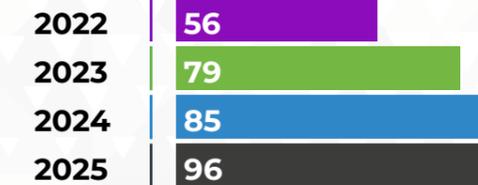
Ministerial Roundtable for Mining Ministers (Countries)



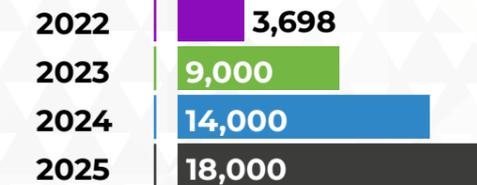
Organization (Government and Non-Governmental)



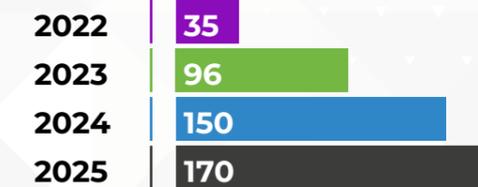
Program Sessions (Discussion Panels, Bilateral Meetings, Keynote Speeches, Fireside Chats)



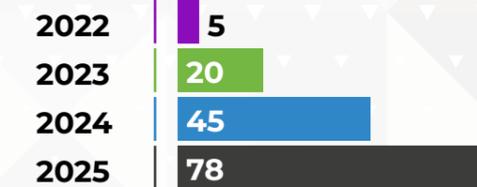
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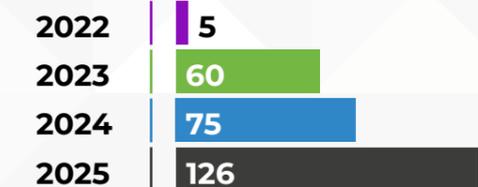
Sponsors and Exhibitors



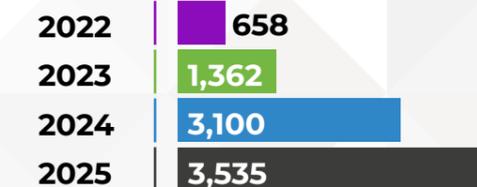
Attendance from Top Executives (CEOs of major miners, investment companies and value chain representatives)



Memorandum of Understanding and Agreements

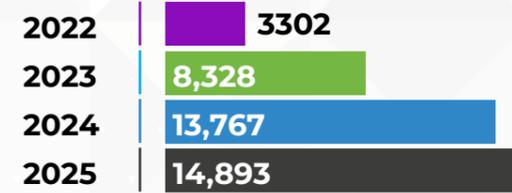


Business Meetings

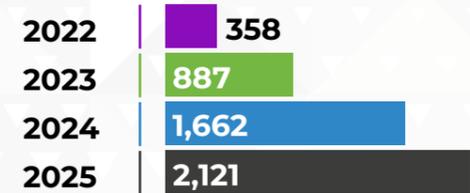


THE POWER OF MEETINGS – IN NUMBERS

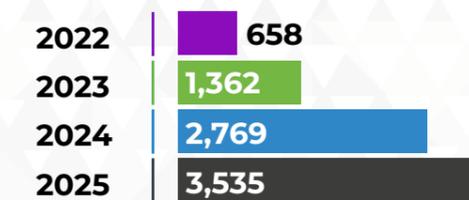
Contacts



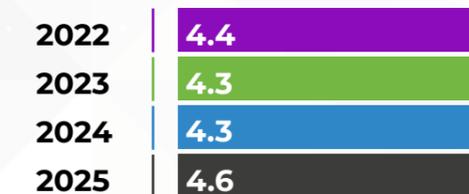
Users with Confirmed Meetings



Total Confirmed Meetings

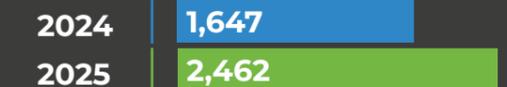


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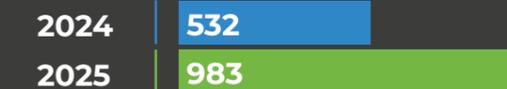


GLOBAL CONNECT LOUNGE MEETINGS

Meetings Booked in Connect Lounge



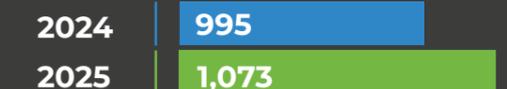
Lounge Meetings Attended



Attendance Percentage



Meetings Booked at Stands



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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

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THREE DAYS. ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES. ONE UNFORGETTABLE EVENT.

The 5th FMF will feature a dynamic and comprehensive three-day agenda that bridges policy and practice, brings together thought leadership with business, and connects nations with industry.

From January 13 to 15, 2026, attendees will have the opportunity to hear from policymakers, business executives, and industry leaders.

January 13:

On this invitation-only event, senior government leaders from supplier and customer nations will convene to shape the future of minerals. Through high-level dialogue, ministers will align visions and forge pathways to unlock a resilient, responsible, and globally integrated minerals future.

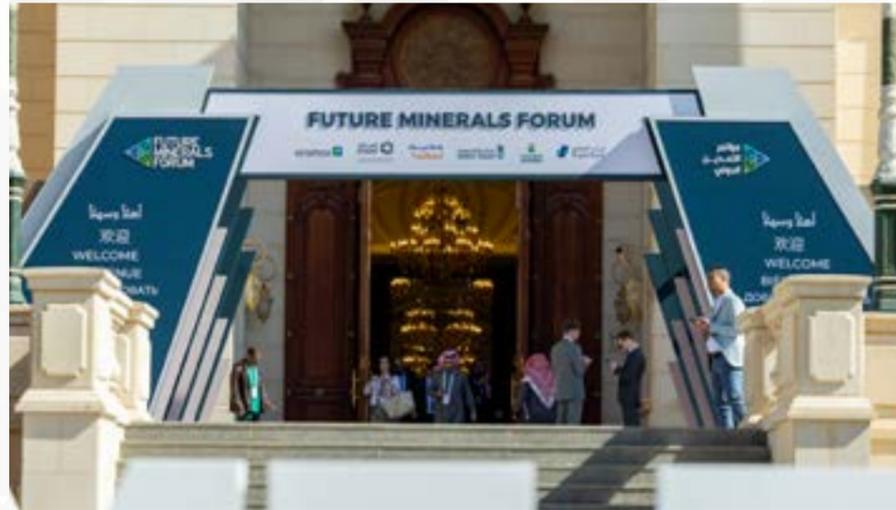
FMF Day 1 January 13: Days 2 and 3, January 14 & 15: Dive into a rich program that spans the entire mineral value chain, offering open discussions, networking opportunities, and knowledge exchange.



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.

A STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



FMF brings together a diverse group of stakeholders, including:

Government representatives

Business leaders

Multilateral organizations

Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)

Academic institutions

Trade associations



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

– **Dominic Barton**
Chairman, Rio Tinto



WHY PARTICIPATE?



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.

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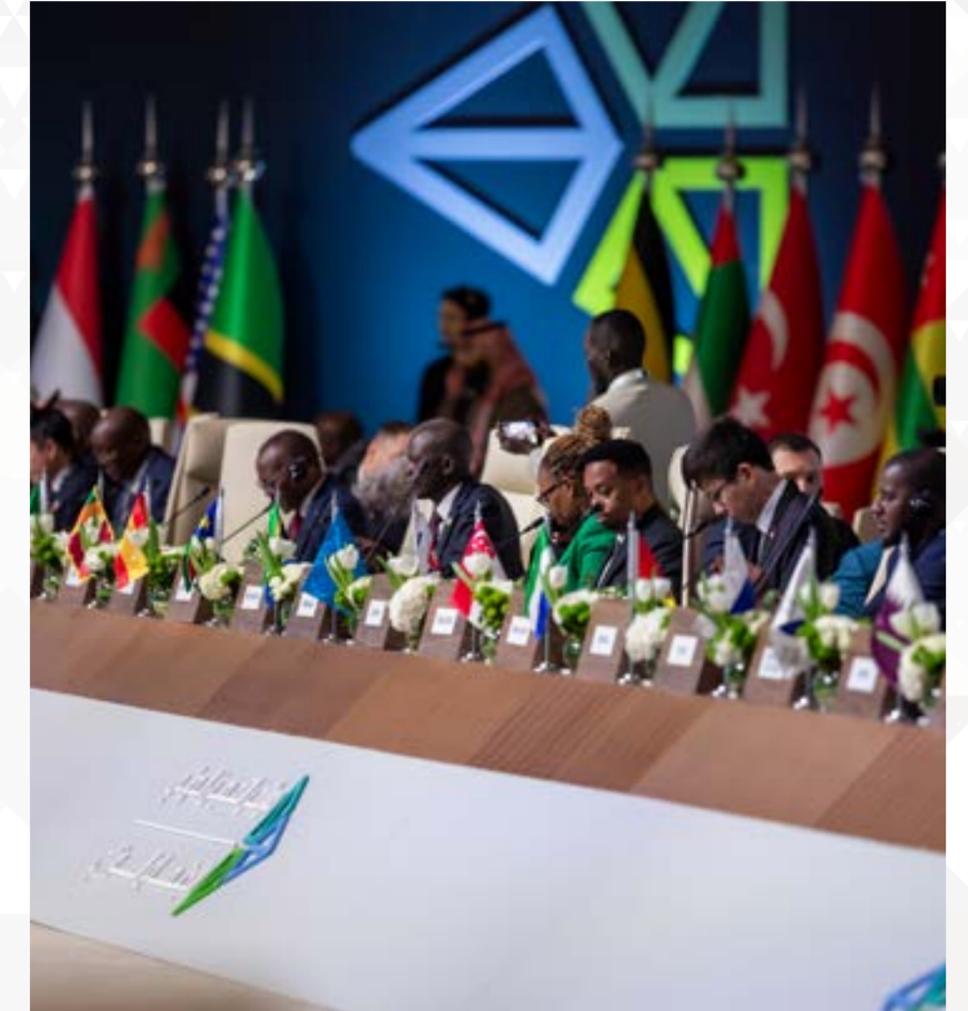
Be part of a cause that is driving a new era of global development and prosperity.

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.



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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

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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.

FMF 2026 will feature an expanded intellectual agenda with more impactful themes, broader participation, and solutions-driven dialogues.



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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

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EARLY CONFIRMED SPEAKERS INCLUDE



Dino Otranto
CEO,
Fortescue Metals



Iván Arriagada
CEO,
Antofagasta



Craig Miller
CEO,
Valterra Platinum



Adam Lundin
Chair,
Lundin Mining



Tristan Pascall
CEO,
First Quantum Minerals



Michael Steinmann
President and CEO,
Pan American Silver



Garry Korte
Group CEO,
Hancock Prospecting



Helena Hedblom
President and CEO,
Epiroc



Frank Giustra
President and CEO,
Fiore Group of Companies



PAST OFFICIAL SAUDI SPEAKERS



H.R.H Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman Al Saud
Minister of Energy



H.E. Adel Al-Jubeir Minister of State for Foreign Affairs
Member of the Council of Ministers and Climate Envoy



H.E. Khalid Al-Falih
Minister of Investment



H.E. Mohammed Al-Jadaan
Minister of Finance



H.E. Bandar Al Khorayef
Minister,
Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources



H.E. Saleh Al Jasser
Minister of Transport and Logistics Services



H.E. Faisal Al-Ibrahim
Minister of Economy and Planning



H.E. Yousef bin Abdullah Al-Benyan
Minister of Education



H.E. Yasir Al-Rumayyan Governor
Public Investment Fund



H.E. Khalid Al-Mudaifer
Vice-Minister for Mining Affairs,
Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources

PAST INDUSTRY SPEAKERS



Tom Palmer
President and Chief Executive Officer,
Newmont



Dominic Barton
Chairman,
Rio Tinto



Jinghe Chen
Executive Chairman,
Zijin Mining Group



Duncan Wanblad
Chief Executive,
Anglo American



Máximo Pacheco
Chairman,
Codelco



Jonathan Price
President and Chief Executive Officer,
Teck



Steele Li
Vice Chairman & CIO,
CMOC



Catherine Raw
Chief Development Officer,
BHP



Bob Wilt
Chief Executive Officer,
Maaden



Pierre Chenard
Chief Executive Officer,
Manara Minerals Investment Co.



Bill Oplinger
President and Chief Executive Officer,
Alcoa Corporation



Mark Bristow
President and Chief Executive Officer,
Barrick



Jeremy Weir
Executive Chairman / Chief Executive Officer,
Trafigura Group



Frank Ha
Director & president,
Tianqi Lithium

PAST INDUSTRY SPEAKERS



Ana Cabral-Gardner
Co-Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Sigma Lithium



Jasper Jung
Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives, Global Public Policy, General Motors



Joe Kaeser
Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Siemens Energy & Daimler Truck



George Q. Fang
Vice Chairman, Executive Vice President, Huayou Cobalt Co.



Andrew Southam
Chief Executive Officer, KAZ Minerals



Robert Friedland
Founder, Ivanhoe Mines, Ivanhoe Electric, and I-Pulse



Helima Croft
Managing Director and Global Head of Commodity Strategy, RBC Capital Markets



Elaine Dorward-King
Non Executive Director, Sibanye Stillwater



EMERGING THEMES

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



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

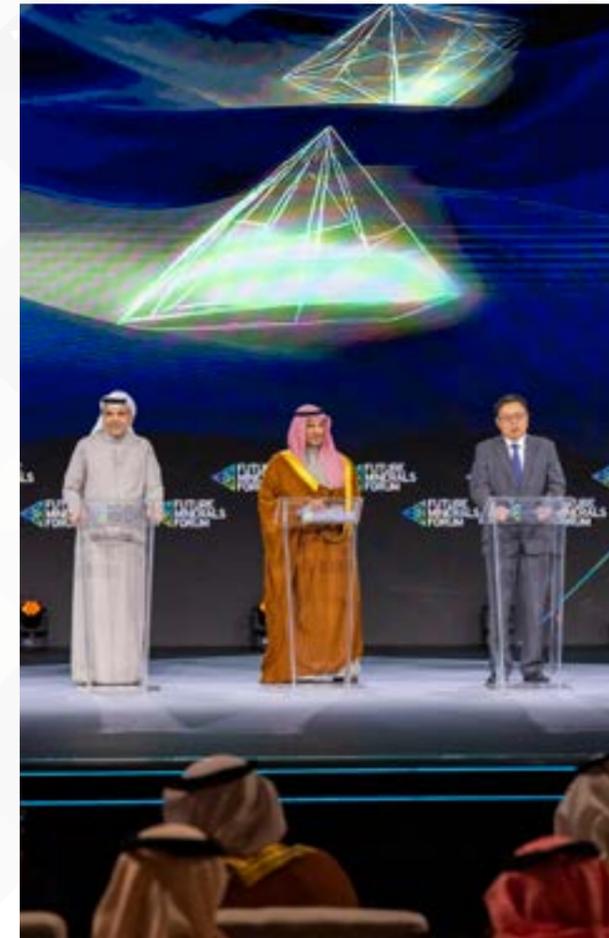


The rise of protectionism – collaboration on minerals division

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: 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"> • Policy • Talent (courses, pathways, mobility) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening by KSA Official • MinGen • Young Professional • Women in Mining • Meet the Leader
19:00 22:00	MINISTERIAL DINNER		

Theatre 4	Theatre 3	EXHIBITION	EXCELLENCE HUB
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		
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MINISTERIAL DINNER			



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"> • Panels • Keynote • Fireside chats 	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"> • Panels • Keynote • Fireside chats 	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"> • Panels • Keynote • Fireside chats 	Country showcases x 3	Leadership Roundtables x 2 (60 minutes each)
17:00 18:00	FMF CLOSING		

THEME: DELIVERING IMPACT					
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Theatre 4		Theatre 5		Theatre 6	
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"> • FMF Talks • Black Swan panels • Elephant in the Room interviews 		MinValley Tech	
FMF CLOSING					

EXHIBITION
CONNECT BUSINESS MEETINGS
EXCELLENCE HUB

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 2nd edition of the Centers of Excellence & Technology initiative, gathering industry leaders and experts from the mining, academic, and technological sectors.

The forum will host four strategic meetings focused on Technology, Sustainability, Talent, and Policy.



INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL SURVEY MEETING

FMF26 will welcome geological experts and senior leaders of geological surveys to the third International Geological Survey Meeting.

The agenda will focus on addressing critical challenges in geological surveying, enhancing access to geological data, and updating progress on the establishment of a global Center of Excellence aimed at improving exploration and targeting efforts.



Saudi Arabia and its neighboring countries in the Super Region of Africa, Western and Central Asia, are home to a significant portion of the world's critical mineral deposits essential for the global energy transition. This unique geological landscape contains over half of the global reserves of minerals vital for this energy shift. Despite its immense potential, the region remains under-explored, with the lowest exploration expenditure of any region worldwide.

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.

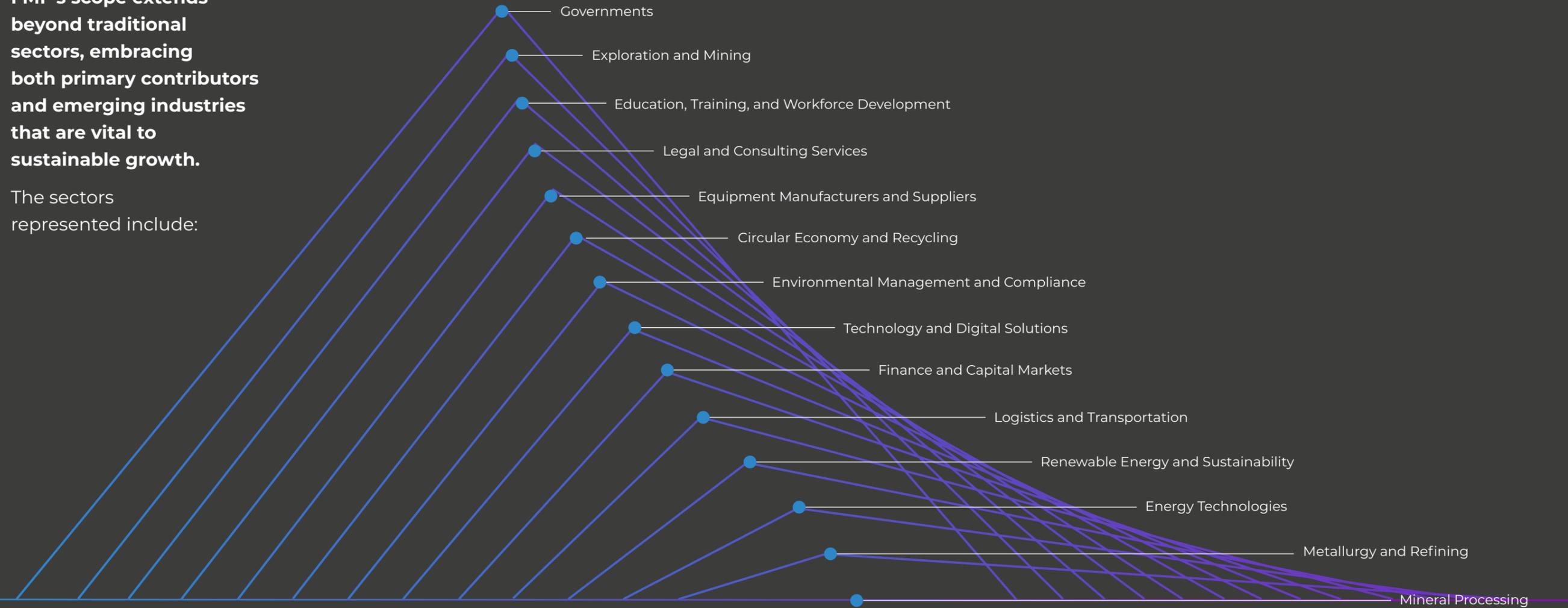
The IGSM reflects the critical importance of the geological perspective in delivering what the world needs to achieve a sustainable future.

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



WHY GLOBAL STAKEHOLDERS INVEST IN FMF

Making Impacts

FMF and its government-led Ministerial Roundtable have impacted the minerals industry by turning talk into action through 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.



FMF remains a pivotal meeting point for the global 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

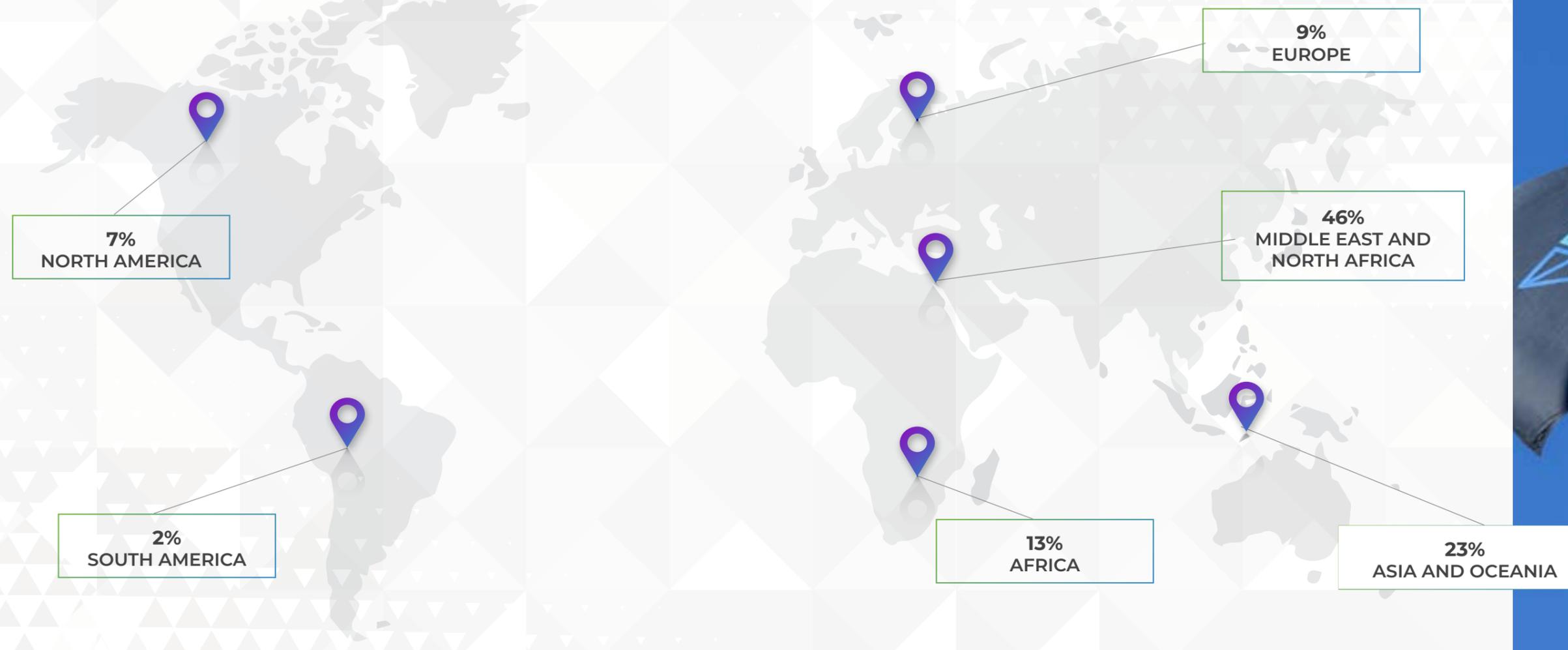


EXHIBIT AT THE CENTRE OF INDUSTRY INFLUENCE

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 united by a shared goal of shaping the future of minerals.

This truly international exhibition also offers a platform for national pavilions to highlight and showcase the opportunities in their countries' mining and mineral sectors.



20,000+

GLOBAL AUDIENCE AT FMF25

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 spotlight technology organizations that embody industry excellence.

These innovations are tailored towards making mining safer, more efficient, and more productive, paving the way for a modern mining sector capable of supplying the critical minerals needed for global development and electrification.

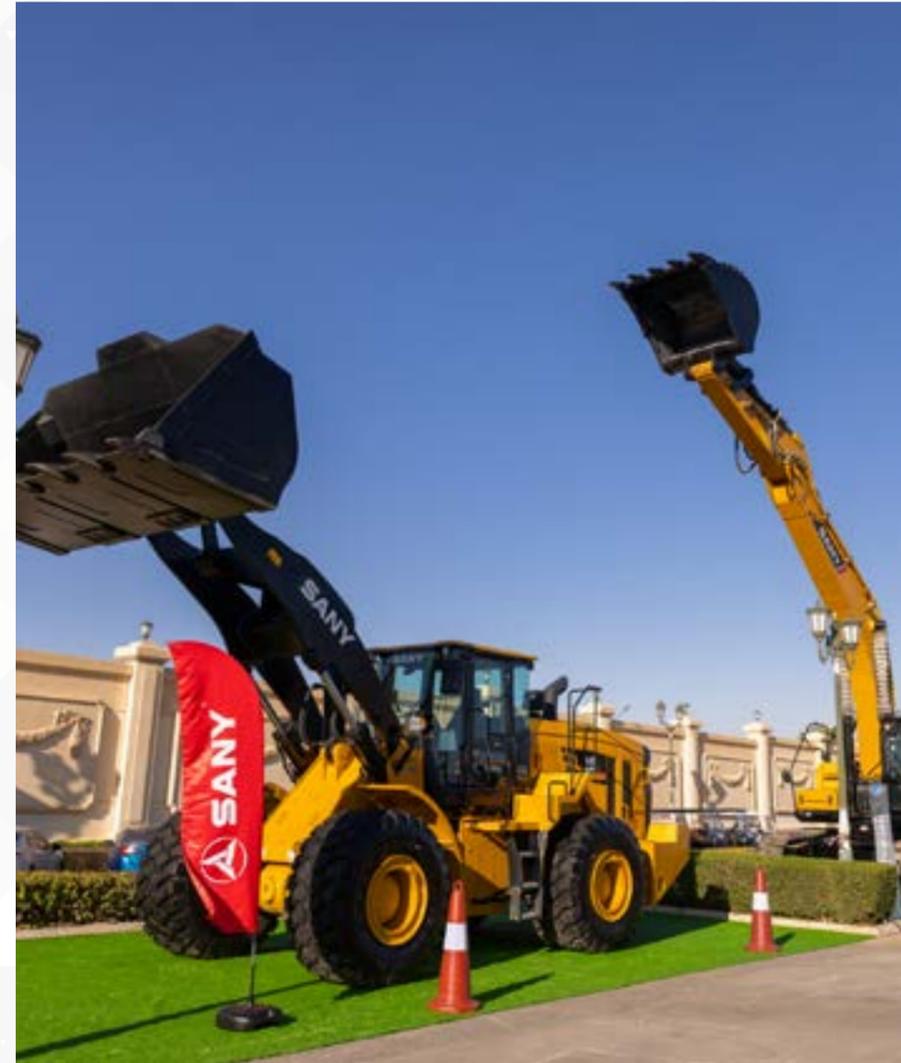


Hub of Excellence Participants Include:

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 an accomplished presenter with broad expertise in 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.

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