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UNESCO Earth Sciences Lectures: Earth Materials for a Sustainable and Thriving Society

Minerals and other Earth materials are a key component in the development of a sustainable global society, providing essential raw materials for technologies and economic growth while respecting the natural world. This programme of lectures, designed for a global audience, will provide diverse perspectives on Earth materials and their role in society. Leading natural scientists, social scientists, and educators will look at how Earth materials are critical to a sustainable future and how the minerals sector, adhering to best practices, can contribute to society in a socially and environmentally positive way.

The Lecture Series is sponsored by UNESCO. Lectures will be delivered in webinar format by recognized global experts who will frame their presentations in the context of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The Series will boost knowledge of Earth materials and contribute to better informed local, regional, and international discussions. The lectures will be freely accessible, and recordings will be made available online soon after presentation. To book a place go to: <https://www.icrag-centre.org/news-and-media/conferences-and-events/earthmaterialssustainability.html>

Lecture series details below:

Tuesday 26th January 2021

Lecture: Earth materials: the foundation for development -

Start time: 13.00 (London)

Introductory remarks from Dr. Shamila Nair-Bedouelle, Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, UNESCO, and Dr. John Ludden CBE, Bicentennial Research Professor, Environmental Governance and Diplomacy, Heriot-Watt University, UK.

Speakers: Dr Larry Meinert, Meinert Consulting LLC, Delaware, USA, Dr Nellie Mutemeri, Mining Practice Lead, Mutemeri Consulting and Associate Professor, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa.

Tuesday 2nd February 2021

Lecture: Climate neutrality, the circular economy, and earth materials

Start time: 15.00 (London)

Speakers: Prof. John Thompson, PetraScience Consultants, Vancouver, Canada and Honorary Professor of Sustainable Resources, University of Bristol, UK, Prof. Frances Wall, Professor of Applied Mineralogy, University of Exeter, UK.

Tuesday 9th February 2021

Lecture: The neglected minerals and materials of development

Start time: 09.00 (London)

Speaker: Prof. Daniel Franks Program Leader, Sustainable Minerals Institute, University of Queensland, Australia.

Tuesday 16th February 2021

Lecture: Mineral extraction and communities

Start time: 14.00 (London)

Speakers: Dr Rajiv Maher, Research Professor, EGADE Business School del Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico, Dr Melba Kapesa Wasunna, External Affairs Manager, Base Titanium Ltd., Kenya.

Tuesday 2nd March 2021

Lecture: Suppliers, consumers, and the global minerals supply chain

Start time: 10.00 (London)

Speakers: Dr Kathryn Moore, Senior Lecturer in Critical and Green Technology Metals, University of Exeter, UK, Dr Judy Muthuri, Associate Professor of Corporate Social Responsibility, Nottingham University Business School, UK, and Project Lead, Sustainable Artisanal and Small-scale Mining Project (Kenya).

Tuesday 9th March 2021

Lecture: Earth materials and a sustainable future

Start time: 12.00 (London)

Speakers: Prof. Murray Hitzman, Director, iCrag, Dublin, Ireland. Prof. Hitzman directs the Irish Centre for Research in Applied Geosciences, Ms Halleluya Naantu Ekandjo, PhD candidate at iCrag, University College Dublin., where she is studying the Rosh Pinah zinc-lead deposit in Namibia.

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