

## Side Events

**7th September, 13:15 - 14:30**

Room 4

### **Critical Minerals: Cooperation for Responsibility and Sustainability**

The event will bring together representatives from governments, the UN, and civil society to discuss the key issues and opportunities surrounding the responsible and sustainable extraction of critical minerals for the energy transition. The main objective is to identify what needs to be in place to adequately prepare to support the pace and volume of extraction of critical minerals from both a supply and development perspective, while keeping in mind the environmental aspects. Participants will share key initiatives and concrete national level examples related to the environmental aspects of critical minerals, and cooperation towards the responsible mining of these minerals to support the energy transition.

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Room 3

### **Say No to Sand Mining for a Sustainable Future through Alternative Livelihood along the Coastal Line in Freetown, Sierra Leone**

The specific purpose is to protect the massive degraded forest corridors through afforestation, conservation with the promotion of economic livelihood activities. The main goal is to envisage a community that is resilient to the increase of climate shocks and promote business opportunities for beneficiaries. The specific purpose is to protect the massively degraded forest corridors through afforestation, conservation with the promotion of economic livelihood activities. Increase forest corridor by afforestation of tree crops, conservation, rehabilitation, and regeneration of greenhouse gas emission activities. Improve livelihoods for local communities by restoring mining degraded areas, which will further expand ecosystem benefits to the communities; Raise awareness of the importance of sand and stone mining for our ecosystem along the coastal peninsula in the Western Rural Area District.

**Organizer: Ms. Saffie Kalokoh - Ministry of Environment and Climate Change of Sierra Leone.**  
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**8th September 13:15 - 14:30**

Room 3

### **Community Perspectives on Mineral Governance: What to Avoid and How to Move Forward**

This side event will highlight the experiences and expertise of Indigenous Peoples and communities impacted by mining operations around the world. The objective of the session is to provide firsthand knowledge from those most impacted by mineral governance policies to

UNEA Member States and other stakeholders for consideration during the Global Consultation on the “Environmental Aspects of Minerals and Metals Management” resolution.

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