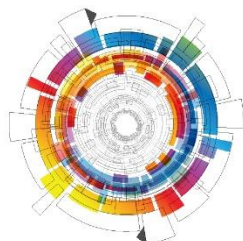


Invitation to a side event in the run up to the 69<sup>th</sup> UNECE Commission Session, organized by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in cooperation with UNECE



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### A framework for international cooperation on Sustainable Resource Management

19 April 2021 **CYBER MONDAY (VIRTUAL)**

14.00 – 15.00 CEST

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Sustainable development depends on optimal and responsible production and use of natural resources. We are now at an important juncture in the treatment of Critical Raw Materials (CRMs), which are vital in supporting green energy, e-mobility and digital transformation. These commodities will be a vital determinant of future growth and the world's ability to combat climate change, yet current resource patterns are unsustainable in terms of their environmental and societal impact and resource availability. If the world is to meet its climate objectives and deliver on Agenda 2030, there is a need for global, principles-based action to develop a coherent framework for resource industries. At this session, experts will describe the elements needed for such a framework for international cooperation. UNECE members are invited to update on actions they are taking to promote a circular economy for CRMs.

With opening statements from:

- Lord Mark Sedwill, UK Prime Minister's G7 Envoy on Economic Resilience
- Dr. Danilo Türk, Former President of the Republic of Slovenia

Panellists:

- Mr. Scott Foster, Director, UNECE Sustainable Energy Division (moderator)
- Prof. Peter Buchholz, Head, German Raw Materials Agency (DERA)
- Ms. Daniele La Porta, Senior Mining Specialist, World Bank
- Ms. Eser Torun, Chief of Staff, Everledger
- Prof. Frances Wall, University of Exeter (UK Circular Economy Research Centre on Technology Metals)
- Kazakhstan (Ministry of Natural Resources) (tbc)

**We look forward to active participation from UNECE members and stakeholders in the Q & A.**