



Conference: Towards a reinforced Raw Materials Initiative

Friday 22 April 2016, The Hague, the Netherlands



Program

09.00 **Registration**

09.30 **Welcome: Opening and goal of the conference**

- Mr. Dirk Jan Koch, Special Envoy on Natural Resources (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands)

09.40 **Opening speech**

- Mr. Bertholt Leeftink, Director-General Enterprise and Innovation (Ministry of Economic Affairs, Netherlands)

10.00 **Presentation of the Dutch representatives**

- Dutch modelling on 'materials in the Dutch economy': Prof. Arnold Tukker (Institute of Environmental Sciences at Leiden University, Netherlands)
- Policy and business: Ms. Karin Weustink (Ministry of Economic Affairs, Netherlands)
- Debate with the audience

10.45 **Coffee Break**

11.15 **Presentation of the German representatives**

- Insights from a policy perspective: Dr. Thomas Gäckle (Ministry of Economic Affairs, Germany)
- Insights from a business perspective: Ms. Eva Stollberger (BDI)
- Debate with the audience

12.00 Presentation of the French representatives

- Insights from a policy perspective: Mr. Rémi Galin (Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, France)
- Insights from a business perspective: Mr. Laurent Corbier (Eramet)
- Debate with the audience

12.45 Raw Materials Information System

- Mr. Constantin Ciupagea (European Commission, DG Joint Research Centre)

13.10 Lunch + Meet & Greet

14.15 Breakout sessions

For every topic three main questions are central:

1. What is the intelligence required for the topic?
2. What conditions should be organized to optimize the intelligence possibilities?
3. What would be a useful EU policy initiative in this regard?

- **Session 1: Improving the intelligence level of enterprises:** Chair Mr. Robert van Beek (FME) & Ton Bastein (TNO)

Supply risks are a result of trade barriers, political instability, stockpiling raw materials, increasing prices, speculation, natural disasters, legislation etc. Information is available but aggregated on a high level and changes continuously. Most enterprises are unable to collect and interpret all the necessary information they need to assess their supply risk.

- **Session 2: International trade in agriculture raw materials:** Chair Ms. Floor Uitterhoeve (FNLI) & Mr. Eddy Esselink (MVO)

The European (food) consumption pattern is highly depending on the import of (a wide range of) agricultural raw materials, such as oils, fats, proteins and spices. Both import and export policies have a tremendous effect on the availability and security of supply. In this breakout session both the role of producing countries as well as the EU policy will be discussed and highlighting some of the key materials we use every day.

- **Session 3: Sourcing in Europe:** Chair Dr. Patrice Christmann (BRGM) & Ms. Marion Braks (Economic Department, Netherlands Embassy in Paris, France)

This workshop will put a focus on sourcing of metals in Europe and addressing, amongst others, the question: *how viable are the possibilities for sourcing of metals in Europe?*

- **Session 4: Resource efficient chain approach for electronics:** Chair Mr. Mattheüs van de Pol (Ministry of Economic Affairs) & Ms. Sonia Kalauzova (Philips)

In this session we will explore the information infrastructure necessary to facilitate a pan-European cooperation in the field of electronics, to mitigate resource risks (f.e. conflict minerals) through joint due diligence and circular business propositions.

- **Session 5: Corporate Social Responsibility:** Chair Mr. Dirk Jan Koch (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands)

To adequately take action in the area of conflict materials and minerals, international cooperation is a necessary precondition. In this session we want to explore possibilities to enhance corporate social responsibility.

15.15 Coffee Break

15.35 How to ensure sustainable flows of raw materials to the EU economy, raising awareness and consistency across policies

- Mr. Mattia Pellegrini, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SME's (European Commission)

16.00 Outcome breakout sessions, concluding statements & discussion

- Mr. Michel Rademaker (The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies)

16.30 Closing remarks

- Mr. Hans de Boer, President of the Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers (VNO-NCW)

16.45 End of the conference & drinks

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