



## **Call for Sessions and Papers**

**“Mining the connections 3”: International multi-network conference on mining  
June 02-04, 2026, Yamoussoukro, Côte d’Ivoire**

The organizing committee is pleased to announce the **call for sessions and papers** for the **third edition of the international multi-network conference on mining, “Mining the Connections 3”**, which will take place in Yamoussoukro, Côte d’Ivoire, in June 2026.

*Mining the Connections* is an international, multidisciplinary conference that brings together academic researchers, NGOs, government officials, Indigenous representatives, local communities, and members of mining regions to discuss mining developments and their social, environmental, and political impacts. For more details on the conference theme, please refer to the rationale below.

We invite Indigenous representatives, community members affected by mining, practitioners, and researchers to submit proposals for **presentations, thematic sessions, roundtables, panels, workshops, and seminars focusing on specific issues related to mining and its impacts.**

Anyone interested in organizing one of these activities must send their proposal to the following email address: [miningtheconnections2026@outlook.com](mailto:miningtheconnections2026@outlook.com) **before September 19, 2025.**

The Scientific Committee will evaluate submissions based on their relevance to the conference themes and their multidisciplinary nature. Selected proposals will be announced **by December 10, 2025.**

For additional details on proposal submission, please see the guidelines below. For further information about the conference, please visit the website: <https://miningconnections.ulaval.ca/>

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## **Guidelines for sessions**

Submission must include the following information:

- Title of the session
- Lead chair first name and last name, e-mail address, home institution, affiliation or organization, and country
- If applicable, co-chair(s) first and last name, e-mail address, affiliation, and country
- Format of the session: thematic session, roundtable, panel discussions, workshops, or other (specify)
- Language(s) of the session: French or English, or open to both\*
- Indicate whether the session is open to proposals, by invitation only, or closed
- Description of proposed session (300 words maximum). The scientific committee will use this text to assess the quality of the session
- Session summary (50 words maximum). If your session is accepted, this text will be used to promote the session
- List of potential presenting authors

## **Guidelines for papers**

Submission must include the following information:

- Title of the presentation
- Presenting author, first name and last name, e-mail address, home institution, affiliation or organization, and country
- If applicable, co-author(s), first and last name, e-mail address, company, and country
- Format of the presentation: oral or poster
- Language(s) of the presentation: French or English or open to both\*
- Title of the session to which the communication belongs, or if it is a free communication
- Short description of the presentation (maximum 250 words) This text is used by the Organizing committee to assess the quality and potential of the presentation
- Summary statement (50 words). This text will be included online to summarize your presentation for attendees
- Presenting author biography (maximum 50 words)



\*Presentations may be in English or French. However, it should be noted that simultaneous translation can not be provided at the conference.

Session and paper proposals should be sent to the organizing committee at [miningtheconnections2026@outlook.com](mailto:miningtheconnections2026@outlook.com) by **September 19, 2025**.

Proposals should be sent by email as a Word or PDF attachment. Please make sure your proposal includes all the required information listed above; otherwise, it will not be considered by the scientific committee.

The selected proposals will be announced by **December 10, 2025**, at the latest.



## **Rationale**

Present across many regions of the world, the mining industry exerts a profound influence on ecosystems, local communities, and territorial dynamics.

Situated at the nexus of pressing global challenges—including armed conflict, the energy transition, climate change, and community development—the mining sector serves as a catalyst for enduring transformations in the socio-environmental landscapes where it operates. Its multifaceted impacts extend across ecological systems, public health, resource governance, notably land tenure, and social dynamics, particularly in regions marked by structural vulnerabilities.

These effects are manifested through ecosystem degradation, threats to health, tensions affecting social cohesion, and impacts on local governance and living conditions. Climate change exacerbates these imbalances while also shaping the capacity of communities to adapt.

In a context of increasing pressure on critical and strategic minerals, responsible governance, environmental justice, and conflict prevention in extractive contexts are gaining growing importance. Initiatives are emerging to promote more inclusive mining practices that take into account local realities and the voices of affected populations.

Analyzing the links between mining activities, peace, climate, and social justice is therefore more urgent than ever. This requires an interdisciplinary approach that is attentive to the voices of affected communities and the geopolitical dynamics shaping the future of mining regions.

Such an approach also demands the integration of social justice issues from a perspective of equity, diversity, and inclusion, notably through the involvement of women, youth, minorities, and Indigenous and Aboriginal peoples in decision-making processes and in the distribution of local socio-economic benefits.

Finally, the question of local agreements or contractual arrangements between stakeholders, aimed at clarifying the prerogatives and responsibilities of each actor from a conflict prevention and management perspective, remains a key concern in fostering peaceful and sustainable mining development.



For this event, international research networks studying the impacts of resource development around the world are joining forces and inviting participants to present their research findings and share their knowledge on the following topics:

**General Theme of the Conference:**

Mining in the Context of Contemporary Challenges: Conflict, Peace, Energy Transition, Community Development, Climate, and the Environment.

**Plenary Session:**

Mining Activities, Social Cohesion, Armed or Latent Conflicts, and Peace Processes: Tensions, Disruptions, and Transformations.

**Proposed Thematic Areas:**

- Natural resources, peacebuilding, conflict, and community resilience;
- Impacts of climate change on social tensions and living conditions in mining-affected regions;
- Community adaptation strategies and resilience-building capacities;
- Sustainable development and responsible resource governance amid rising demand for critical and strategic minerals;
- Approaches and initiatives for responsible mining, environmental justice, and conflict prevention related to mineral extraction;
- The differentiated societal value of metals: resource/reserve dynamics, national economic policies, benefit and risk distribution for local populations, and development models in the context of the Anthropocene and Capitalocene;
- Health impacts of mining: intersections between perception, lived experience, public health realities, and methodological research approaches;
- Participation of women, youth, and minority groups in decision-making processes in the extractive sector;
- Investments in gender equality in the extractive industry;



- Gender, climate change, and the Sustainable Development Goals: intersecting perspectives on inequality and pathways for transformative action;
- Women, cooperatives, and small-scale mining: traditional gold panning and artisanal mining practices;
- Research funding, methodologies, and ethical frameworks for studying the impacts of mining;
- Partnerships with mining companies in research design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation: action research, participatory approaches, and co-production of knowledge;
- Agreements between states, extractive industries, and local communities as tools for conflict prevention and resolution;
- Geopolitical dimensions of critical and strategic minerals: global rivalries, dependencies, and supply chain sovereignty.

This event is jointly organized by the [Félix Houphouët-Boigny National Polytechnic Institute](#) in Côte d'Ivoire and the [MinErAL network](#).