



Raw Materials Week
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Blockchain and a New Era for the Value Chain from Cobalt in DRC to Electric Batteries Plants

Side Event with online potential participation. November 16th, 09:00 to 10:00.

Facilitation, Ms Tonia Damvakeraki, EUBOF & Mr Bienfait Dunia, DBF.

Panel :

- **Mr Marcin Piersiak, Alliance Responsible Mining**
- **Mr Nathan Williams, CEO Minespider**
- **Ms Odile Panciatici, Blockchain expert of the Car Manufacturing Sector**
- **Cabinet of the President of the Democratic Republic of Congo (tbc)**

The BC100+ steering group is exploring BC100+ potential flagships. *Flagships* are “action plans” developed on a specific topic, covering a specific territory, often involving several Countries, linked with UN Conferences when appropriate, to be recognized as game-changing action plans “*strengthening the shared responsibility for governance of our global common goods, and for “transformative solutions” with human rights at their core, for a safer, more just, and more sustainable world.* One of them would relate with responsible sourcing of critical raw materials.

There are 40 electric batteries giga factories projects in Europe. The EU is designing a “*digital product passport*”, component of the Green deal and is launching a “*Blockchain Batteries*” initiative in the framework of Trace4EU. The EU’s Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) requires companies to report on their efforts to be sustainable and their impact on people and the environment. The access to the strategic raw materials and the credibility of the European initiatives above will depend to what extent a transparent win-win trade where the industry develops and pay for the raw materials at their fair price is secured and new partnerships are developed.

Join a conversation on November 16th, to explore a blockchain strategy on responsible sourcing of Cobalt, Coltan and Lithium in East DRC based on a paradigm shift, developing a blockchain eco-system for new economic development potential with and in the DRC and for global sustainable trade facilitation while addressing the digital divide between countries.

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