



## **Expert Group on Mineral and Energy Exploration and Development (GEMEED)**

- Founded in 1995 under APEC's Energy Working Group, GEMEED is the only forum within APEC where governments can discuss minerals and metals issues.
- Initially activities had an economic focus, however, in recent years this has broadened to incorporate a Sustainable Development policy.
- The primary objectives of GEMEED are:
  - to work to enhance the contribution of mineral and energy resources to sustainable development, through environmentally and socially acceptable practices in exploration and development; and
  - to identify, develop and promote synergies in the area of mineral and energy exploration and development with other national, regional and multilateral organizations



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GEMEED Activities include:

- Environmental Cooperation Workshops on diverse topics:
  - Sustainable Development and Mining (Japan '97, Chile '98)
  - Metals and the Environment (Australia '99)
  - International Dialogues on SD (Mexico '00)
  - Communities and Indigenous Peoples (USA '02)
- The creation of the APEC Network on Minerals and Energy Data (ANMED), at [www.anmed.org](http://www.anmed.org)



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- The first APEC Ministers Responsible for Mining meeting will take place in Antofagasta, Chile on June 15-17, 2004. The themes for this meeting will be:
  - Sustainable Development; and
  - Liberalization and Facilitation of Commerce of Minerals and Metals