

Mines Ministries of the Americas Conference (CAMMA)

What is CAMMA?

- ▶ Established in 1996
- ▶ Intergovernmental, ministerial-level mining policy forum, representing 23 mining ministries in the Americas and Caribbean.
- ▶ ***Mission Statement:***
Commitment to support the implementation of policies that take into account environmental, social and economic considerations in government decision making, which are supported by scientific-based knowledge, and which will foster the development, promotion, sound management, and safe use, of minerals and metals in the Americas.



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Principles:

- ▶ Support a proactive approach to policy development and implementation, based on sustainable development.
- ▶ Promote the safe use of minerals and metals throughout their life-cycle.
- ▶ Minimize any related impacts on the environment.
- ▶ Promote the important economic and social contributions of mining.
- ▶ Foster international cooperation and the open exchange of information.



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▶ Pan-American Workshops:

- Sustainable Development (1997)
 - Safe Use of Minerals and Metals (1998)
 - Occupational Safety and Health in Mining (1999)
 - Formalizing Small-scale Mining (2000)
 - Mine Reclamation (2000)
 - Mine Closure (2001); Mining and Communities (2001)
- CAMMA's current work program is developed through five working groups, addressing policy issues related to:
 - Market Access for Minerals and Metals
 - Mining and Communities
 - International Policy Issues
 - Small-scale Mining
 - Sustainable Development



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Benefits of CAMMA

- ▶ Provides opportunities for the exchange of information, research, technology transfer, policy collaboration, and interaction with stakeholders through the means of Ministerial Conferences, officials meetings, workshops, seminars, etc.
- ▶ As a regional voice, mining ministries of CAMMA have played an integral role in ensuring that the economic and social contributions of minerals and metals are recognized by regional and global Leaders and Heads of State.



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