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# Leadership for a Land-Positive Future: High-level Forum of Mining Industry Leaders

24 August 2026, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Location: Business 4 Land pavilion, Blue Zone



## Background

The mining sector is at a critical juncture. As the world's primary supplier of minerals essential for the clean energy transition and global infrastructure, its role is indispensable. Yet, the environmental footprint of extraction—particularly on land, water, and biodiversity—presents a profound challenge. The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) COP17 provides a pivotal platform to redefine this paradigm, shifting the narrative from extraction to regeneration.

This high-level forum, convened under the UNCCD's Business for Land (B4L) platform with the G20 Global Land Initiative, the Business Council of Mongolia, the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM), the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF), the Land Rehabilitation Society of Southern Africa and other key partners, will bring together the CEOs of the

world's leading mining companies with government ministers and international organizations. The goal is to forge a new, proactive partnership where the mining industry is recognized not just as a resource extractor, but as a critical partner in achieving Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) and building resilient, post-mining landscapes.

To ground this ambition in proven practice, a global *Compilation of Mining Industry Best Practices in Land Restoration* will be developed in the months leading up to the COP. This document, featuring case studies from ICMM members, IGF, Mongolian mining companies, and other global leaders, will serve as the evidence base for the forum's discussions and a roadmap for future action. Its launch at the forum will be a centerpiece of the event, demonstrating the tangible, scalable solutions already at work.



## Objectives



**Launch a Best Practices Compilation:** Unveil a curated collection of industry-leading case studies on land rehabilitation, biodiversity net gain, and circular economy, establishing a global reference point for best practice.



**Secure CEO-level leadership commitments:** Mobilize public, time-bound pledges from mining CEOs to adopt science-based land restoration targets across operational and legacy sites, aligned with national LDN targets.



**Accelerate enabling policy frameworks:** Foster dialogue between industry and ministers to identify and promote regulatory pathways, investment incentives, and post-mining land-use policies that reward and scale regenerative practices.



**Catalyze investment in restoration finance:** Spotlight innovative financing mechanisms and investment pipelines for nature-positive mining technologies, biodiversity offsets, and large-scale landscape restoration.



**Formalize a high-impact coalition of leaders from the mining sector:** Establish a CEO-led coalition within the B4L Champions Council to ensure ongoing collaboration, track progress on pledges, and drive continuous improvement in sustainable resource governance.

## Format and Process

The forum is a curated, 90-minute high-level dialogue. The session will feature a dynamic, moderated discussion with CEOs and Ministers, structured around key themes from the compilation. The agenda will be punctuated by:

- ✓ Targeted interventions from industry leaders and government partners.
- ✓ Public announcement of major company commitments to land restoration and the new B4L coalition.
- ✓ The formal launch and presentation of the compilation.

## Expected Outcomes

### A Published, Globally-Recognized Compendium:

A publicly available “Compilation of Mining Industry Best Practices in Land Restoration” that serves as a lasting resource for practitioners, policymakers, and financiers.

### Public Commitments from the Mining Sector:

Tangible pledges from participating mining companies to invest in responsible mine closure, regenerative approaches, and landscape-scale restoration, aligned with UNCCD frameworks and the G20 Global Land Initiative.

### Strengthened Cross-Sector Partnerships:

New and deepened partnerships between industry, governments, and international organizations, with clear pathways for collaboration on policy, technology, and finance.

### A Formalized B4L Mining Leadership Coalition:

An established, CEO-led working group with a clear mandate to drive the regeneration agenda forward post-COP17, ensuring accountability and momentum.

