

Introducing The Global Tailings Management Institute Board

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Welcome to the first **Global Tailings Management Institute (GTMI)** newsletter. Here, you will receive important updates and learn about the GTMI's progress towards achieving its goal of zero harm to people and the environment from tailings waste.



When the Institute was established, the GTMI co-founders—the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)—were clear that there would only be credibility and trust in the work of the Institute if there was a multi-stakeholder board.

Encouragingly, after **the launch** in January 2025 more than 150 individuals from multiple stakeholder groups expressed an interest in joining the board. This was followed by an extensive process of review and selection by the co-founders.

The co-founders are now pleased to announce the inaugural **GTMI Board of Directors**.

“Drawing from the breadth of expertise of leading figures from the workforce, industry, potentially affected communities and regulators amongst others, will ensure that the diversity of perspectives will inform the critical decisions the Institute will make.”

- **Adam Matthews** Chief Responsible Investment Officer at The Church of England Pensions Board, representing PRI.



Welcoming The Board Of Directors

The newly appointed GTMI Board includes members of the mining industry, technical and academic communities, potentially affected communities, Indigenous Peoples, the mining workforce, environmental experts, regulators, and the finance sectors.

Mark Cutifani, former CEO of Anglo American has been appointed as Chair of the institute.

Vicente Mello, Senior Vice President at global infrastructure, technical, environmental and social consultancy, AECOM, has been appointed as Deputy Chair. Both leaders bring decades of mining experience, with a strong focus on responsible tailings management.

Click [here](#) to view their profiles.

“The Institute is a key part of the global infrastructure to ensure we can achieve zero harm to people and the environment from tailings waste. It is a unique collaboration, focused on aligning standards and supporting each other to create a safer and more socially sensitive mining industry.”

- **Mark Cutifani**, Chair of the Global Tailings Management Institute.

The GTMI is pleased to introduce the full board of directors:

▲ Chair
Mark Cutifani
former CEO, Anglo American (Australia)

▲ Deputy Chair
Vicente Mello
Senior Vice President, AECOM (Brazil)

▲ Board Member
Janis Shandro

▲ Board Member
Mutuso Dhlwava

Owner/Managing Director, Arrowsmith Gold Inc. (Canada)

Executive Director, Zimbabwe Environmental Law Organisation (Zimbabwe)

Board Member
Jacqui Hex
Environmental Scientist, Jones & Wagener (South Africa)

Board Member
Andressa Lanchotti
Public Prosecutor (Brazil)

Board Member
Edson Krenak
Indigenous scholar and advocate (Brazil)

Board Member
John Howchin
Special Advisor, The Global Investor Commission on Mining 2030 (Sweden)

Board Member
Jeronimo Covacevich
Tailings Subject Matter Expert, ICMM (Chile)

Click [here](#) to read more about the Board of Directors.

“The Brazilian representation on the board is significant and reflects that the Institute was born out of the Global Tailings Review, which was formed directly after the tragic Brumadinho dam collapse in 2019. Brazil learned hard lessons that should be shared globally.”


- **Vicente Mello**, Deputy Chair of the Global Tailings Management Institute.

“The board reflects a diverse mix of gender, geography and stakeholder interests and we are deeply grateful that they have all agreed to serve in this vital endeavour.”

- **Emma Gagen**, Director Data and Research, ICMM.

Next Steps For The Institute

The core priority of the GTMI is to manage an assurance framework where tailings facilities will be independently audited and certified against the **Global Industry Standard on Tailings Management (GISTM)**, by qualified third-party assessors. This will require strong internal technical capabilities and a network of highly-skilled auditors who meet the GTMI’s criteria for experience and expertise.



With the board now established, the Institute will focus on developing its core programmatic activities. This includes establishing a technical committee, developing the assurance framework, and creating training and accreditation programs to build capacity for evaluating and certifying facilities against the GISTM. Once this is in place, the GTMI will be able to deliver on its mission to improve the safety of mine tailings facilities worldwide.

Learn more about [the scope of the GTMI](#).

The Appointment Of The GTMI Executive Team Is Underway

The process of appointing an Institute executive is underway, with the co-founders and board members identifying suitable candidates for key roles. It is critical that the best people with the best technical capabilities are appointed, so the selection of the executive team is receiving the same due process as that of the board.

Look out for further updates soon!



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