

**Sustainable Development Indicators
in the Minerals Industry**

Entering 'The International Year of Planet Earth'

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Milos Conferences

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- Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration, Inc. (SME)
- Society of Mining Professors/Societät der Bergbaukunde (SOMP)

VENUE

The Conference will take place at "**Milos Conference Center - George Eliopoulos**" on Milos island, Greece.

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THE CONFERENCE IS JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY:

- Virginia Tech, USA
- The Aachen University of Technology (RWTH), Germany
- The Technical University of Crete, Greece
- The University of Queensland, Australia

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**BACKGROUND**

The main objective of this series of conferences is to assist the global minerals industries in their transition to sustainable development. The first conference, **SDIMI 2003**, was very successfully held in the island of Milos, Greece and attracted 200 international attendees. On that occasion, the "**Milos Declaration**" was adopted, a statement of contribution to a sustainable future through the use of scientific, technical, educational, and research skills and knowledge in minerals extraction and utilization that was endorsed by the leading global professional and scientific organizations and institutes representing the minerals professional. The second conference in this series, **SDIMI 2005**, was held in Aachen, Germany, and was again a successful forum in convening the minerals community engaged in sustainable development, with particular emphasis on sustainability indicators, data evaluation and reporting and life-cycle assessment and product stewardship.

SDIMI 2007

In 2007 SDIMI is returning to Milos, Greece. The focus of the meeting will shift to issues of benchmarking, SD value creation, operationalization of SD, creation of knowledge hubs, modeling and fiscal issues and best practices and tools. The meeting will provide opportunities for presentations, panel discussions, poster sessions and 'hands-on' applications via workshops, demonstrations and training sessions. A goal of the Conference is to conclude with a consensus plan and a process, representing a variety of stakeholders, which can provide guidance and direction to the minerals community on the path to sustainable development.

WHO YOU WILL MEET

-Operating companies-Government agencies involved in planning and regulating minerals operations-Global organizations interested in minerals development-The environmental community-The investment community-Research and development organizations and academic institutions-Mining associations-Interested citizen groups-NGOs

TOPICS

-Government policies promoting/inhibiting sustainability-Tools for developing stakeholder processes-Process for creating indicators, monitoring implementation and reviewing outcomes-Raw material supply issues, legislation framework and minerals planning-Role of indicators in monitoring and communicating SD progress and decision-making-Transparency, reporting and corporate responsibility in SD-Evaluation and training on SD assessment tools utilized by the global community-"Best Practices" with emphasis on transparency, monitoring and reporting-Definition, delivery and measurement of social aspects of SD-Assessment of SD performance in mining by NGOs-Opportunities in integrating SD principles into the educational process-Financial models for sustainability indicators-Working with local communities-Product stewardship and product life cycle assessment-Certification, evaluation and auditing

The conference is a Milos Conferences event.

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