



PROGRAMME

Congress Hall, Uzexpocentre NEC
Tashkent, Uzbekistan

FROM RESOURCES TO GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

26 October, Monday

15:00 - 18:00

Pre-registration
Atrium 1, Uzexpocentre NEC

Day 1

27 October, Tuesday

09:00 - 11:00	Registration
11:00 - 12:20	Opening Ceremony UIMF & MiningMetals Uzbekistan 2026 Plenary Session: Central Asia's New Resource Architecture
Discussion Topics	• Successful investment models for a sustainable economy in Uzbekistan and Central Asia; • Uzbekistan as the heart of the region's new industrial economy; • Mechanisms for delivering economic growth based on resource security and advanced environmental standards; • Development of high-tech manufacturing and full value-added production chains; • From import substitution to global competitiveness: new markets and growth opportunities.
Moderator	Marat Terterov , Founder, Brussels Energy Club
Speakers	1. Ural Yusupov, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Mining Industry and Geology, Uzbekistan 2. Christopher Duggan, Ambassador of Canada to the Republic of Uzbekistan 3. Representative, Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC) 4. Ilyas Ismayilli, General Director, AzerGold Uzbekistan 5. Uktamjon Karimov, First Deputy Chairman of the Management Board for Economics and Finance, Uzbekistan Technological metals complex JSC 6. Bekhzod Mamatov, First deputy chairman of the board, Almalyk Mining and Metallurgical Company JSC 7. David Bradley, President, RJLL Drilling

12:20 - 13:20	Session partner  Strategic Session: Metals of the Future: from Extraction to Technological Leadership
Discussion Topics	• A new phase in expanding the resource base for critical minerals; • The strategic value of critical resources for major technology projects; • Metals of the Future Technopark: bringing together science, manufacturing and innovation; • Parallel development of industries based on critical resources.
Moderator	Wesley Monteiro , Middle East Manager, S&P Global Energy
Speakers	1. Feruza Khamidova, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Mining Industry and Geology, Uzbekistan 2. Astrid Karamira, EMEA Representative Director, International Lithium Association 3. Timur Khikmatullaev, Special Representative of the Chairman of the Management Board for Global Integration, Uzbekistan Technological Metals Complex JSC 4. Christo Visser, Vice President, Resources Sector Sales Lead for Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA), Worley <i>‘Strategic value of critical resources. Including a new phase in expanding the resources base for critical minerals’</i> 5. Vladislav Sourine, Technical Director, GDD Instruments inc.

13:20 – 14:00	Break
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14:00 - 15:00	Technical Session: MINING 5.0. - Autonomous Mining and Management Systems
Discussion Topics	• Evolution of mines: autonomous open pits and transport & logistics systems; • Centralised mine operation management; • Interconnection of machinery, sensors and production assets; • ESG and sustainable development in the digital mine; • Digital Integration of Geological, Production and Economic Data for Intelligent Mining Management; • Automated handling of bulk materials: next-generation conveyor systems.
Moderator	Roman Dovolnov , Climate Change and Sustainability Services (CCaSS) Uzbekistan Market Leader, EY
Speakers	1. Ra’no Kosimova, Head of Organisational Development, Navoi Mining and Metallurgical Company JSC <i>‘Metallurgy 5.0: Are Skills Keeping Pace with Technology? Challenges in Human Capital Development’</i> 2. Representative, Almalyk Mining and Metallurgical Company JSC 3. Marianna Dgebuadze, Head of the CIS Representative Office, RBL-REI 4. Dmitrii Melekhov, Chief Project Engineer, NIIUF JSC

	5. Viktor Korennoy, CEO, Qaztech Alliance 6. Vadim Tarasov, Director, Amurmetall-Lityo LLC
15:00 - 15:40	Technical Session: Part 1: Smart Mineral Exploration and Development of Deep Deposits
Discussion Topics	• Integration of geophysical, geochemical, remote-sensing and AI data; • Deep drilling in complex geology: knowledge, technologies and experience; • Methods and approaches to reduce geological risks and improve forecasting accuracy; • Digital assessment of mineral resources and reserves; • Integrated processing and interpretation of big datasets.
Moderator	Ilhan Bettemir, Exploration Geologist, Founder & Manager, GEMAR Environmental Measurement and Analysis Laboratory / ENV Energy Environmental Management and Technologies and GEMAR Global LLC Uzbekistan
Speakers	1. Elmurod Ergashev, Deputy Chairman of the Board - Chief Geologist, Uzbekgeologorazvedka JSC 2. David Bradley, President, RJLL Drilling 3. Akmal Rasulov, Senior Geobank product specialist, Micromine <i>‘Methods and Approaches to Reducing Geological Risks and Improving Forecast Accuracy’</i> 4. Alain Zubrzycki, President, CAUR Technologies inc.
15:40 - 16:20	Technical Session: Part 2: Smart Mineral Exploration and Development of Deep Deposits
Moderator	Ilhan Bettemir, Exploration Geologist, Founder & Manager, GEMAR Environmental Measurement and Analysis Laboratory / ENV Energy Environmental Management and Technologies and GEMAR Global LLC Uzbekistan
Speakers	1. Ainur Zhanat, Business Development Officer, ALS Global 2. Alesya Tüzün, Regional Director, Argetest Ulab 3. Alexander Antonov, Doctor of Science, professor, Chief Researcher, H.M. Abdullayev Institute of Geology and Geophysics 4. Jonathan Weinberg, Principal International Growth, Chrysos Corporation
18:30	Gala Evening Reception on the occasion of the opening of: • The 20th Anniversary International Exhibition of “Mining, Metallurgy and Metalworking – MiningMetals Uzbekistan 2026” • The 8th Uzbekistan International Mining and Metals Forum – UIMF 2026 <i>Admission by invitation only</i>
21:00	End of Day One

Day 2

28 October, Wednesday

09:00 - 10:30	Registration Atrium 1, Uzexpocentre NEC
10:30 - 11:30	Strategic Session: New Investment Models for Uzbekistan's Mining and Metals Sector
Discussion Topics	• Role of the public and private capital in financing Uzbekistan's mining and metals sector; • Green financing and access to international capital; • Optimal financing models for critical minerals and deep-processing projects; • Prospects for creating industrial clusters at major deposits; • A new architecture for industrial finance: large, medium-sized and small businesses.
Moderator	Wesley Monteiro , Middle East Manager, S&P Global Energy
Speakers	1. Feruza Khamidova, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Mining Industry and Geology, Uzbekistan 2. Ekaterina Galitsyna, Director, Head of Eastern Europe, Central Asia and South Caucasus, KfW IPEX-Bank GmbH 3. Anastasia Unsworth Smith, Partner of Strategy, Risks & Transactions Department, Deloitte DKU 4. Assem Shamisheva, Partner, McKinsey & Company 5. Olivier Kueny, Head of EIB Regional Representation for Central Asia 6. Sobirjon Egamberdiev, Adviser to the Chairman of the Republican Council of the Trade Union of Energy, Oil, Gas and Geology Workers of Uzbekistan on International Affairs

11:30 - 12:30	Technical Session: Next-Generation Metallurgy
Discussion Topics	• Urban Mining and Circular Economy; • Future of low-grade ores: reassessing value and a new economics of extraction; • Production of copper cathodes, alloys, powders and speciality materials; • Hydrometallurgy vs Pyrometallurgy; • Direct metal extraction technology; • New environmental standards for metals sector.
Moderator	Pavel Serov , Partner, Project Manager, Metals & Mining Industrial and Technical Consulting
Speakers	1. Gulbakhor Tojimirzaeva, Chair, Uzbekistan Metallurgical Association 2. Amir Abidov, Deputy Chairman of the Management Board for New Technology Development, Innovation, and Artificial Intelligence, Uzbekistan Technological Metals Complex JSC 3. Representative, Almalyk Mining and Metallurgical Company JSC

	4. Sokhibjon Matkarimov, Head of the Career Center, Professor of the Department of Metallurgy, Tashkent State Technical University named after Islam Karimov 5. Alexander Domov, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Rare Earths Magazine
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12:30 – 13:00	Break
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13:00- 14:00	Technical Session: Energy Efficiency and ESG in Mining and Metals Sector
Discussion Topics	• Environmental performance, energy management and access to green investment; • Integration of renewable energy into production facilities; • Energy intensity of water supply and treatment; • Integration of new energy sources into the mining industry; • Case studies from metals and mining companies: international practice.
Moderator	Boris Samoylenko , Head of ESG, Navoi Mining and Metallurgical Company JSC
Speakers	1. Representative, Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC) 2. Representative, Almalyk Mining and Metallurgical Company JSC 3. Javohir Juraev, PPP Advisor on Energy Sector, Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan <i>“Financing the Energy Transition of Resource-Intensive Industries: Renewable Energy, Grids, Storage and Utility Infrastructure”</i> 4. Askar Kozhagul, Representative in Central Asia, FINGRI 5. Thanasis Pitsas, Sr. Project Manager, Gulf Perlite

15:00	End of Day Two
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Day 3

29 October, Thursday

10:00 - 13:00	Visit to the 20th Anniversary International Exhibition Mining, Metallurgy and Metalworking - MiningMetals Uzbekistan 2026
Venue	Uzexpocentre NEC

13:00	End of Forum
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