

Roundtable on the Responsible Recycling of Metals (RRRM) Non-Ferrous Working Group (NFWG) Meeting 1: Alignment

Meeting agenda and objectives:

Sept 12th, 2023

1. Introductions
2. Terms of Reference including; WG objectives, responsibilities and expectations
3. Workplan, schedule and ways of working
4. Sharing and alignment session and discussion- setting the scene for the group:
 - a. Landscaping and mapping work—Summary findings (Secretariat)
 - b. Legislation and current market position – Copper perspective (ICA)
 - c. Impacts and challenges overview – South African perspective (Aysha Lotter/Waste to Value Community of Practice)
 - d. Key recycling metal flows and uncertainties (Wieland)
5. Next Steps

Discussions, Outcomes and Decisions

- Agreement that post-consumer informal and subsistence collection and recycling should be an important focus for the working group. In particular, this applies to collection and processing in low and middle-income countries and is also related to exports from higher income countries to low and middle-income countries.
- For those with connections to civil society or other relevant organisations who can represent these stakeholders you believe should be involved in the Working Group, please forward their contacts to the RRRM Secretariat (Umut Cantoru) so we can reach out to them.
- Flows of metals for recycling were discussed noting the complexity of the flows and how legal changes have impacted metal flows. As noted by Murat Bayram, to interpret the metal flows correctly we need to look at any changing legal basis of data collection (e.g. waste to end of waste flows), which will influence the trade data and well as restrictions on imports and pricing. There will soon be a brochure from VDM published which analyzes non-ferrous flows from the recycling industry perspective. Kilian Schwaiger will be able to provide the link as soon as it's available.
- The different legal approaches in Europe, United States and Asia in the treatment of metals as waste (or product), as resources for recycling and a hybrid 'raw material' (as China) is a critical issue that creates major challenges.
- Metal theft at local levels, through to significant organised crime is a challenge for the metals industry and has chain of custody, traceability and assurance implications. The extent of this and how much it impacts on industry actors is unclear.
- For more information on the perspective from South Africa please see this link provided by Aysha Lotter. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S2214790X22001459>
 -- "Urban mining versus Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining (ASM): An interrogation of their contribution to sustainable livelihoods in sub-Saharan Africa" The Extractive Industries and Society Volume 12, December 2022, 101173.
 Key questions raised in Aysha's presentation included "Who are we aiming to responsible source for" and "whose risks are we managing?" The Sustainable Livelihoods model was proposed as a way to consider basic expectations of collectors and subsistence processors. This included using the capitals model to help assess livelihoods. Working with local collector and processor organisations at a grass roots level, and enabling people to collaborate and associate is key to capacity building and raising standards.
- Identification of red flags for greenwashing and social-washing, may be useful for the group to support.
- Wieland informed the WG that they use an AI software, [Prewave](#), to screen their suppliers and their customers (over 14,000 in the database). It works to screen the web for alerts related to any potential environmental and labor issues and supports risk profiling. Also categorises suppliers into strategic and non-strategic. It noted the importance of traders in emerging, advance markets, where quick transactions are important.

- Dissemination Strategy: The NFWG will develop a roadmap with the goal of consensus of all recommendations. This will then be reviewed by the SG which will deliver the approval to share final reports. Since there are many stakeholders within the NFWG, we request that we utilise the networks we have to share the roadmap as well as the direct promotional activities the Roundtable will do.
- A number of the Voluntary Sustainability Standard setters, including The Copper Mark and IRMA are looking to utilise the recommendations in future standards development work including enhancing their due diligence guidance
- It was proposed that RRRM and NFWG could promote its work through attending relevant events. “[Investing in African Mining Indaba](#)” event was suggested by Aysha Lotter.
- More information is available in the landscaping and mapping summaries, as well as the slide decks from the Working Group members – these are available on the shared drive.

Action agreed	Owner	Deadline
Forward contacts from civil society and/or other relevant stakeholders that you believe should be included in this Working Group	NFWG members	Asap
Share Dropbox with all WG members to view meeting materials	Bethany Perkins	18/09/2023
Email NFWG meeting 2 materials to all WG members	Bethany Perkins	24/09/2023

Attendees

1. Louise Assem, Global Material Stewardship Director, International Copper Association (ICA), (NFWG Co-lead)
2. Bethany Perkins, Sustainable Development Analyst, International Copper Association (ICA)
3. Luke Balleny, Director of Standards and Partnerships, The Copper Mark
4. Murat Bayram, Director and Head of European Non-Ferrous, European Metal Recycling (EMR)
5. Steve Binks, Regulatory Affairs Director, International Lead Association
6. Kristi Disney Bruckner, Law & Policy Director, Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance (IRMA)
7. Marcel Christians, Director of Innovation & Sustainability, Weiland
8. Carrie Claytor, Manager Value Chain Sustainability, Freeport-McMoRan
9. Adam Estelle, Vice President, Copper Development Association (CDA)
10. Tom Fairlie, Senior Sustainability Manager, Cobalt Institute
11. Andreas Fenster, Vice President Metals Management Europe, Weiland
12. Nicole Hanson, Head of Responsible Business, London Metal Exchange (LME)
13. Yosuke Isoda, Assistant General Manager Sustainability Dept, Mitsubishi Materials Corporation
14. Yanin Kiefer, ESG Coordinator, Boliden
15. Aysha Lotter, Legal Consultant and Doctoral Researcher, University of Cape Town
16. Jessica Motto, ESG Specialist, Boliden
17. Sei Nakai, Assistant General Manager, Sustainability Dept, Mitsubishi Materials
18. Masamichi Ogawa, Manager Administration Sect. Recycling Materials Dept, Mitsubishi Materials Corporation
19. Milan Pazicky, External Affairs, Aurubis
20. Sebastien Perron, Vice President Recycling Procurement, Weiland
21. Jessica Sanderson, Director of Sustainability and ESG, Copper Development Association (CDA)
22. Uwe Schmidt, Board Member, Montanwerke Brixlegg AG
23. Kilian Schwaiger, Managing Director, Association of German Metal Traders and Recyclers
24. Mike Smith, Vice President, International Wrought Copper Council (IWCC)
25. Manfred Stadler, Director of Metals Management, Wieland-Werke AG
26. Dave Knight, RRRM Convenor, One Planet Ltd (NFWG Co-lead)
27. Umut Cantoru, RRRM Secretariat, New Horizons
28. Mans Lofvall, RRRM Coordinator, Roundtable on the Responsible Recycling of Metals