Focused on delivering our 2016-2018 strategy

Our vision is one in which mining and metals is a respected industry, trusted to operate responsibly and contribute to sustainable development. If this vision is to be realised, societal acceptance of the mining and metals industry needs to improve. This can only be achieved through sustained performance by ICMM member companies that engenders trust and respect, by openly engaging with society in an inclusive manner, and by ICMM members demonstrating leadership within the industry.

ICMM’s 10 principles for sustainable development encompass three inter-related priorities

- **Environmental stewardship**: Mining and metals operations depend on water, land and energy. Securing access to these shared resources increasingly depends on demonstrating responsible stewardship and recognising the needs of local communities, conservation interests and other stakeholders. Leadership also involves committing to being part of the solution to climate change.

- **Role of mining and metals in society**: The industry is essential to help societies develop. Beyond job creation and payment of taxes, responsible companies help strengthen governance and enhance expectations of transparency and accountability. Recognition of the essential contribution of metals and minerals to modern life requires confidence that they are produced responsibly and can be used safely.

- **Human wellbeing**: A responsible mining and metals industry puts people first. It provides safe and healthy work environments that protect against accidents and occupational diseases. It respects the rights of employees and local communities and contributes to economic and social progress. This requires the meaningful involvement of people in decisions that affect their future.

Our priorities

- **Leadership through performance**: Demonstrate and promote leading environmental and social practices that will encourage better industry-wide performance.

- **Listen and engage**: Listen to society’s views and expectations of the mining and metals industry, and engage openly in order to anticipate and respond to emerging issues.

- **Enhance understanding**: Promote the contribution of mining and metals to society, and advocate the values of a responsible, sustainable mining and metals industry.

- **Shape the policy environment**: Bring evidence-based perspectives and considered thought leadership to informing the development of policies and standards that support sustainable development outcomes.

Our approach

- **Water and land stewardship**

- **Climate change and energy**

- **Responsible supply and use of materials**

- **Contribution of mining and metals**

- **Transparency and governance**

- **Economic and social progress**

- **Health and safety**

Our activities

- **We undertake activities that support positive engagement with host communities and build trust in the mining and metals industry**

- **We want the mining and metals industry to be a positive catalyst for social and economic development**

Outcomes

- **Members ensure operations have a minimal impact on biodiversity and include robust catchment-based approaches to water risk management.**

- **Members lead in promoting shared responsibility along the value chain by understanding risks, enhancing materials traceability and promoting efficiency and waste reduction.**

- **Members lead in engaging with stakeholders to fully understand societal concerns, and respond with sensitivity to build trust in and acceptance of a responsible mining and metals industry.**

- **Members lead in effectively managing operational social risks, and collaborate to realise the potential for mining to benefit society and the economy.**

- **Members lead the industry by an unwavering commitment to zero fatalities, the prevention of accidents through effective risk management, and employee wellbeing.**