

## Save the Date Forest-Smart Mining to Advance the New York Declaration on Forests and the Sustainable Development Goals

Side-Event at the UN General Assembly  
Scandinavia House: 58 Park Avenue, New York, NY

Tues. 25 September 2018  
9:30am-11:30am

Forests are critical for sustainable development as they provide oxygen, significantly help curb climate change, are home to a majority of global biodiversity and provide livelihoods for nearly 2 billion people. But deforestation is accelerating.

It is estimated that mining accounts for up to 7% of forest loss in developing countries. "Forest-smart mining" will be needed to both minimize direct and indirect impacts of mining on forests and to pursue opportunities for positive forest outcomes. This will require public policies, corporate practices and multi-stakeholder partnerships to address economic, social, and governance drivers of deforestation through an integrated landscape-level approach.

This dynamic side-event will be an opportunity to raise awareness about the relationship between mining and deforestation, present new research findings on forest-smart mining, and provide an overview of the New York Declaration on Forests and its Global Platform. It will highlight examples of forest-smart policies, practices and partnerships and build a shared understanding of what changes, innovations, and new initiatives may be useful to accelerate action.

Click [here](#) to RSVP, and for more information contact [eva.gurria@undp.org](mailto:eva.gurria@undp.org). Arrive at 9am for coffee and networking.