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## **Critical Minerals Association (UK) 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference** **Critical Minerals: Transforming the Future**

**10:00 – 10:30** Arrivals with Teas and Coffees

### **Session 1: New Policies, New Directions**

- **10:30 – 10:35** Opening Remarks
  - *Kirsty Benham, Critical Minerals Association (UK)*
- **10:35 – 10:45** Keynote Address - *Philippa Makepeace OBE, Director of Geopolitics & Economic Security, Department for Business and Trade (DBT)*
- **10:45 – 11:05** IEA Critical Minerals Outlook 2025
  - *Shobhan Dhir, Critical Minerals Analyst, International Energy Agency (IEA)*
- **11:05 – 11:25** Fireside Chat with Minister for Kyrgyzstan
  - *His Excellency Meder Mashiev, Minister of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision for the Republic of Kyrgyzstan*
  - *In conversation with Mike Armitage*
- **11:25 – 11:45** Fireside Chat with Ontario
  - *The Honourable Stephen Leece, Minister of Energy & Mines for Ontario*
  - *In conversation with Baroness Northover, Co-Chair of the UK APPG for Critical Minerals*
- **11:45 – 12:00** Presentation – UK International Update
  - *Oliver Richards, Head of Critical Minerals and Mining (International), DBT*
- **12:00 – 12:15** Presentation - Global Trade and Geopolitical Developments
  - *Karim Dahou, Dep. Director, Global Relations & Cooperation Directorate, OECD*
- **12:15 – 13:00** Panel Discussion – Selecting Strategic Projects
  - Moderator: *Enzo Granzella (Mkango Resources)*
  - Speakers: *Chris Stockey (Satarla), Jeffery Court (Tungsten West), Joel Watson (Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office)*

**13:00 – 14:00** Lunch

### **Session 2: Transforming the Future**

- **14:00 – 15:00** Spotlight Session - **UK Government Strategies: What Does this Mean for Critical Mineral Supply Chains?**



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- **14:00 – 14:10** Presentation - UK Critical Minerals Strategy
  - *Grace Humphries, Head of Critical Minerals (Strategy & Domestic), DBT*
  - *Mrug Upadhyay, Senior Policy Advisor (Critical Minerals), DBT*
- **14:10 – 14:20** Presentation - UK Circular Economy Taskforce
  - *Professor Paul Ekins, UK Circular Economy Taskforce, DEFRA-DESNZ*
- **14:20 – 15:00** Panel Discussion - A Circular Economy Powerhouse: How the UK Can Push Ahead
  - *Moderator: Thomas Kelly (Ionic Technologies)*
  - *Speakers: Prof. Allan Walton (University of Birmingham), Fred White (DEScycle), Christian Peters (Seloxium), Mike Hogan (European Metal Recycling)*
- **15:00 – 15:40** Panel Discussion - London as a Centre of Finance for Future Minerals
  - *Moderator: Maria Yassin-Jah (SLR Consulting)*
  - *Speakers: Guy Winter (Fasken), Catriona Bell (Standard Chartered Bank), George Hames (UK Export Finance), Simon Gardner-Bond (TechMet)*
- **15:40 – 15:55 Break**
- **15:55 – 16:35** Panel Discussion - Reimagining the UK Supply Chain: What's Next?
  - *Moderator: Jeff Townsend (CMA UK)*
  - *Speakers: Spencer Page (Vale Base Metals), Mark Richards (Rio Tinto), Rachel Dolby (Anglo American), Prof. Sarah Gordon (Imperial College London)*
- **16:35 – 16:40** Special Announcement -- Launching XPRIZE's Latest Critical Minerals Innovation Competition
  - *David Babson, Vice President for Energy & Climate, XPRIZE*
- **16:40 – 17:20** Panel Discussion – Identifying Priority Areas for R&D and Innovation
  - *Moderator: Martyn Cherrington (Innovate UK)*
  - *Speakers: Tom Taylor (Centre for Process Innovation), Frances Tran (XPRIZE), Ryan Findlay (Pure Alchemi), Ewan Lordon (Jaguar Land Rover)*
- **17:20 - 17:30** Closing Address – *Chris McDonald MP, UK Ministry for Industry*

### **17:30 – 19:30 Drinks Reception**

- **18:00** Remarks from *Noah Law MP, Baroness Lindsay Northover and Perran Moon MP - Chairs & Officers of the UK All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Critical Minerals*



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## **Side Events**

- **11:00 – 12:30** The Strategic Importance of Tin & Tungsten, sponsored by Cornish Metals and Cornwall Resources
- **11:30 – 13:00** A New Silk Road of Resources: Central Asia's Strategic Value to UK Resources, supported by UK Government

## **A New Silk Road of Resources: Central Asia's Strategic Value to UK Industries – Agenda**

Moderator: Han Ilhan, Advisor to the Chairman, Uzbekistan Technological Metals Complex (TMK)

**11:30 – 11:35 Welcome Remarks** from *Kenan Poleo, Consul General and Trade Commissioner for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Department for Business and Trade (DBT)*

### **11:35 – 11:45 Overview of Critical Minerals Potential of the Central Asian Markets**

- Speaker: *Richard Oldcorn, SRK Consulting*

### **11:45 – 12:00 Spotlight: High Impact Cases**

- TMK's Critical Raw Materials: Strategic Commodities Across the Full Value Chain - Uzbekistan Technological Metals Complex (TMK)
  - Speaker: *Mr. Han Ilhan, Advisor to the Chairman*
- Khalzan Buregtei – Mongolia's First Advanced Rare Earth Development, Mongolian National Rare Earth Corporation (MNREC)
  - Speaker: *Ms. Tsolmon Adiya, CEO of MNREC*

### **12:00 - 12:45 Panel Discussion - Critical Connections: Producers & Users in Dialogue**

Key Objective: Facilitate a cross-sector dialogue to explore how producers and end users can better align on the sourcing, development, and use of critical minerals, with a focus on shared priorities, challenges, and opportunities.

- *Al-Farabi Ydyryshev - Director, Ministry of Industry and Construction's, National Centre for Technology Foresight*
- *Christopher Lines - Vice-President, Product and Business Compliance, Leonardo*
- *Richard Brookes - Managing Partner, Lionhead Resources*



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- *Vardan Jhanyan - First Deputy General Director, Zangezur Copper-Molybdenum Combine*

**12:45 – 13:55 Discussion - Perspectives from Downstream End-Users**

**12:55 – 13:00 Concluding Remarks** by the Department for Business and Trade

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch**

**13:30 – 15:00 B2B Meetings** facilitated by UK DBT