



The Critical Minerals Association (UK)'s 4th Annual Conference **Critical Minerals: Breaking New Ground**

It has been a year of global political, economic and social transformation and disruption. Attention to critical minerals is at an all-time high, with international and national initiatives racing to meet future demand while satisfying calls for decarbonisation and sustainability. The pendulum is swinging forward: how can the UK learn from and collaborate with its partners and allies to capitalise on this momentum, and avoid falling behind?

- **8:45 – 10:00 Welcome and Breakfast**
- **10:00 – 12:20 Session One**
 - 10:00 – 10:10 Opening Remarks
 - ♣ Speaker: Kirsty Benham, CMA (UK)
 - 10:10 – 10:25 Presentation: Global Overview – Critical Mineral Market Trends & Future Outlooks
 - 10:25 – 10:35 Keynote Speech: The Labour Plan
 - 10:35 – 12:00 The Minerals Security Partnership
 - ♣ 10:35 – 10:45 Presentation: Overview
 - Speaker: Oliver Richards, Department of Business & Trade
 - ♣ 10:45 – 11:00 Fireside Chat with Kyrgyzstan
 - ♣ 11:00 – 11:10 Presentation: The EU Approach to Critical Minerals
 - Speaker: Justyna Lawniczak, Delegation of the EU to the UK
 - ♣ 11:10 – 11:45 Panel Discussion: A Competitive European Continent
 - Speakers: Margery Ryan (Johnson Matthey), Sanela Karić (Adriatic Metals), Philipa Varris (Mkango Resources Ltd.), Jane Joughin (SRK Consulting)
 - Chair: Ludivine Wouters (Latitude Five)
 - 11:45 – 12:00 Presentation: The Updated UK Critical Minerals List
 - ♣ Speaker: Gavin Mudd, Critical Minerals Intelligence Centre (BGS)
- **12:00 – 13:30 Lunch**

- **13:30 – 17:30 Session Two**
 - 13:30 – 14:00 Panel Discussion: ESG in Action - Transparency, Compliance and Anti-Corruption
 - 14:00 – 14:30 Panel Discussion: Growing UK innovation for Global Impact
 - ♣ Speakers: Nic Stirk (Materials Nexus), Jeff Bormann (Bioscope Technologies), Julian Hetherington (Advanced Propulsion Centre UK)
 - Chair: Martyn Cherrington (UKRI)
 - **14:30 – 15:00 Break with Teas and Coffees**
 - 15:00 – 15:45 Panel Discussion: New Tools for Prospectivity: AI, Availability, and Funding
 - ♣ Speakers: Gaud Pouliquen (Bell Geospace), Sarah Jane-Gill (UK Space Agency)
 - Chair: Chris Yeomans (Cornish Lithium)
 - 15:45 – 16:30 Panel Discussion: Addressing Risk & Restructuring Finance
 - ♣ Speakers: Jamie Strauss (Digbee), Sarah Gordon (Satarla), James Whiteside (National Wealth Fund), Henry Finnegan (TechMet)
 - ♣ Chair: Jeff Townsend (CMA UK)
 - 16:30 – 17:15 Panel Discussion: Bridging the Talent Gap - Critical Minerals Skills for a Green Future
 - ♣ Speakers: Frances Wall (Camborne School of Mines), Kenneth McCaffrey (Durham University), George Dunleavy (Department for Business and Trade)
 - ♣ Chair: Lucy Crane (Cornish Lithium)
- **17:15 - 17:20 Closing Remarks**
- **17:30 – 20:00 Drinks Reception**