



EXTRACTIVE ACTIVITIES IN UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES: Commitments, Risks and Investment Implications

Friday, 11 July 2025, 13:15 – 14:45

Room VII

A new report by UNESCO, the Church of England Pensions Board, Greenbank, IUCN, and WWF offers the most comprehensive analysis to date of the presence and proximity of areas licensed for oil, gas, and mineral exploration and production in and around UNESCO World Heritage sites. This event will present the report's findings and explore how such analyses can help investors, policymakers, and companies identify and manage risks associated with extractive industries, while also aligning investment decisions with global commitments to heritage protection.

13:15 – 13:25

Opening Remarks

Ms Jyoti Hosagrahar, Deputy Director, World Heritage Centre, UNESCO

Ms Anne Laure Léger, General Representative of Flanders to OECD, UNESCO and Council of Europe

13:25 – 14:00

Panel: World Heritage and extractive industries

Mr Paolo Tibaldeschi, Senior Advisor, Environment and Development, WWF

Ms Laura Hillis, Director, Climate and Environment, the Church of England Pensions Board

Mr Kai Johns, Senior Ethical, Sustainable and Impact Researcher, Greenbank

Ms Susanne Pedersen, Director, Centre for Science and Knowledge, IUCN

Mr Rohitesh Dhawan, President and Chief Executive Officer, International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM) – video message

Ms Hayley Zipp, Director, Environment, ICMM

14:00 – 14:30

Q&A

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