



The International Cyanide Management Code Implementing and Auditing Workshop

The International Cyanide Management Institute (ICMI) in partnership with the ECOWAS Federation of Chambers of Mines will hold a training workshop on implementing and auditing the International Cyanide Management Code on November 16-17, 2026, in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. ECOWAS is a private sector mining organization headquartered in Accra, that serves to advocate for sustainable mining practices and promotes regional alliance and policy harmonization across West Africa.

This one and a half-day workshop is intended for a wide range of stakeholders interested in safe cyanide management through the implementation and verification of the Cyanide Code. Personnel from gold mines, cyanide transporters and producers, auditors, environmental and safety professionals, government regulatory personnel, and NGOs with an interest in gold mining, should find the workshop beneficial in enhancing their understanding of leading practices in cyanide management and the Cyanide Code's role in improving industry performance.

The workshop will provide an opportunity for companies that have not yet become signatories to learn about the Cyanide Code first-hand, and for workshop participants to discuss in-person those issues of greatest importance to them with ICMI officials. It also will give insight into the procedural and interpretive aspects of the Cyanide Code that will prepare operations for successful audits and make cyanide management practices more effective.

The Cyanide Code is focused on the safe management of cyanide by companies producing gold and/or silver and by companies producing and transporting cyanide. The Cyanide Code is intended to promote and help ensure the safe and environmentally responsible management of cyanide used within the gold and silver mining industries. Operations are assessed for compliance triennially by qualified, independent auditors. The Cyanide Code has been widely adopted across the gold sector, amongst the most established certification programs in the mining sector. The Cyanide Code is being implemented at 143 gold mines, 59 cyanide production, warehousing, and repackaging facilities and 200 transport operations in 53 countries throughout the world.

The Workshop Program

The workshop will focus on the Cyanide Code's certification program and the practical issues associated with implementing and auditing the Cyanide Code at gold and silver mines. ICMI Senior Vice President Dr. Eric Schwamberger will discuss the intent of each of the Cyanide Code's Principles and Standards of Practice, along with the Cyanide Code's expectations for performance and the measures typically necessary to achieve that performance. Interpretive guidance will be provided on how auditors are to use their professional judgment in determining whether an operation is in compliance with the Cyanide Code. The presentation will provide participants with the critical knowledge and

understanding of the Cyanide Code necessary to identify appropriate and acceptable measures to improve cyanide management and meet the Cyanide Code's performance-based goals. While instruction will be delivered in English, arrangements will be made for simultaneous translation from English to French by accredited, professional translators.

Examples and insights from Cyanide Code audits will be discussed to bring focus to changes in the Code's expectations for compliance, changes in industry practices and technology related to Code-compliance, and key issues and areas related to operational compliance.

The Venue

The workshop will be held at the Radisson Blu Hotel Airport, Bd de l'Aéroport, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. The hotel can be reached by telephone at +225 27 21 2 22000.

Reservations also can be made at <https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-abidjan-airport>.

Workshop participants are responsible for making their own arrangements for lodging.

Registration Fee

The registration fee for the workshop is US\$400 per person, which includes lunch on November 16. Companies registering seven or more participants will receive a 10% discount.