Cinadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy & Petroleum Management and Economics Society

For its **Wednesday, January 28** meeting, the Discussion Group of CIM's Management and Economics Society is pleased to welcome

Sonia Molodecky, LLB President, Global Indigenous Development Trust

Resolving Conflicts between Canadian Mining Companies and Communities in Latin America

There are currently more than 200 significant conflicts around mining in Latin America, making conflicts with communities a significant barrier to entry and success for Canadian companies doing business in Latin America. This rift between companies and communities not only hurts Canadian mining companies, but prevents all stakeholders from benefiting from mining's vast potential. Canadian companies often face stalled or stopped projects, escalating costs in the form of delays and lengthy court battles, not to mention a social media nightmare. Local communities, particularly indigenous groups, remain some of the poorest and most marginalized populations on the planet. But what if we could bridge this divide for all stakeholders to not only benefit, but thrive? In these tough times for the mining industry, it is more important than ever that solutions be practical and sustainable, and that companies get the best bang for their CSR buck.

Sonia Molodecky will discuss key practical and cost-effective tools that Canadian mining companies can use when engaging with communities in Latin America that can prevent conflict and create lasting relationships and economic prosperity for all stakeholders.



Sonia is a Canadian lawyer with more than 10 years' experience working in international business, law and community engagement across Latin America. Sonia has worked in natural resource law at two of Canada's largest law firms, most recently as the National Co-Chair of her firm's Latin American Services Group. Sonia currently works with mining companies, communities and local governments in Latin America, bringing the Canadian Aboriginal experience and Canadian best-practices to bridge community-company relations and help create economically independent communities.



Refreshments at 4:15pm – Presentation at 4:35 pm Wednesday, January 28

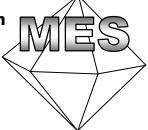


at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP Scotia Plaza, 40 King St W, 44th floor, Toronto

All are welcome to this excellent networking and learning opportunity. Thank you to our sponsor, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP for again providing the space.

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