

# WEBINAR INVITATION



**Emmanuel M. Mali**  
Event Moderator



**Julia Maria Fesser**  
Panel Moderator



## Harnessing Mineral Wealth for Regional Peace: ICGLR's Commitment to Ending Illegal Exploitation in the Great Lakes

**When:** 9th April 2025, 9 – 12 AM Bujumbura time | **Venue:** ZOOM | **Link for registration:** <https://bit.ly/4ilruGM>

## MEET THE SPEAKERS



**Philip Kirui**  
Speaker



**Grace Nassuna**  
Speaker



**Gerard Nayuburundi**  
Speaker



**Mr Satish Bansal**  
Speaker



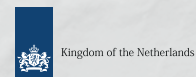
**Prudence Bararunyeretse**  
Speaker



**Jacob Eyeru**  
Speaker



**Mr Cyrille Mutombo**  
Speaker



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# AGENDA

Time	Session	Speaker
09.00 - 09.05	Welcome and Introduction	Event Moderator
09.05 – 09.15	Purpose of the Webinar and Context	Event Moderator
09.15 – 09.50	<p><b>1st Session:</b> ICGLR Initiatives to fight against illegal mineral exploitation and trade</p> <p>This session will focus on regional efforts to combat the illegal exploitation of natural resources through policy implementation, oversight, and strategic initiatives. Speakers will discuss the role of ICGLR Member States in fighting against the illegal exploitation of natural resources through implementation of the Regional Certification Mechanism (RCM) and other ICGLR Tools, the contribution of the ICGLR Third-Party Audits in ensuring compliance and transparency, and ICGLR's broader initiatives to curb illicit mineral trade. The session will provide insights into the collective actions strengthening governance and accountability in the mining sector.</p>	<p><b>09.15-09.20:</b> Speakers' introduction</p> <p><b>09.20-09.30:</b> Mr. Gerard Nayuburundi, ICGLR Technical Unit Coordinator</p> <p><b>09.30-09.40:</b> Mr Philip Kirui, ICGLR Audit Committee Chair</p> <p><b>09.40-09.50:</b> Ms Grace Nassuna, ICGLR Regional Committee Member from Uganda</p>
09.50 – 10.00	Open Discussion and Q&A Session	Event Moderator
10.00 – 10.10	<p><b>2nd Session:</b> Updates on Regulatory Frameworks and Gold Importation Rules</p> <p>Overseas</p> <p>This session will feature two speakers from India who will provide insights into the country's gold import policies and refining sector. A representative from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry will outline the current regulations for importing gold dore and suggest ways for new exporters to access the Indian market. Additionally, a speaker from the Association of Gold Refiners and Mint (AGRM) will present details on BIS-accredited refiners, their capacities, compliance standards, and potential collaboration opportunities in the gold supply chain.</p>	Mr. Satish Bansal, Managing Director of MD
10.10 – 10.30	Open Discussion and Q&A Session	Event Moderator
10.30 – 11.00	<p><b>3rd session:</b> Panel Discussion: Private Sector and Civil Society Perspectives</p> <p>This panel discussion will explore the role of responsible mineral trade in fostering economic growth, peace, and security in the Great Lakes region. Speakers will highlight the impact of the ICGLR Regional Certification Mechanism on gold exports, the importance of combating illegal resource exploitation for stability, and the role of civil society in promoting entrepreneurship opportunities for youth and women in the mining sector. The session will emphasize how strengthened governance, and certification can drive sustainable development.</p>	<p>Moderated by Julia Maria Fesser, Mineral Resource Governance Advisor, GIZ</p> <p><b>10.30-10.35:</b> Speaker's introduction</p> <p><b>10.35-10.40:</b> Prof. Prudence Bararunyeretse, Dean of Faculty of Science University of Burundi</p> <p><b>10.40-10.45:</b> Mr. Jacob Eyeru, ICGLR Youth Forum Chair</p> <p><b>10.45-10.50:</b> Kibali Gold</p>
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee Break	
11.15 – 11.30	Open Discussion and Q&A Session	Event moderator
11.30 – 12.00	Summary and Closing Remarks	Event moderator