



# The link between the American Countries: the experience of CAMMA

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- **Latinoamerican Mining Organization– OLAMI - 1984**

Conformed by National Coordination Units, where each country is autonomous to constitute them and dictate their internal regulations

- **Conferencia de Ministerios de Minería de las Américas – CAMMA - 1996**

Conformed by the highest mining authorities of the American Countries

- **Interamerican Mining Society- SIM - 1998**

Conformed by Associations and Mining Chambers of America



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CAMMA was the only hemispheric intergovernmental ministerial-level forum that offered ministers and senior mining officials the opportunity to discuss policies and programs, share best practices, and identify future research areas and common approaches to implement Sustainable Development policies for minerals and metals in the Americas and the Caribbean

From 1996 to 2005, the twenty-three member countries signed seven ministerial Declarations, which considered various sectoral issues and made recommendations to contribute to the implementation of sustainable development and policies for minerals and metals



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The Plan of Action of the Santa Cruz Summit on Sustainable Development of 1996 also stated that in order to achieve sustainable development in mining, the key role of mining in the development of the Americas should be recognized and the contribution of the first CAMMA (Santiago, Chile, 1996) for the economic, social and environmental development of the continent

The 2001 Quebec Summit Action Plan recognized the contribution of organizations such as CAMMA to regional sustainable development policies and stated that: *[Our Governments ...] will promote the development of environmentally sound management and exploitation of Minerals and metals, recognizing the importance of the social and economic dimensions of mining activities, and will support the work of regional and international forums in this area*



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At the VI Annual Conference of Ministries of Mining held in Santo Domingo on November 19 and 20, 2001, actions were agreed that ratified the commitment of mining ministries of the Americas and the Caribbean to sustainable development, subscribing to the *Declaration on Minerals and Metals and Sustainable Development*

This statement supported the inclusion of minerals and metals in the intergovernmental discussions of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and that the mining sector was considered in the Implementation Plan





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Because of the activities carried out, and considering the important contribution of mining to economic and social development, as well as to alleviate poverty and to mitigate environmental impacts and risks, actions related to the following themes were proposed:



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1. Mining and Environment
  2. Small mining
  3. Occupational Health and Safety in Mining
  4. Safe use of minerals and metals
  5. Mining and communities
  6. Market access
  7. Mine closure
  8. Modernizing and strengthening of Mining Sector Public Institutions
  9. Training of human resources
  10. Mining integration





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- Santiago de Chile, 1996
  - Arequipa (Perú), 1997
  - Buenos Aires (Argentina), 1998
  - Caracas (Venezuela), 1999
  - Vancouver (Canadá), 2000
  - Santo Domingo, 2001
  - Buenos Aires, 2005
  - Buenos Aires, 2017



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Between 2006 and 2016, the need to have CAMMA again was evident.

In various Declarations of the Latin American Mining Organization, it was reaffirmed that CAMMA should be convened and that steps were taken to that effect.

Thus, in the framework of PDAC 2017, together with the government of Argentina, a meeting of Ministers was convened. At the meeting it was agreed that the VIII CAMMA will be held in Buenos Aires, on May 10, 2017





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In the VIII CAMMA it was agreed:

- To form an Executive Committee, led by the Republic of Argentina, with representatives from North America, Canada (member) and Mexico (alternate); Central America, Honduras (member) and Nicaragua (alternate); the Caribbean, Dominican Republic (member) and Jamaica (alternate); South America except for MERCOSUR, Chile (member) and Perú (alternate); and MERCOSUR, Brazil (member) and Paraguay (alternate). The Committee will be in charge of developing draft Terms of Reference for the functioning the Mines Ministries of the Americas Conference



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- To create a working group consisting of country representatives, under the supervision of the Executive Committee, to draft proposals on public policies for the good governance of mineral resources. The draft will be presented to the Mines Ministries of the Americas Conference, to be held in Toronto, Canada, on the margins of PDAC 2018.
  - To create a working group consisting of country representatives, under the supervision of the Executive Committee, to study, propose and disseminate examples of measures aimed at improving relations with local communities, including consultation



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- On March 6, in Toronto, an Intersesional Meeting of CAMMA was held and for the Action Plan 2018 it was agreed:
    - Hold a Forum on Mining and Sustainable Development of the Americas on the topic *Addressing Social Challenges Through Multi-stakeholder Dialogue*, in Lima, Peru, on June 12. CAMMA will organize the event jointly with the Inter-American Development Bank and the International Governmental Forum
    - Hold in Lima, Peru, in June 13, 2018, a meeting of CAMMA officials
    - The IX CAMMA Conference will be held in October/November 2018



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- A draft of the Document Public Policies for the Development and Governance of Mineral Resources was presented and dicussed in the meeting
  - The contents of this document are:
    - Environment, Mine Closure, Biodiversity, Water and Mining, Human Rights, Basic Information, New Technologies, Concessions and Mining Cadaster, Mining Statistics, Transparency, Small and Medium-Sized Mining, Relations with Communities, Institutional Strengthening, Mining Education and Training, Relationship with Other Economic Activities, Energy Efficiency



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