

“Conflict in the Sahel: Identifying and mitigating its impact on mining activities” – Panel Discussion

The Sahel is the arid region stretching across northern Africa, dividing the Sahara desert to the north from Africa's tropical regions. From Mauritania to Somalia, it spans over 6,000 km and covers some 3 million sq.km.

Conflicts in this region vary in their causes and effects. A particular conflict may be caused by a suppressed group awaking to its social, economic or political disadvantages, religious zealots trying to impose theocracies and outside stakeholders precipitating problems.

Effects can range from occasional social unrest in more stable nation-states, to government overthrows and the breakup of nations – sometimes accompanied by people, arms and drug trafficking, kidnappings and other acts of banditry.

The objective of this panel discussion is to assess the present situation, perceive any potential for assisting in a positive change, and especially generate a reflective examination by our mining fraternity who are stakeholders in the development of the Sahel.

The identification and mitigation of conflicts in the Sahel is not only for the benefit of foreign investors, but also for the benefit of the local communities and from the point of view of the host state, to bring well-being to all its citizens through the development of its national resources.

Date: Thursday 30 August

Time: 14:00 – 15:30

Venue: Boardroom, Conference level, Pan Pacific Hotel

RSVP before 20 August: KateB@paydirt.com.au *PLEASE NOTE, attendance is complimentary but RSVP is essential. If you do not RSVP for the symposium, you will not be granted access.

Session moderator: Dr Max de Vietri

Panel participants: It is intended that contrary and maybe controversial perspectives will be voiced by the panel which will consist of five professionals;

1. The CEO of a mining company in the Sahel: **John Welborn**, Resolute Mining
2. A lawyer dealing with conflict issues: **Bertrand Montembault**, HSF
3. A UN peacekeeper: **Seth Appiah-Mensah**, United Nations Support to AU
4. A researcher on socio-religious issues: **Muhammad Dan Suleiman**, UWA
5. A leader in an African professional association: **David Kamara**, APA

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