

# INVITATION

DRC Mining Week 2026 Side Event

## Towards a People-Centred ASM Sector

### Practical Approaches to Promoting Child Rights along Cobalt and Copper Supply Chains

How can responsible sourcing better support children, communities and long-term resilience in Africa's copper and cobalt supply chains?

As global attention on responsible sourcing and human rights due diligence (HRDD) continues to grow, stakeholders across the value chain are increasingly recognising the need for practical, collaborative and locally grounded approaches to addressing child labour risks in artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) communities.

During DRC Mining Week 2026, The Centre for Child Rights and Business and partners invite companies, downstream buyers, governments, civil society organisations and development partners to join a high-level discussion and networking dialogue on practical approaches to promoting child rights along cobalt and copper supply chains.

### Why attend?

- Explore practical approaches to responsible sourcing and HRDD in ASM contexts
- Hear perspectives from government, industry and implementation partners on promoting child rights in cobalt and copper supply chains
- Learn how collaborative approaches can support child labour prevention and remediation in practice
- Gain insights from the Child Rights Action Hub and experiences emerging from the DRC
- Discuss the role of business, governments and local actors in strengthening responsible sourcing efforts
- Engage in practical conversations on long-term partnerships, remediation and community engagement
- Connect with stakeholders working across mining, sourcing, ESG, development and civil society sectors



**17 JUNE**  
15:00-17:00



**UK Pavillion**  
Pullman Lubumbashi  
Grand Karavia

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Hosted by The Centre for Child Rights and Business in collaboration with the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO).

## Panel Discussion

15:00–16:30 |  
UK Pavillion

A moderated panel discussion exploring how collaborative approaches can support responsible copper and cobalt sourcing while addressing child labour risks in ASM communities.

The discussion will focus on operational realities, lessons learned, partnership models and scalable approaches that combine remediation, prevention and long-term community engagement.

Indicative speakers include:

- ▶ Representatives from government and diplomatic missions
- ▶ Mining industry representatives
- ▶ Responsible sourcing and downstream business actors
- ▶ Representatives from the Child Rights Action Hub
- ▶ Development partners and implementing organisations

## Afternoon tea & Networking dialogue

16:30–17:00 |  
UK Pavillion

Following the panel discussion, participants are invited to join an informal afternoon tea and networking dialogue designed to encourage candid discussion, peer exchange and partnership-building.

This informal gathering will include:

- ▶ Small-group facilitated conversations
- ▶ Opportunities for direct engagement with speakers and participants
- ▶ Networking across sectors and stakeholder groups

Come join us for informal conversations, practical exchange and cross-sector networking on responsible sourcing, HRDD and child rights in cobalt and copper supply chains!

### About the Child Rights Action Hub

The Child Rights Action Hub is a collaborative initiative managed by The Centre for Child Rights and Business that works to prevent and remediate child labour in and around mining communities in the DRC through practical, locally grounded approaches that combine remediation, prevention, stakeholder engagement, capacity building and long-term community support.

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