



**2026 12th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINERALS INDUSTRY**

Medellin – Colombia

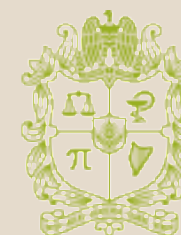
July 13 to 17, 2026



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The main topics of Interest of this meeting are:

- Reporting strategies
- Socio-economic indicators
- Environmental indicators
- Technical and operational indicators
- Cases from mining and other industries
- Different political approaches in global context
- Multinational views and Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
- Examples of sustainable development practices in mining
- Certification or auditing of indicators
- Site and sector specific indicators (metal, minerals, coal and energy)
- Data quality in terms of aggregation, availability, transparency and addressee



We want to contribute to creating a sustainable mining industry, not only in Colombia, but also in our Latin American and global neighborhood and this is an excellent opportunity to reach a very broad audience, both from industry, government and academia.

Already in 2021, we hosted the 31st annual meeting of the Society of Mining Professors and the event was very successful despite the fact that we are just coming out of the pandemic. Today we want many people to visit us and at the same time have the opportunity to get to know the Colombian mining industry, as well as the School of Mines of the Universidad Nacional de Colombia.

Our idea is this meeting that we hope to organize in the city of Medellín, Colombia, will be tremendously beneficial and fun for all members. That it is not just another international conference, but rather an unforgettable experience, accompanied by a strong technical content integrated with informative and practical forums and discussion panels, which cover our areas of greatest interest for future educational needs, research opportunities collaborative, member development and capacity development for new mining programs in different parts of the world. Finally, a great opportunity to establish contacts and develop long-term professional relationships.





We hope that the decision will be favorable,
so that we can attend you in Medellin.

Welcome to the city of the Eternal Spring





The 12th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINERALS INDUSTRY SDIMI 2026 will be held in Medellín city.

The meeting program will include two and a half days of regular sessions and a field day to visit a mine closure. We plan to organize diverse sessions, both in content and format, with the goal of fostering interactive and collaborative events. Six to eight months before the meeting, we will solicit proposals from interested attendees to define specific session topics. The Organizing Committee will then review and select the best proposals to develop a coherent program.

Meeting Agenda

Monday, July 13 - 2026

Evening	Cocktail reception
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Tuesday, July 14 - 2026

Morning	Register - Technical conferences
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Afternoon	Technical conferences
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Night	Cultural reception
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Wednesday, July 15 - 2026

Morning	Technical conferences
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Afternoon	Technical conferences
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Evening	Main event dinner
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Thursday, July 16 - 2026

Morning	Technical conferences
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Afternoon	Mining experience (optional)
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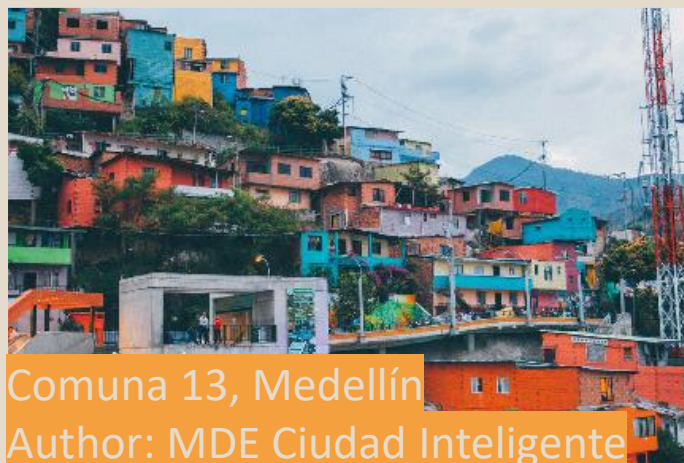
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Main Park, Municipality of La Unión, Antioquia



Kaolin mines - La Laguna Azul - La Unión, Antioquia
Photo: Noticias La Unión Antioquia



Comuna 13, Medellín
Author: MDE Ciudad Inteligente



Piedra del Peñol
El Peñol, Antioquia



Travel

Air service

The airport destined for the arrival of the participants is Jose Maria Cordoba International Airport in Rionegro (MDE).

Jose Maria Cordoba International Airport in Rionegro is located 25 km from the Medellín Marriott hotel in Medellín. It is about a 30 minutes driving in non-rush hour traffic. This terminal currently operates 11 international destinations.

Ground transportation

At the Jose Maria Cordoba Airport (Rionegro) in the main exit you can take a taxi, this will take approximately 30 minutes to the city of Medellín.

Visa and travel documents to Colombia

Most countries of the event participants do not require a visa to travel to Colombia. However, check if your country requires a visa at the following link.

https://www.cancilleria.gov.co/tramites_servicios/visa/requisitos

Please contact your local Colombia embassy/consulate for more information. If you need an entry visa, we will send you an invitation letter to be submitted with your visa application.





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Dress code and climate

The recommended conference attire is business casual. For the Awards event, suits and ties for the men and dresses for the ladies are recommended. Temperatures in Medellín range from 20 to 25 degrees Celsius.



Banking / Credit Cards

In Colombia major credit cards are generally accepted including American Express, Diners Club, Master and Visa Card.



Flights Details

Medellín is the capital of Antioquia Department and the second biggest city in Colombia, its International airport José María Córdoba is located in Rionegro town which is 30 minutes away from Medellín.

Its strategic location allow that everyone could arrive to Medellín from any city of the world, there is a direct flight from Madrid, Spain to Medellin or two flights from Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania. Those coming from Europe can also fly from Frankfurt, Paris, Amsterdam and/or Madrid to Panama City and/or Bogota, and then less than one hour from Panama City/Bogota to Medellin. There is a plenty of flights from major US cities to either Medellin, or to Panama City/Bogota, and then to Medellin.





Direct international flights



North America – USA

- Fort Lauderdale
- Houston
- Miami
- New York
- Orlando
- Toronto

Europe

- Madrid (Spain)

Airlines

- Avianca, JetBlue, Spirit
 - United Airlines
 - American Airlines, Avianca
 - Avianca
 - Avianca, Spirit
 - Air Transat
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- Avianca, Air Europa



Latin America and the Caribbean

- Mexico City (Mexico)
- Cancún (Mexico)
- Guayaquil (Ecuador)
- Quito (Ecuador)
- Lima (Peru)
- Buenos Aires (Argentina)
- Rio de Janeiro (Brazil, Guarulhos)
- Santiago (Chile)
- Panama City (Panama)
- Balboa (Panama)
- San José (Costa Rica)
- Oranjestad (Aruba)
- Curaçao
- Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic)
- Punta Cana (Dominican Republic)
- San Salvador (El Salvador)
- San Juan (Puerto Rico)

Airlines

- Aeroméxico, Avianca
- Avianca, Wingo
- Avianca
- Avianca
- Avianca, JetSMART Peru, LATAM Peru
- Avianca
- Avianca
- JetSMART
- Avianca, Copa Airlines
- Wingo
- Avianca, Wingo
- Copa Airlines
- Copa Airlines
- Arajet, Copa Airlines, World Ticket
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- Avianca
- Avianca, JetBlue



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Thank you!

