Conference Conclusion
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Track B - Sustainability Indicators: information in support of capacity building
Panel II - Integrating Sustainability in Capacity Building

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Needs not Wants

Scale: mine, local, regional, national

Technology

Environmental

Economics

Community

Governance

Time

Multi-Generational

Paradigm of Change
Track B Themes

- SD Indicators
  - Developed for whom, to be used by whom?
  - System comparisons
  - Approaches
  - Reliability & uncertainty
- Technologies to improve Sustainable Management of Mineral Resources
  - Health and safety
  - Environmental and waste Management
  - Reclamation & rehabilitation
New Research & Applications

- Technologies to improve sustainable management of mineral resources
- Sustainability indicators
- Capacity building
- Social license to mine
- Health & safety
- Industrial small scale mining
- Rehabilitation
Future Development Opportunities

- Better availability of data to populate SDIs
- Enhancing SDIs
- Linking of different SD management systems/technologies
- Access of SDIs for all stakeholders
- Development of best available technologies
Panel II: Integrating Sustainability in Capacity Building

- An important distinction is the difference between education about sustainable development and education for sustainable development
- Insights in capacity building for various interested parties using a variety of approaches and tools
- Small remote communities may not have access to computers and more direct approaches must be used
- Capacity building must be part of a long-term strategy
- Indicators must still be developed to successfully measure the success of capacity building
- Multiple concerns expressed about the idea of registration of sustainability professionals