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# RESPONSIBLE METALS VALUE CHAIN PLATFORM OVERVIEW

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**The Copper Mark is launching the Responsible Metals Value Chain Platform, recognising that a world where mineral and metal products are made responsibly requires commitment and cooperation from mine site to end user.**

The Copper Mark's responsible production standard, which now covers 40% of mined copper ore and about 30% of refined copper, leaves us well positioned to help overcome the information and communication silos preventing data collection essential for regulatory compliance, coordinated value chain efforts to address the industry's ongoing environmental, social, and governance (ESG) risks, and impactful responsibility claims.

The Value Chain Platform expands and complements the Copper Mark's upstream coverage and will enable new capabilities benefitting the entire value chain among upstream, mid-stream, and downstream companies and stakeholders.

**The Copper Mark's responsible production standards provide an immediate organising opportunity for companies that understand**



Mandatory due diligence is reshaping metals markets



Transparency benefits require moving from fragmented compliance to coordinated systems



Coordination across the value chain required delivering key information to all customers

## Connect



- Mines
- Smelters & refiners
- Fabricators
- Recyclers
- Traders
- OEMs & manufacturers
- Civil society and expert stakeholders
- Impacted rightsholders and stakeholders



## Cover



- GHG accounting
- Recycled content transparency
- Chain of custody and traceability
- Minerals supply chain due diligence
- Recommendations from rightsholders
- Practical due diligence tools and standards
- Responsible production assurance



## Enable



- Emissions transparency
- Environmental risk management
- Human rights risk management
- Supply chain due diligence
- Value chain mapping
- Responsible production recognition



## Value Chain Platform Partners

Companies and stakeholders are invited to join as Platform Partners. Existing Copper Mark Partners will be required to transition to this new structure by 1 July 2026 to retain their status with the organisation.

By joining, Platform Partners commit to the Responsible Value Chain principles, pledging to:

- Support responsible metals and minerals value chains and express a preference for sourcing and promoting responsibly produced metals
- Actively engage in, drive and deliver Platform activities



## Through the Value Chain Platform companies and stakeholders can:



Access and engage with a broad network of value chain actors



Publicly claim to be a Copper Mark Value Chain Platform Partner supporting responsible production



Help develop value chain standards and practical tools



Join leadership initiatives and pilot projects for priority sectors and issues



Participate in all activities related to the Platform Forum, Groups and Online Hub

## Who can join the Value Chain Platform?

- Companies, financial organisations and investment actors involved in the mining, transformation, fabrication, trading and recycling of metals and minerals.
- Downstream manufacturers or end-users using metals in their products.
- Stakeholders and rights-holders affected by the activities of companies involved in the metals value chain, such as Indigenous Peoples, social and environmental CSOs and labour representatives.

The Value Chain Platform activities will also collaborate industry bodies and associations, consultants and experts, who are not eligible to become Platform Partners.



# Value Chain Platform

A platform for engagement across the metals value chain for information exchange, addressing shared issues and developing sector initiatives



## Value Chain Forum

- Main engagement point for all Platform Partners
- Partners meet twice per year, once online and once in-person
- Unique setting to learn, share and discuss the latest developments and issues affecting responsible production in metals value chains

### BENEFITS

- Grow network and knowledge
- Stay ahead of evolving regulatory requirements and customer expectations on responsible production and sourcing

## Value Chain Groups & Initiatives

- The home of initiatives and projects on specific themes and topics
- Transparency and Traceability Group
- Standards and Tools Group
- GHG Emissions and Recycled Content Group

### BENEFITS

- Help develop standards and tools for enhanced responsible production
- Engage in leadership initiatives for your sector, including chain of custody pilots and transparency projects

## Value Chain Online Hub

- An online hub of information including:
- 1) Presentations and information from Platform events
  - 2) Tools such as the Environmental Due Diligence Risk Assessment Tools and Scrap Supplier Due Diligence Risk Assessment Tools
  - 3) Directory of contacts at Partner and Participant companies and sites
  - 4) Data provided by a third-party agency covering value chain aggregated supply, demand and production data, market trends and aggregated ESG data

### BENEFITS

- Access exclusive content and tools
- Gain fresh insights into responsible value chains

## Platform Structure

The Value Chain Platform will consist of three core elements: the Forum, Groups, Online Hub:

### 1 Forum

The Forum will be the central engagement point for Platform Partners. Forum meetings will be held twice a year—once virtually and once in person—and open to all Platform Partners.

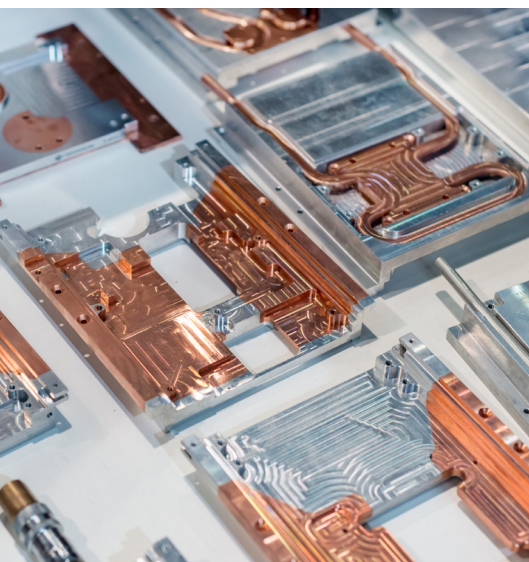


### 2 Groups

Groups will have focused discussions on key topics to develop initiatives and projects in specific sectors or themes including:

#### Transparency and Traceability Group

Designed to help Platform Partners respond to mounting mandatory disclosure and due diligence requirements with structured, interoperable chain of custody and / or traceability protocols.



## Transparency and Traceability Group *continued*

Focusing on expanding value-chain wide data through the Copper Mark's standards and tools, this group will dive deep and promote the implementation of the Copper Mark's Joint Due Diligence Standard, Chain of Custody Standard, the forthcoming Mid-Stream Standard, and the Environment and Scrap Due Diligence Tools across the copper value chain.

The Traceability and Transparency Group's work will align with the United Nations Transparency Protocol and international risk-based due diligence standards. It will focus on pilot technology-agnostic, mine-to-downstream chain of custody and traceability protocols capable of supporting credible, product-level responsible production claims.

By focusing on linking actors with common standards, tools, and requests across the value chain, the Traceability and Transparency Group will enhance vertical value chain visibility through increased direct communication. This action will:

- Strengthen defensible compliance positions
- Reduce reporting fatigue
- Identify further value chain segments and geographies where coordinated action may be needed



## Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Recycled Content Group

A practical response to the tightening regulatory landscape and rising demands from investors and customers that are facing copper producers, smelters, fabricators, and downstream users such as automotive, technology, energy, and construction sectors. This group will also cover mandatory climate and supply-chain disclosure regimes such as the:

- EU Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD)
- EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD)
- EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism
- Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)
- Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act (SB 253) and Climate-Related Financial Risk Act (SB 261) of California
- GX Promotion Act and Mandatory Emissions Disclosure of Japan, among others.

The first goal of GHG and Recycled Content Group will be to unlock comparable, verifiable data flows and methodologies across production points of the copper value chain. As the Copper Mark grows, additional materials may be added outside of the initial copper focus.

The GHG and Recycled Content Group will work to equip partners with comparable methodologies, disclosure guidance, and transfer mechanisms for GHG and recycled content data—aligned with emerging regulatory expectations and the [Copper Sector's Pathway to Net-Zero](#).

It will also work to strengthen ESG due diligence in secondary material streams, building on the Roundtable on Responsible Recycled Material, to ensure recycled copper claims stand up to scrutiny under the CSRD, green claims enforcement, and investor oversight.



### 3

### Online Hub

The Online Hub is an exclusive space for Platform Partners and serve as a repository for Platform materials, some of which will be available publicly, while some will be exclusively for the Platform Partners. In the future, the Online Hub will provide data on copper value chains and material flows between.

**“By joining the Value Chain Platform, companies and stakeholders can demonstrate their commitment to responsible sourcing and production and make public claims as a Copper Mark Value Chain Platform Partner —showcasing leadership to customers, regulators and peers.”**

### Platform Partner Fees

**The Platform will be funded through annual fees, determined in relation to annual turnover for the previous financial year.**

Turnover (USD previous financial year)	Annual fee (USD)
Over 50bn	20,000
10 – 50bn	15,000
1 – 10bn	10,000
500mn – 1bn	5,000
Under 500mn	2,000

- Existing Copper Mark Partners will receive 50% discount for the first year of participation. The deadline for current Copper Mark Partners to move to join the Platform will be 1 July 2026.
- Copper Mark Partners which do not transition to Value Chain Platform Partners will no longer be able to make claims related

- to their partnership with the Copper Mark once the Platform is launched.
- Platform Partner applications require a one-time processing fee of USD 500. (Existing Partners are exempt from this fee.)
- No fee will be charged for companies with Copper Mark Participant sites (Except those

- participating in only the Chain of Custody Standard.)
- To support the involvement of CSOs and value chain stakeholders and rights-holders, no fee will be charged to these groups.

### Benefits of Becoming a Value Chain Platform Partner

#### Demonstrate:

- Risk identification and mitigation
- Stakeholder engagement
- Continuous improvement
- Value chain transparency and traceability
- Differentiated ESG performance
- GHG and recycled content transparency

#### Forum: Grow your network and knowledge

Convening twice per here to help you build relationships across the metals value chain and meet fellow Platform Partners and the Copper Mark team.

Exchange information and improve your supply-chain mapping capabilities by understanding each production stage and associated ESG issues, impacts and risks for companies working in the copper, molybdenum, nickel and zinc value chains.

Stay ahead of evolving regulatory requirements and customer expectations on responsible production and sourcing.

#### Groups: Take initiative to demonstrate industry leadership

Contribute directly to the development of standards and tools that enhance responsible production and sustainable value chains.

Engage in leadership initiatives for your sector, including chain of custody pilots, transparency projects, and other collaborative programs.

#### Online Hub

Access exclusive content tools and insights on metal flows across the value chain to support transparency and understanding of responsible value chains for copper and the other metals.

- Copper industry analyses and datasets
- Thematic presentations and PowerPoints
- Practical due diligence tools and information
- Shared tools and insights

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