

## **‘Increasing scarcity of Raw Materials. What are the effects on achieving the SDGs?’**

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On behalf of the Federal Institute of Sustainable Development (FIDO/IFDD), the Instituut vóór Duurzame Ontwikkeling vzw (in English: not-for-profit organization Institute for Sustainable Development) conducted a study on scarcity of raw materials and its effects on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). During a side-event at the World Resource Forum in Antwerp, the results of this study will be presented and discussed. Afterwards, a group of experts from relevant policy domains within the government, business & civil society will reflect on the possible risks and opportunities presented by the study. There is an increasing challenge to cope with the scarcity of important raw materials. If you want to learn more about the possible challenge Belgium will be facing, you are most welcome to attend this seminar or pass the invitation on to others who might be interested.

**9:00** Doors are opening

**9:30 Welcome address**

by Representative of the Ministry of Sustainable Development

**9:45 Key note address**

by Prof. Ester van der Voet (Leiden University & International Resource Panel)

**10:15 Presentation of the study**

by Prof. Bernard Mazijn (Instituut vóór Duurzame Ontwikkeling vzw & Ghent University)

**10:45 Response**

from Prof. Ester van der Voet

**11:00 Coffee Break**

**11:30 Response from involved public administrations in Belgium,**

inter alia, on the following SDGs:

- SDG 7 – Affordable and clean energy  
by Sam Vanwijnsberghe, Policy Advisor International Relations, FPS Economy - DG Energy
- SDG 8 – Decent work and economic growth  
by Tom Bevers, Head International Relations and Socio-economic Studies, FPS Work
- SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities  
by Jorn Verbeeck, former Director Environment & Climate, City of Ghent
- SDG 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production  
by Natacha Zuinen, Head of Sustainable Development Division, Public Service Wallonia
- SDG 17 - Global partnership for sustainable development  
by Pieter Leenknecht, Head of Service, FPS Foreign Affairs – DG Development Cooperation

**12:10 Response of stakeholders in Belgium:**

- Industry organization: Bernedine Bos, Director of Services, CSR Europe
- Trade union: Wim Careel, Advisor, ABVV Metaal
- Non-governmental Organisation: Nick Meynen, Policy Officer, EEB

**12:45 Discussion round with participants**

**13:00 Lunch**