

## IFAC TC 6.2 Mining, Mineral and Metal Processing

### 2025 Minutes of TC Meeting

Venue: Convention Center, NOS, PUCP, Lima, Peru

Date: Thursday, 23 October 2025

Time: 13:00 – 13:45, GMT-5 (local time, Lima, Peru)

#### MINUTES

1. *Attendance and Apologies:*

*On-site:* Chris Aldrich (chair), Javier Sotomayer, Daniel Sbarbaro, Jocelyn Bouchard, Lidia Auret, Xiaoli Wang, Derik le Roux, Jari Ruuska

*Online:* Francesco Cuzzola, Andreas Steinboeck

2. *Approval of Agenda:* Approved.

3. *Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:* Approved.

4. *IFAC MMM 2025:* The NOC Chair, Javier Sotomayer, provided statistics on the symposium, with 53 registrations from 13 countries. More specific statistics will be forwarded to the TC Chair.

5. *IFAC WC 2026:* The TC Chair reminded all of the deadline for submission of regular papers (26 November 2025) to the 23<sup>rd</sup> IFAC World Congress, which will take place in Busan, South Korea from 24-28 August 2026.

6. *Open Discussion on TC 6.2 Activities:*

The following topics were discussed:

6.1. **IFAC MMM Workshop 2027:**

- Lidia Auret presented a bid of the South African national member organisation (NMO) for hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> IFAC MMM Workshop in 2027 in South Africa (PDF of slides attached).
- MMM 2027 will be held in conjunction with Control Conference Africa 2027, an event that has been co-sponsored by IFAC, since its inception several years ago.
- The proposed venue would be the Dinokeng game reserve with direct access from Johannesburg in South Africa, where delegates would be able to experience an African Safari involving the so-called Big Five.
- If representatives of other NMO's are likewise interested in submitting bids for IFAC events in 2027, they should contact the TC Chair before 30 November 2025.

## 6.2. **Nominations for TC 6.2 Chair (2026-2029)**

- The current chair's tenure expires in August 2026 at the upcoming IFAC World Congress in Busan, Korea. The new TC chair will be officially elected by the Incoming Technical Board and will serve from the start of the IFAC WC event in August 2026 until the next IFAC WC in Amsterdam 2029.
- The IFAC Technical Board has requested current TC chairs to solicit names and make suggestions for the next TC Chair by 15 December 2025, as early nomination would allow new TC Chairs to prepare for their tenure prior to formal commencement.
- To this end, TC members are invited to **suggest potential candidates by no later than 30 November 2025**. Nominations by TC members, NMO's and self-nominations are acceptable. A nomination should include a short statement on the suitability of a candidate, including a statement that the candidate is willing to serve and can make the time commitment.
- As a matter of record, Lidia Auret has nominated Kevin Brooks (currently a TC 6.2. Vice Chair: Industry), whose formal nomination is also supported by the NMO of South Africa.

## 6.3. *Next Meeting*: Busan, South Korea (24-28 August 2026 – exact date TBA).

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