

FAIRMINED STANDARD COMMITTEE MINUTES MEETING

Feb 11TH, 2022.
9:00-10:33 am COT / 04:00-6:10pm CET
Online meeting using *Zoom*

SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

Fairmined Standard 3.0 – Presentation slides

AGENDA

1. Opening remarks
2. Appointment of the SC Chair and Vice-chairs
3. Roll call
4. Objectives and 2022 priority
5. Fairmined Standard 3.0 Timeline in 2022
6. Lessons learned in 2021 with the application of CRAFT and Fairmined Standards
7. Discussion of the Fairmined Standard 3.0 proposal (rationale, scopes)
8. New members to include in the development process
9. Next steps and AOB

1. WELCOME

At 9:04 am, Natalia Uribe, Standards and Assurance manager, welcomes all the members to the meeting and introduces Gina D'amato (new ARM's Executive Director in Latam).

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE STANDARD COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

After Gina D'amato talks about her vision for the Alliance for Responsible Mining and officially appoints the chair and vice-chair. Then, the chair proceeds to check the presence of the list of members.

3. ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMITTEE

The chair introduces every member's name in the three groups in which the Committee is represented:



- ASM representatives and experts
- Representatives from the supply chain and demand
- Formalization and thematic experts, civil society Minerals, Academy, Responsible supply chain experts

4. OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES OF THE REVISION

Natalia explains the objective of the Fairmined committee consists of 3 main topics: **1. Recap the lessons learned during 2021, 2. Share the timeline of development for 2022 and 3. Talk about the draft of the standard 3.0.** She invites the Spanish-speaking group to activate the translation option for the Spanish speakers.

Natalia also reminds regarding the Fairmined Committee rules:

- The meetings are ruled by **the Chatham House rule**:
When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.
- Two languages in the Committee:
 - **English will be the primary language** and interpretation in Spanish will be available.
- **Meetings are recorded** to facilitate taking minutes.

5. TIMELINE

During the meeting, Natalia summarizes the lessons learned in 2021 and she presents the following timeline proposed by the ARM team.

- **Reactivation of the committee and planning** Jan 2022
- **Rational: proposal validation** Feb-Mar 2022
- **Draft: revision and adjustments:** Apr-May 2022
- **Planning: Consultation and pilots** Jun-Jul 2022
- **Public consultation: 1st round of activities** Ago-Oct 2022
- **Results: Analysis and evaluation** Nov 2022
- **Fairmined standard 3.0:** Dic 2022-Jan 2022

Particularly, she highlights the required time dedication by the Committee members during the year:

4 to 5 meetings Fairmined Standard Committee	Tentative Dates
1. Rationale, structure and workplan 2022 and 2022	Feb-11

2. Comments on the draft Standard and key themes	Apr-May
3. Preparation for the public consultation (draft approval, activities)	Jun -Jul
4. Revision and approval after public consultation	Nov-Dec

6. LESSONS LEARNED IN 2021 WITH THE APPLICATION OF CRAFT CODE AND FAIRMINED STANDARD

Natalia shows the Sustainable Mines Program (SMP) pyramid and points out the structure and how it is a CRAFT scheme using the CRAFT Code and the Fairmined standard are part of the evolution process.

To check the graphics, please see the meeting slides available as an attached file.

Then Natalia shared the lessons learned from the Sustainable Mines Program regarding the miners and brands audiences. The main conclusions are that miners need to be recognized for their efforts and take action towards sustainability. And the market, on the other side, ARM will work to strengthen the creative and marketing strategies to add differential value to the standard and offer different levels of involvement with the ASM.

7. DISCUSSION OF THE FAIRMINED STANDARD 3.0 PROPOSAL (RATIONALE, SCOPES)

Natalia explains the idea of integrating the two standards (CRAFT code and Fairmined Standard) as parts of a road for mines to go through a progressive improvement pathway but also creating a level of pre-certification efforts and progress for artisanal and gold panners miners) to be able to commercialize their gold. Moreover, Natalia gives an example regarding the proposed structure and she presents the standard type and standard scopes. Then, the Chair adds his feedback and requests for feedback.

Questions of the members

At 09:49 a member asks about the gender equality topic in the standard structure and is told that it will be added as a chapter especially for that sustainability development goal and it will be along the standard.

Another member also asks to include transparency, finance, conflict, money laundering and human rights in the structure and use the same wording of the OECD. Other members agree.

Other member suggests that the score levels should be from 1-5 to allow the miners to see their improvement, and get scores about their results, another member asks about what

scoring process the ARM team will consider keeping the transparency and clearance for all the actors when it comes to evaluate the pre-certification level, he suggests a practical and easy system or check-list.

Marcin points out that this level will be guided by ARM and they will not need to be audited. ARM will assess them and makes it clear that this CRAFT-conformant mineral is different from the Fairmined standard Gold. Natalia explains that it's called minerals to explore the using it for more materials besides gold in the near future.

Another member intervenes and supports the integration of the craft scheme evidencing that for instance, gold panners are not able to pay audits. This member suggests making this space for them to arrive to the markets with the technical assistance by ARM that is going to bring dozens of mines to start working with the sustainable mines program.

Another member clarifies that the idea of creating this pre-certification level is to give the opportunity to gold panning miners to include them in an effective and appropriate way.

8. EXPANSION TO NEW MEMBERS

Natalia presents the proposal to expand the inclusion of two or three members more in the Committee because the expansion of the minerals and the issues in the standard. The members approved this point.

9. NEXT STEPS AND OTHER COMMENTS

At 10:30, Natalia summarizes the next steps and invites the chair to close the meeting.

- Discuss the Market annex in a sub-committee/ committee (early March)
- Receive recommendations from members/allies to explore pilots applications
- Continue with the development of the draft standard
- Share the Fairmined Standard 3.0 draft with the approved decisions today
- Receive by email your suggestions of new members/observers
- Invite new members to the next meeting

A member shares the idea of creating a session with miners, in session developed in the mother tongue of the miners invited (French, Spanish and English) and another member volunteers to develop the activity in Burkina Faso, to speak with them. The ARM team will prepare those miners sessions and promotes miners' leaders to present the conclusions later in the Fairmined Standard Committee.

ATTENDANCE LIST

Total participants: 18



ASM representatives and experts

1. Anny Jaramillo- Mina Chede
2. Diana Yasmin Castaño- Asomicars

Representatives from the supply chain and demand

3. Ana María Sierra- Moda Elan
4. Florian Harkort- Fairever GmbH
5. Robert Donofrio- Futura Jewelry

Formalization and thematic experts, civil society

6. Cristina Echavarria- ARM's board of directors
7. Jhonatan Jaramillo- Solidaridad Perú
8. Ana Gabriela Factor -ARM's board of directors
9. Peter Dawkins- RJC

Minerals, Academy, Responsible supply chain experts

10. Felix Hruschka- ARM's board of directors
11. Muriel Côte- University of Lund
12. Toby Pomeroy- ARM's board of directors. Mercury Free Mining Challenge

ARM Team

1. Conny Havel- Head of Supply chains and market
2. Gina D'amato ARMs executive Director LATAM
3. Lorena Botero – Standards and Certification officer
4. Marcin Persiak ARMs executive Director Europe
5. Natalia Uribe- Head of Standards and Certification
6. Olga Rojas- Fairmined Communications officer