

## **Abstract: Human Rights, Responsible Business Conduct and Sustainable Mining**

### **Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Business**

Canada's mining industry is one of the largest in the world. We are among the top producers of commodity metals and minerals, as well as a leader in the mining sector overseas with Canada home to half of the world's publicly listed mining and mineral exploration companies. Given Canada's overseas mining footprint, and the potential impact that mining operations can have on mining workers, communities and the environment, both positive and negative, it is critical that mining companies, including Canadian companies, operate in a sustainable and responsible manner. This includes putting in place measures to respect the rights of mining workers, and communities living in close proximity to mining operations. This keynote speech by Ms. Sherri Meyerhoffer, the Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise (CORE) will provide information on responsible business conduct and how mining companies can prevent and remedy human rights issues that may result from their operations.