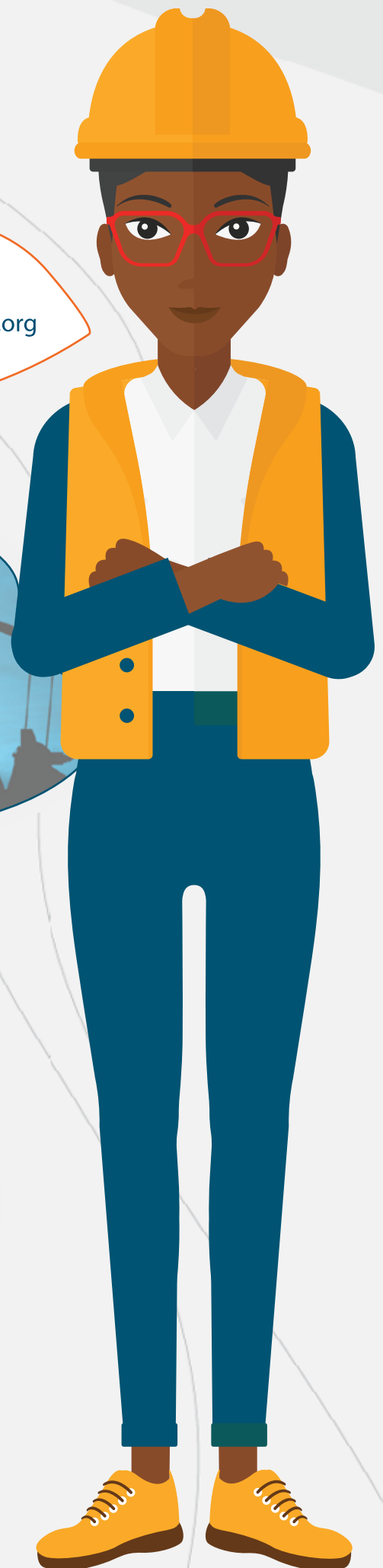




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About the IDB's Mining, Geothermal Energy, and Hydrocarbons Special Group

Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) is the world's leading source of minerals and metals, standing among the top producers of key natural resources for the global economy, such as copper, lithium, iron ore, gold, silver, and zinc, among many others. The extractive sector (mining, oil and gas) represents around 5% of the regional GDP and accounts for over 50% of the region's total exports.

Through technical and financial assistance, the Mining, Geothermal Energy, and Hydrocarbons (MGH) Special Group works with the region's governments, industry, and civil society to transform the extractive sector into a catalyst of sustainable and inclusive development by achieving the right conditions to generate shared value within a framework of good sector governance. MGH's multidisciplinary agenda includes, among others:

- Development and strengthening of mining value chains, with a focus on Small and medium enterprises (SMEs), innovation, employment and gender equality;
- Decarbonization strategies, with a focus on lithium, hydrogen, emissions reduction and "green procurement";
- Promotion of Geothermal Energy;
- Local economic development, with a focus on productive diversification, shared use and associated infrastructure and entrepreneurship.



How does the IDB Group promote gender equality in the extractive sector?

An essential pillar of MGH's agenda is gender equality in the extractive sector: while men experience more of the employment and financial benefits from extractives, women experience more of the risks, yielding wider gender inequality gaps and thus hindering opportunities for sustainable development.

MGH supports partner efforts to advance gender equality in LAC's extractive sector through multistakeholder strategies that focus on:

- Leveling the playing field for women to access the socioeconomic opportunities of extractive industries, including their supply chains.
- Addressing gender violence, including in the areas of influence of extractive projects.
- Producing knowledge and data about gendered impacts of the industry and the benefits of gender equality and diversity approaches for the public and private stakeholders of the sector.
- Enhancing women's capacity and agency in the sector's governance at the national and subnational levels.
- Spreading awareness, building capacity, and mobilizing relevant government, industry, and civil society stakeholders who can influence policy and address existing inequalities.



Our projects in this thematic area include:

Gender guidelines for the Colombian energy mining sector:

On March 5, 2020, the Colombian Ministry of Mines and Energy officially published the gender guidelines for the energy mining sector. Its objective is to generate a framework of action that allows the sector to promote, strengthen and articulate initiatives that focus on the gender approach from the labor and community dimensions, as well as promoting its integration into sector planning and project implementation. The IDB provided technical assistance, logistical support, and financing from the Canadian Extractive Sector Fund (CANEF), together with the United Nations Program (UNDP). The guidelines were built through a participatory methodology, which collected the views of various actors about the problems in the sector and their proposals for action, serving as the main input of the final product. A differential, multicultural and inclusive approach was incorporated, which made it possible to listen to and articulate the proposals, recognizing diversity and respecting differences.

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Emerging Women Leaders Program:

The Emerging Women Leaders in the Extractive Sector Program aims to strengthen and highlight the leadership of women with high potential in the public and private spheres of the extractive sector in Latin America and the Caribbean. This program promotes the inclusion of women in governance and investment opportunities in the mining and hydrocarbon sectors, while seeking to minimize and mitigate possible risks that these groups encounter in order to reach an equitable distribution of benefits in the extractive sector. To date, the program has been implemented in Chile and Peru.

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"Beyond Extraction" Program

Association between IDB, Anglo American and TechnoServe to support local economic development in areas of mining influence in Brazil, Chile and Peru. With an ecosystem approach, the program focuses on business development activities, professional and local government trainings, and strengthening of the local value chain. The 3-year program leveraged by mining investments, which has benefited around 2,500 people, businesses and institutions, prioritized work with Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with a focus on women and youth and trainings in local purchasing policies to create more opportunities for a productive diversification.

Buriticá Plan

Local dialogue initiative that was born in 2015 from a movement of local leaders in response to the arrival of illegal mining. With support first from USAID and then from the IDB, the plan is composed of three pillars: (1) monthly dialogue committee with representatives of the mining company, civil society, local government, departmental and national authorities, to discuss issues of public interest; (2) make visible at the national level, via social networks, traditional media, and direct communications, what is happening in Buriticá; and (3) a cultural change strategy that reinforces in the minds of the population the importance of the changes achieved. This work is coordinated with the Productive Chain Program supported by the IDB and the company, Continental Gold, and which has provided individual and personalized support to 60 SMEs in the mining area of influence, integrating more than 50% of the supply chain of the project. The plan includes programming aimed at generating greater awareness about gender violence and community environmental oversight, executed by the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) *Vamos Mujer*.



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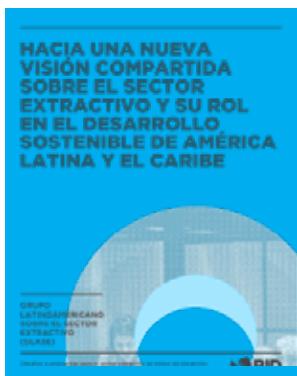
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