

## **Valcambi joins World Bank/OECD World Centre of Excellence roundtable – May 2017**

On the final day of the 11th OECD Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chains, the World Bank took the stage and organised a roundtable to discuss the development of a World Centre of Excellence focusing on artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM).

The initiative has different goals: first it aims to develop a Global Community of Practice on ASM to collect and disseminate data in support of evidence-based policy advice on ASM development and tailor-made ASM solutions; secondly it plans to establish a donor-supported Global ASM Support Hub to improve identification and coordination of all relevant cooperation projects in relation to ASM formalization, globally, and to provide ASM solutions and knowledge/data centres for the benefit of host country governments, donors, global mining companies, and the ASM community.

The roundtable was organised around a more general morning session, when the idea of the ASM platform was presented to the wider audience. The afternoon session was restricted to a limited number of representatives from development partners, the private sector, and civil society and saw a more in-depth discussion on how the objective of collaboration/coordination can be achieved and on which partnerships are feasible. The attendees had the chance to share their views on the desirability and feasibility of the proposed platform. Valcambi joined the event and expressed its interest in the Platform.