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# IFSOUP

Originated during ICEM 07 Conference in Bruges-Belgium

Concept: Adopt sustainability practices to avoid legacy sites



Means to organize:

- Workshops
- Training courses
- Forums for debate
- Information dissemination
- Networking

# IFSOUP Objectives

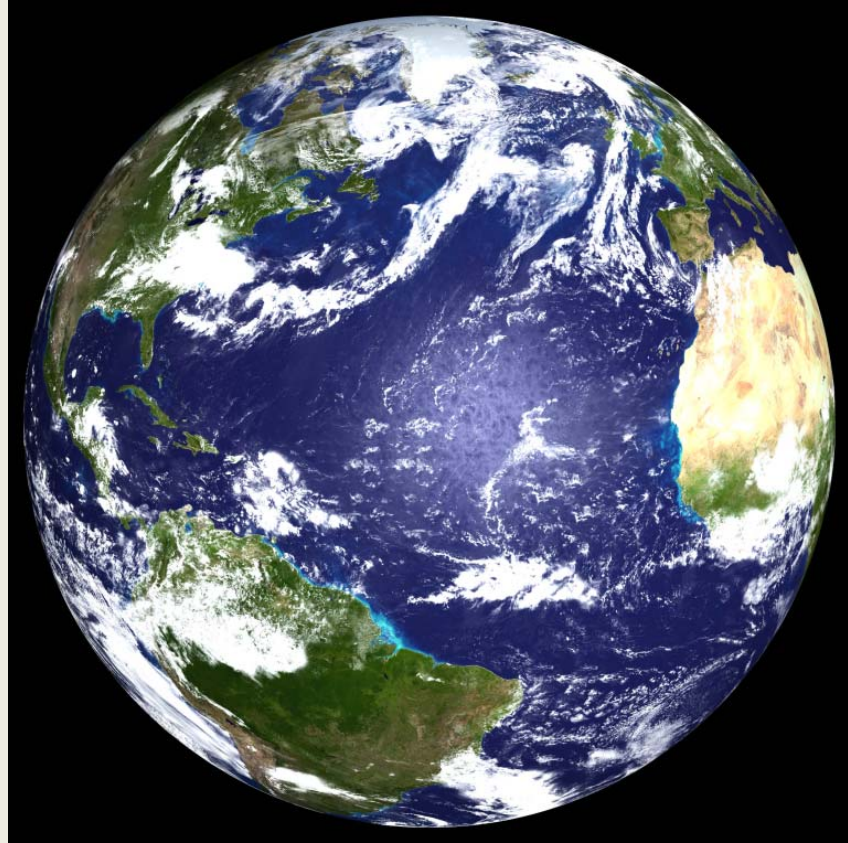
- Independent network developed to bring together:
  - Industry
  - Regulators
  - NGOs



- Purpose: foster and implement sustainable options for uranium production
- Inaugural meeting held as a separate forum during WM Symposium 2008 in Phoenix in February

# IFSOUP Objectives Continued

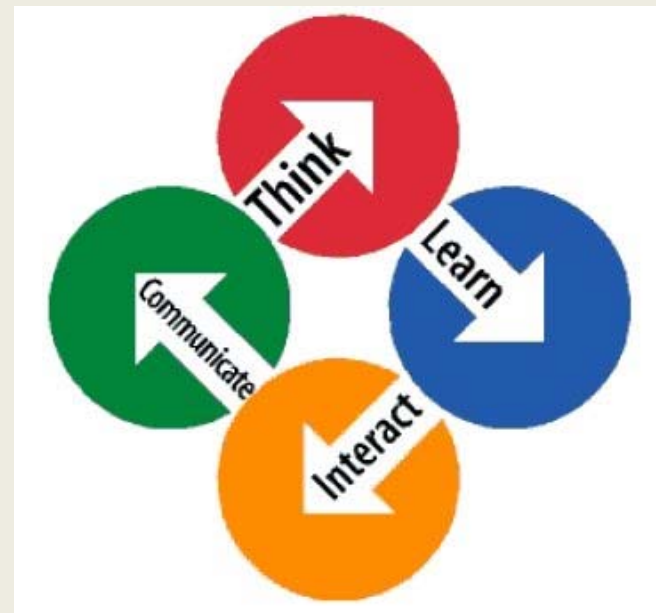
- Multi-sector, forum for workshops, panels, and short courses
- Globally driven
- Aid junior operators, state-owned enterprises, regulators and other stakeholders
- Cooperate with IAEA's efforts





# IFSOUP Results

- Good examples exist
- Challenge to disseminate
- Further discussion of ISL technical issues
- Communication constraint
- Further discussion of specific needs of indigenous peoples



# Overview of Today's Workshop

## American Indian Tribes and Canadian First Nations and the Production of Uranium



- Roles for Indian Tribes, First Nations, and Other Indigenous Peoples
- What Tribes Want; What Tribes Can Do: Questions and Answers on Sacred Sites, Tribal-Corporate Relations, Workforce Development, and Other Issues
- Sixty Years of Uranium Mining Industry: The French Experience
- Suggestions for Implementing Corporate Social Responsibilities Policies in Indian Country
- ICMM Guidance on Mining and Indigenous Peoples
- Benefits Sharing: Canadian First Nations Experience
- What Industry and Agencies Want; What Industry and Agencies Can Do: Questions and Answers on Sacred Sites, Consultation, Benefits Sharing, Tribal-Corporate Relations, Workforce Development, and Other Issues

We are all here on this earth - we need to work together

Ben Shelly, Vice President - Navajo Nation

- Broaden definition of sustainability to include legacy sites
- Strong misperceptions persist regarding ISR
- More IFSOUP meetings are desired to build dialog and information exchange
- "manini" (small stuff) translate to local language
- Industry and Tribes cooperate on policies/legislation such as compensation acts, Bingham, mining law reform, sacred sites, and/or funding for legacy reclamation)
- Tribal leaders should take the lead in representing tribal interests in international meetings
- Health is holistic to Tribes, not only HP matter - includes mental health, sense of well-being, and health of natural environment.
- Mining development may be improperly assigned blame if pre-existing community tensions erupt
- Mining moratoria exist on reservations in N America (ie Navajo), US States (ie Virginia), and elsewhere
- Tribes may set standards for monitoring or reclamation
- Sean Wille - member on Dine nation and HR manager with Cameco – noted that jobs creation is the most important element of CSR. 3 generation model (children see parents going to work in trades; children become educated professionals and managers; their children become owners and operators of Tribal resource projects)
- Cultural respect could be demonstrated by repatriation of cultural goods

# Actions

- IFSOUP and IIIRM to hold a meeting focused on Corporate Social
- Responsibility in development of human capital and workforce for mine reclamation projects.
- IFSOUP to hold meetings in Texas and Wyoming for growing knowledge about ISR technology, reuse (Cameco, Areva), and closure.
- IFSOUP meeting with DOE and NRC to learn about nuclear fuel cycle, especially recycling, in a more holistic, tribally-oriented manner.
- Navajo leaders desire meetings with industry and DOE to explore more support for reclamation on Tribal land.

New Resource: ICMM position statement was developed to guide companies in interactions with indigenous peoples .



# About Power



Agencies and companies no longer hold all the power

To operate, companies require:

- Access to minerals
- Access to transportation
- Access to approvals

Indigenous peoples and local communities effect these

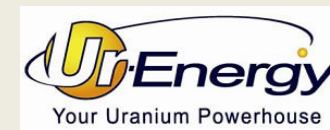
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