

# Market Leaders Gather for the CMI Summit IV Themed ‘The War for Critical Minerals and Capital Resources’ in Toronto on May 13-14

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Toronto, Ontario – In light of the recent environmental challenges in California, the [Critical Minerals Institute](#) (CMI) has announced that its fourth annual summit, originally scheduled to take place in California, will now be hosted at the National Club in Toronto, Ontario, Canada on May 13-14, 2025. This year’s theme, *The War for Critical Minerals and Capital Resources*, will explore the strategic, sustainable, and economic dimensions of critical minerals essential for technological and industrial advancements globally.

The [Critical Minerals Institute](#) (CMI) is a global leader dedicated to addressing the multifaceted challenges and opportunities within the critical minerals sector. CMI equips businesses, governments, and stakeholders with comprehensive resources, offering deep insights into the value and sustainability of critical materials. These insights are crucial as these materials underpin significant technological advancements and are central to global economic and security strategies.

The shift in venue for the [CMI Summit IV](#) to Toronto is a strategic move in response to the wildfires affecting California, ensuring the safety and accessibility for all summit participants. This decision underscores CMI’s adaptive and

responsive planning capabilities in the face of global environmental challenges, reinforcing its commitment to facilitating important discussions on critical minerals.

The 2025 summit aims to foster strategic partnerships and develop actionable solutions that support the growing demand for critical minerals, which are pivotal for the advancement of clean energy, technology, and national security. The event will bring together industry leaders, policymakers, and experts to discuss innovative strategies to enhance supply chain resilience and to promote sustainable mining practices.

Tracy Hughes, Founder and Executive Director of the **Critical Minerals Institute (CMI)**, emphasizes the importance of this gathering: “As we convene under the banner of *The War for Critical Minerals and Capital Resources*, it’s clear that the stakes have never been higher. We are at a pivotal moment where the need for collaboration across borders and industries is crucial to securing a sustainable and secure future. This summit is not just about discussion—it’s about driving action and forging pathways that will ensure the long-term viability of critical minerals essential for our modern world.”

Jack Lifton, Co-Chair of CMI and a world-renowned critical minerals expert, expressed concerns over the repercussions of President Trump’s tariffs on Canadian imports, particularly their potential impact on the critical minerals sector. “The proposed tariffs on Canadian imports threaten to disrupt vital supply chains that are essential for both the United States and Canada, especially those concerning critical minerals needed for advanced technologies,” Lifton stated. At the [CMI Summit IV](#), he plans to elaborate on the necessity of strategic cooperation and the risks associated with geopolitical actions that could destabilize the critical minerals market.

Attendees of the [CMI Summit IV](#) can expect a comprehensive program that includes presentations from leading figures in the industry, in-depth discussions on market trends, regulatory environments, and technological innovations. The event is designed to catalyze significant developments in the critical minerals sector and to highlight new opportunities for investment and growth.

The lineup of prominent speakers for CMI Summit IV includes a distinguished array of industry leaders and experts, each bringing a wealth of knowledge and strategic insight to this premier event. Keynote speakers include Mark Chalmers, President, CEO, and Director of Energy Fuels Inc. (NYSE American: UUUU | TSX: EFR); Rahim Suleman, President, CEO, and Director of Neo Performance Materials Inc. (TSX: NEO); and Terry Lynch, CEO and Director of Power Nickel Inc. (TSXV: PNP | OTCQB: PPNF). Joining them are Dan Blondal, CEO, Director, and Founder of Nano One Materials Corp. (TSX: NANO); Pat Ryan, CEO and Chairman of Ucore Rare Metals Inc. (TSXV: UCU | OTCQX: UURAF); Constantine Karayannopoulos, retired former CEO of Neo Performance Materials Inc. (TSX: NEO); and Chris Gibbs, CEO and Director of American Rare Earths Limited (ASX: ARR | OTCQX: ARRF).

Additional speakers include Jack Lifton, Co-Chair of CMI; Guy Bourassa, CEO and Director of Scandium Canada Ltd. (TSXV: SCD | OTCQB: SCDCF); Mary Anne Alvin, Senior Program Manager of Critical Minerals Processing at the U.S. Department of Energy; Kevin Ernst, Managing Director at Kingswood Investments and Director of CMI; and Debra Bennethum, Director of Critical Minerals and Strategic Supply Chain at Energy Fuels Inc. (NYSE American: UUUU | TSX: EFR). Melissa 'Mel' Sanderson, Director at American Rare Earths Limited (ASX: ARR | OTCQX: ARRF) and Co-Chair of CMI; and Robert Stewart, Managing Director of Geophysx Jamaica Ltd., will also share their expertise, contributing to

the summit's role as a catalyst for innovation and strategic development in the critical minerals sector.

The Institute also proudly announces that planning for **CMI Summit V** is already underway, with the event set to take place in Detroit, Michigan. This future summit will continue to build on the discussions and strategies developed in Toronto, further expanding the Institute's global impact and outreach. Additionally, CMI Summit V will be held in conjunction with the **Magnetics Show North America 2025**, a leading expo in the field. This collaborative event is scheduled for November 5-6, 2025, at Huntington Place in Detroit, Michigan. Partnering with the Magnetics Show will broaden the impact and reach of the summit, attracting a diverse audience of industry experts, stakeholders, and exhibitors focused on magnetics technology and critical minerals. This combination of a high-level conference with a dynamic expo floor will provide an enriched platform for networking, discovery, and the advancement of global initiatives in these crucial sectors.

The Critical Minerals Institute remains dedicated to leading the conversation on critical minerals, providing its members and attendees with unmatched expertise and networking opportunities that drive innovation and market leadership. As the demand for these materials grows, the role of CMI becomes ever more vital in shaping the frameworks and collaborations needed to meet global needs.

For more information about [CMI Summit IV](#), registration details, and membership opportunities, please visit our website at [CriticalMineralSummit.com](https://CriticalMineralSummit.com). Join us in Toronto for this crucial dialogue and be a part of shaping the future landscape of critical minerals.

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