

Symposium on the

**Availability of raw materials
from secondary sources**

A key aspect of circular economy

24. April 2018, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Intro

The **availability of raw materials** influences

- the economic and political rank of nations,
- their competitive positions of industries and
- their living standards.

Raw material **supply** is and will be **dominated by primary raw materials**, but **secondary raw materials play in increasing** role in the diversification of sources of supply.

Assessing the **availability primary raw materials is common practice today**. For secondary raw materials, it is not. That's why we have this Symposium today.

Goals

- (1) develop a global agenda of priority actions and strategies on the future availability of secondary raw materials to accelerate progress towards circular economy,
- (2) facilitate greater collaboration across disciplines, sectors, initiatives and countries through the implementation of the UNFC for all types of Anthropogenic Resources (in the morning) and with a focus on Critical Raw Materials (in the afternoon)

Goals

- (3) share the pan-European research coordination results of COST Action MINEA and provide inputs for the development and application of the UNFC to anthropogenic resources, and
- (4) discuss the possibility of establishing a platform for identifying challenges in the supply of Critical Raw Materials and developing case studies based on UNFC methodology.

Program overview

9.00 – 14.15	Thematic Workshop on Classifying anthropogenic resources	Salle XXVII
3.00 – 18.00	Special Workshop on Waste Valorization and Critical Raw Materials	Salle XVIII