INTRODUCING THE

INNOVATION & RESEARCH BATTLEFIELD

NEW LEADERS. FRESH IDEAS. REAL IMPACT.
The Innovation & Research Battlefield is a competitive 10-minute pitch platform for researchers, academia, students and organisations to present sustainability ideas to the mining industry.

Convened by the Development Partner Institute (DPI Mining), Business for Development (B4D), and Mining Indaba and modelled on the popular Mining Indaba Investment Battlefield, the inaugural Innovation & Research Battlefield seeks to bridge a gap between great research and sustainability ideas and the resources needed to implement them.

Each year, we will present a specific challenge facing the mining industry and call for fresh ideas and solutions.

For 2022:
- The pitch rounds will occur at Mining Indaba conference in Cape Town, between 9-11 May 2022.
- The winning proposal will receive a generous Innovation Grant, sponsored by BHP and The University of Queensland’s Sustainable Minerals Institute, to support the implementation of the innovation or research.
THE WINNING PITCH

In addition to having the opportunity to pitch in front of the world’s top mining companies and receive recognition for your research, the winning Innovation & Research proposal will receive:

- **Unique platform** to test and contribute new ideas on the global stage and receive instant feedback from leaders in both industry and academia
- **Innovation Grant** to support your research up to US$28,600, thanks to sponsorship from BHP and The University of Queensland's Sustainable Minerals Institute
- **Feature Article** in Africa Mining Review Magazine and other marketing coverage
- **Industry Networking Event** for winner and runners up on 11 May 2022 (if present in Cape Town during the Mining Indaba conference) providing the opportunity to make connections and form partnerships with both industry and academia
- Present your proposal at the **Young Leaders Forum** (11 May 2022) to inspire the next generation in pursuing studies and careers around mining and sustainability
- Up to two **tickets to attend Mining Indaba 2023** valued at ~US$1,900ea
Could you be the 2022 Innovation & Research Battlefield Champion?
HOW IT WORKS

MARCH 2022
Researchers, academia, students and organisations worldwide are invited to submit a proposal to the 2022 Innovation & Research Battlefield challenge: Building Sustainable Post-Mining Economies

APPLICATIONS CLOSED & REVIEWED
6 APRIL 2022
Applications close for evaluation process.

6-15 APRIL 2022
Ten applicants with the highest score will be shortlisted and invited to pitch at Mining Indaba 2022.

BATTLE ROUND 1 - MINING INDABA
9 MAY
Shortlisted Applicants will pitch in person or via video to an judging panel and audience.
The judging panel will then select the top three applicants to battle it out at the Round Two pitch.

BATTLE ROUND 2 - MINING INDABA
11 MAY
The three shortlisted applicants will pitch live (in person or via video-streaming) on the main stage at Mining Indaba, including time for Q&A from the judging panel.
The winner will be announced at the conference.
Every phase of a mine’s life brings new opportunities and challenges to different sectors of society. It is in the interest of a country endowed with natural resources to maximise the investment of a mining company in order to generate income for the country and provide benefit to the communities proximate to the resource deposit.

Complete rehabilitation of the mine site, leaving it in a safe and non-polluting condition, is critical to the local community. However, it is not just the environment to be considered, but also the economic and social impact left upon mine closure.

One of the most important legacies a mining company can leave a community is a vibrant, sustainable post-mining economy. A mining company, in partnership with government and community, can leverage the mine's investments to catalyse economic opportunities to create a sustainable local economy, beyond the life of the mine. But how?

We are looking for creative and bold innovation and research proposals that offer solutions to this question.
WHO CAN APPLY?

Researchers, academia, students and organisations from all over the world are invited to submit their proposals. We encourage a diversity of applications for both new and existing innovative research.

Note: To apply, you must be affiliated with either an institution or an organization who will manage the awarded Innovation Grant. Funds will not be awarded to individuals or Government officials.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the application form and submit your proposal as a PDF to innovation@dpimining.org by 12pm GMT on 6 April 2022. Early submissions are encouraged!

Please note, applications must be submitted in English.
You are required to demonstrate answers to the following questions in your application submission:

- What will your idea/research accomplish?
- What makes your research significant? Demonstrate the rationale and impact.
- Describe the process of implementation and time frame.
- What resources are required?
- Who are the beneficiaries?
- How does it support the Sustainable Development Goals?

Proposals will be awarded additional points if they include a focus on inclusion (youth, gender, disabilities), marginalised communities, local partners, and multiple institutions.
EVALUATION PROCESS

- The Development Partner Institute and Business for Development will review all submitted applications using a pre-defined scoring matrix and shortlist ten applications to move on to Battle Round One.

- Applications shortlisted for the next round will be notified on 15 April 2022. They will be invited to pitch their innovation and research proposals to our judging panel at Mining Indaba 2022 via video or in person. (Note: If able to attend in person, up to three (3) Mining Indaba tickets will be available for each shortlisted application but please note, related travel costs will not be covered by the event organisers.)

- The Development Partner Institute, Business for Development and other sector representatives will form the judging panel for the Battle Rounds at Mining Indaba.
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Battle Round One – 9 May 2022:
- We’re doing our best to make this event as inclusive and accessible as possible, therefore shortlisted applicants who are unable to attend Mining Indaba in person will be able to submit a pre-recorded video of their pitch for the first round.
- Note: all applicants must be available via phone or videoconferencing during the first pitching round for live Q&A after their video.

Battle Round Two – 11 May 2022:
- From the first round, three proposals will be selected by the judging panel to pitch in the second and final battle round, live in person or via videoconferencing on the Mining Indaba stage, allowing for Q&A from our judging panel.
- The winner will be announced on 11 May 2022.
KEY INFORMATION

• Note: The Innovation Grant will not be used directly or indirectly to support any organisation or entity that is subject to international trade sanctions or designations imposed by Australia, the European Union, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, or the United States.

• The winner(s) of the Innovation Grant will be required to measure and report on progress quarterly during the following 12-month period.

• The winner(s) will acknowledge the Sponsors’ contribution to the Innovation Grant and its impact towards Building Sustainable Post Mine Economies.

• By 30 March 2023, the winner(s) must submit an overview of how the funds have been spent, outcomes and learnings achieved to date, and a plan for the expenditure of the remaining grant funds if applicable. This report will be presented at Mining Indaba in 2023, providing further exposure to the innovation and research.

• For questions regarding the Innovation & Research Battlefield, please contact innovation@dpimining.org.