

Welcome to the GBA Quarterly Newsletter

As we welcome the arrival of spring, we are pleased to share this reflection on a busy few months, capturing a dynamic and impactful start to the year for the Alliance. The operational trials have reached their halfway point, with our first movers mobilising their supply chains to pilot the Battery Benchmarks under real-world conditions. As momentum builds, our focus is now turning to June, when the pilot results are expected. These efforts represent a critical step forward for the battery value chain. Why? Read the full update below.

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SPOTLIGHT BATTERY PASSPORT

The Battery Passport Operational Trials have entered an exciting new phase. Leading industry players -organized into seventeen consortia - are currently testing core functionalities of the Battery Passport in real-world conditions.

The focus is firmly on supply chains. In collaboration with third-party assurance bodies and digital solution providers, companies are mapping their supplier networks, collecting and reporting facility-level data in line with the [Battery Benchmarks](#) and [Greenhouse Gas Rulebook](#), and piloting innovative digital infrastructure.

These efforts are generating valuable insights that will help shape industry best practices - from conformity assessment and assurance frameworks that enable trusted data, to future product and facility certification, and the advancement of digital infrastructure and reporting standards. All of this will be supported by a new ITC suite of tools (see our [GBA Gateway explainer](#) below).

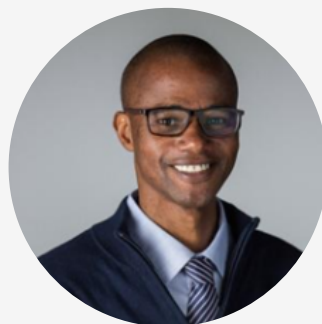
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GOVERNANCE UPDATES: **Our new Executive Committee**

We are pleased to welcome the newly appointed GBA Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and look forward to working together in advancing the mission of sustainable and responsible battery value chains. With their diverse expertise and leadership across industry and civil society, the new Executive Committee brings strong guidance at a pivotal moment for the Battery Passport and global collaboration. We thank them for their commitment and are excited for the journey ahead.



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OPPORTUNITIES: **Board of Directors Nominations**

The Global Battery Alliance [invites](#) eligible member organisations to submit nominations for upcoming vacancies on the Board of Directors.

- **Four Board seats** available (2 corporate and 2 non-corporate)
- Term: mid-2026 to mid-2029 (3 years)
- Eligibility: **Open to eligible GBA member** organisations
- Submission deadline: **29 April 2026** (COB)

RECENT PARTNERSHIPS



We are pleased to announce a new partnership with the [China Chamber of Commerce of Metals, Minerals & Chemicals Importers & Exporters](#) (CCCMC). The Memorandum of Understanding, signed by our new Chair of the Board, Susannah McLaren, marks an important step in strengthening global collaboration on responsible and sustainable mineral value chains. The partnership reflects a shared commitment to enhancing due diligence, fostering industry alignment, and accelerating progress toward sustainable battery ecosystems worldwide.



We are pleased to announce the new partnership with the [Global Solar Council](#) (GSC). The election of the GBA Executive Director, [Inga Petersen](#), to the Management & Strategy Board will strengthen collaboration between the solar and battery sectors for integrated solutions. GBA will contribute its expertise, including the Battery Passport programme, to support sustainable solar-plus-storage systems worldwide.

NEW RESOURCES

From our GBA “Explainers” series

As part of our efforts to make the GBA Battery Passport more widely accessible, we are excited to share two new Explainers.

About the Battery Benchmarks

This new resource explains in a nutshell what the [Battery Benchmarks](#) are, why they are a key enabler for the battery value chain and how economic operators can use them to assess the environmental, social, and governance performance of batteries across the value chain. Developed through a unique multi-stakeholder process, the Benchmarks provide a common language for companies, policymakers, and investors to measure, compare, and improve sustainability performance while supporting regulatory compliance and building trust with stakeholders. Downloadable [here](#).



What are the GBA Battery Benchmarks?

The **GBA Battery Benchmarks** are the only globally harmonised framework to help answer questions on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) performance in battery supply chains. They uniquely reflect the views and expectations of the entire value chain, civil society, financial institutions, and international organisations. They were developed in multi-stakeholder working groups representing the GBA's membership, which comprises over 150 leading businesses and organisations.

Why the Battery Benchmarks matter

The Benchmarks are a key instrument to accelerate collective progress toward a sustainable battery ecosystem. They offer for companies, policymakers, and investors a shared language for assessing and rewarding responsible production and sourcing as they

- Promote transparency and accountability
- Provide actionable insights for continuous improvement

- Support compliance with emerging regulations and disclosure frameworks
- Build trust among consumers, investors, and civil society
- Enable comparability across regions, sectors, and supply chain segments
- Are built in partnership with existing voluntary sustainability standards, embedding cross-recognition, promoting synergies and efficiency.

ESG Issues Covered in the Battery Passport

Cross-Cutting

- Risk and Sustainability Management Systems
- Supply Chain Due Diligence
- Stakeholder engagement

Environment	Social & Economic	Governance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Energy and GHG 2. GHG emissions 3. GHG reduction and energy efficiency 4. Biodiversity loss 5. Pollution (air, soil, water) 6. Waste management (incl. mine waste) 7. Hazardous waste management 8. Circular design** 9. Resource and material efficiency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Human Rights 11. Freedom of association and collective bargaining 12. Occupational health and safety 13. Diversity and non-discrimination 14. Social and Community Engagement 15. Community impacts 16. Indigenous Peoples' Rights*** 17. Local Economy 18. Local economic development 19. Sourcing from artisanal and small-scale miners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19. Compliance & Good Governance 20. Business integrity & transparency 21. Product quality and safety

Legend:

ESG issues corresponding to risk categories of Annex I of the EU Battery Regulation (2023) – coverage in 2023 Beta release

ESG issues corresponding to Annex 2 of the DCEC minerals guidance

Other relevant ESG issues – coverage in 2023 framework

NEW RESOURCES

New Explainer: GBA-ITC Digital Infrastructure for the Battery Passport

Developed in collaboration with the [International Trade Centre](#) (ITC), this resource explains how the digital infrastructure behind the GBA Battery Passport will work. To operationalize the GBA Battery Passport, ITC is developing an open-access suite of tools designed to enable transparent, traceable, and efficient data exchange across global battery value chains.

It supports companies in onboarding suppliers, securely sharing and verifying sustainability data, and generating actionable insights for a wide range of stakeholders. By lowering technical barriers and strengthening capacity, the initiative aims to make the Battery Passport accessible, interoperable, and impactful across diverse markets.

New White Paper “How the GBA Battery Passport supports compliance”

In February we published a new white paper [available here](#) outlining how companies can prepare to be compliant with the EU Batteries Regulation. The paper highlights how the Passport helps economic operators meet key requirements on material traceability, carbon footprint, and due diligence. It also provides practical guidance for raw material suppliers, including templates to streamline responses to data requests while reducing duplication and protecting confidentiality. In addition, the paper offers insights for regulators, consumers, and affected communities on how Battery Passport data can be used to enhance transparency, accountability, and informed dialogue.



Open access digital infrastructure for GBA Battery Passports

An International Trade Centre – Global Battery Alliance partnership toward transparent and traceable battery supply chains

THE ITC-GBA PARTNERSHIP

The International Trade Centre (ITC) and the Global Battery Alliance (GBA) are partnering to deliver on shared objectives and capabilities of leveraging digital technologies for responsible and inclusive global supply chains with free to use, global public good tools hosted by ITC. The partnership enhances transparency, generates insights into battery supply chains and supports the scaling of global battery supply chains sustainably by supporting key components of the implementation of the **GBA Battery Passport**:

- **GBA Gateway:** Technical infrastructure and specifications for implementation partners in the GBA Battery Passport ecosystem, which facilitates trust and efficient exchange of information in the reporting process regardless of the technology of choice – building on and implementing the **UN Transparency Protocol** extension for the GBA Battery Passport.

- **A GBA Site App:** A tool enabling the onboarding of manufacturers and other facilities along the battery supply chain to the ecosystem; generation and signing of facility reports according to GBA Battery Benchmarks and Greenhouse Gas Rulebook and sharing of credentials with other GBA participants – removing technological barriers for smaller companies and allowing their participation in the Battery Passport ecosystem.
- **A GBA Insights platform:** Providing policymakers, civil society representatives and other stakeholders with aggregated data and trends on progress toward transparent, sustainable, and resilient global battery supply chains.
- **Capacity building of operators along the battery supply chain:** Training, onboarding, e-learning and guidance to support reporting companies in line with ITC's mandate to support small and medium-sized enterprises to trade, as well as the GBA's strategy to engage with producing countries and ensure inclusive access to the benefits of battery investments.



Executive Summary: Global Battery Alliance and the Battery Passport

- The Global Battery Alliance (GBA) is the world's largest pre-competitive multi-stakeholder partnership, convening over 150 partners across the battery value chain from mining to recycling with a mission to scale a sustainable, responsible and circular battery value chain by 2030 through collective action.
- The GBA's flagship programme, the Battery Passport, is an efficient and robust tool for economic operators to prepare for upcoming requirements of Regulation (EU) 2023/1542 on batteries and waste batteries (EU Batteries Regulation) on supply chain mapping, due diligence and carbon footprint.
- The data assurance system of the Battery Passport helps economic operators to prepare for verification of data attributes related to carbon footprint and due diligence by notified bodies and other decision makers. By cross-recognising existing supply chain due diligence schemes, the GBA Battery Passport aims to become an officially recognised scheme for EU Batteries Regulation due diligence requirements in the future.
- The GBA Battery Passport hedges against regulatory uncertainty. Its benchmarks for responsible sourcing and production use the EU Batteries Regulation as a foundation – augmented by input from a diverse range of global stakeholders. By taking a comprehensive, consensus-driven approach, the Battery Passport offers a due diligence framework that will have lasting credibility with regulators. Legal requirements may change and evolve, but good practices run deeper.

This white paper focuses on the Battery Passport as a tool to prepare for EU Batteries Regulation compliance. For economic operators it covers requirements for material traceability, carbon footprint, and due diligence. For raw material suppliers, it offers templates for efficiently responding to due diligence and carbon footprint queries, reducing duplication and preserving data confidentiality. Stakeholders such as regulators, consumers and impacted communities, can use the white paper to understand how to use data generated by GBA Battery Passports as a tool for transparency, accountability and dialogue.

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NEW GBA BLOG

Nature-Positive Business for the Battery Value Chain Sector: From managing risks to creating positive impact across the value chain

March 30, 2026



Under the umbrella of the Circularity and Critical Minerals Programme ([CCMAG](#)), we capture relevant insights from the discussions we regularly hold in our dedicated collaboration platform.

Within the GBA, CCMAG serves as a dialogue forum to explore emerging trends shaping the battery value chain. In March we kicked off the 2026 blog series with the topic: What does it take to make nature-positive business a reality in the battery sector, and how can the sector move from managing environmental risks to delivering nature-positive outcomes? Discover more [here](#).

We warmly invite GBA members to actively shape the CCMAG agenda by proposing topics, trends, or policy developments they would like to explore within this forum. If there are specific issues, regional perspectives, or emerging challenges you believe deserve attention, please share your suggestions with the Secretariat: cgambillara@globalbattery.org

SHAPING THE DIALOGUE

GBA's Recent Contributions to partner publications

For the great opportunity to contribute to these publications we say thank you to the:

- [World Economic Forum](#), [Stronger materials supply chains require a new form of global cooperation](#)
- [Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#), [Leading the charge: Turning risk into reward with a circular economy for EV batteries and critical minerals](#)
- [Leaderboard](#), [Lead The Charge 2026](#)
- [International Lithium Association \(ILiA\)](#), [The Lithium Voice](#)
- [GIZ](#) for the opportunity to contribute to the New Study on [EU Due Diligence Regulations in Mineral-Producing Countries](#) conducted by Levin Sources Ltd. on behalf of BMZ.

NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome several new members to the GBA community. We look forward to working together to advance sustainable and responsible battery value chains worldwide. Welcome to

[Africa E-Mobility Alliance \(AfEMA\)](#)

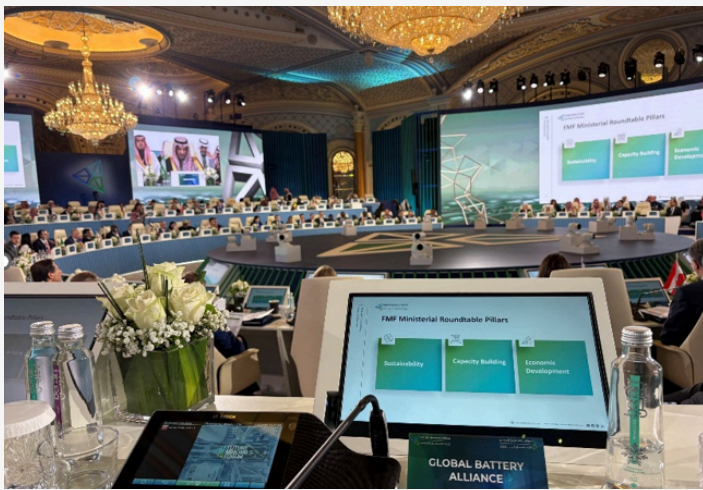
[BSV Association](#)

[Hong Kong Productivity Council](#)

[objective partner](#)

[Rights CoLab](#)

DRIVING THE CONVERSATION: GBA at recent events



Our participation in the 2026 Annual Meeting of the [World Economic Forum](#) was marked by our participation in the CEO Roundtable on circular battery value chains organized by [Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#) and a roundtable hosted by the [Nature Positive Landscape Initiative](#) on Nature Positive Business approaches. In January, GBA Executive Director Inga Petersen participated in the 5th edition of the [Future Minerals Forum](#) and Ministerial Roundtable in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.



We were pleased to once again take part in [Investing in African Mining Indaba](#) in South Africa. From the Ministerial Symposium to a series of high-level Strategic Roundtables, the event offered valuable discussions and diverse perspectives from across the sector.

In March at [Giga Europe](#), we joined a panel discussion on “Building a Sustainable Supply Chain”. Key take-away: Only through coherent financing and regulatory incentives, collective action, and supply chain engagement can we respond to regulatory fragmentation and the urgency of building more resilient battery supply chains.



In March, we also convened the roundtable One year until the EU Batteries Regulation Battery Passport requirement – From preparing for market access to securing a market asset. Co-hosted with [Centre for European Policy Studies](#) (CEPS) and [RECHARGE](#), the discussion focused on practical implementation readiness for operators. The conversation highlighted both challenges and opportunities in turning compliance into a strategic advantage. Read the event report [here](#)



DRIVING THE CONVERSATION



We also had the opportunity to participate in “The Geopolitics of Raw Materials”, a roundtable hosted by MEP Hana Jalloul at the European Parliament. Bringing together diverse perspectives and key stakeholders, this high-level discussion explored the geopolitical dimensions of the EU’s supply of critical minerals, current policy actions, and the future of EU raw materials diplomacy.

SEE YOU THERE: GBA’s Quarterly Calendar

28-29 Apr: OECD Forum for Sustainable Mineral Value Chains | Istanbul, Türkiye

12-13 May: Cobalt Institute’s Annual Meeting | Madrid, Spain

13-15 May: China International Battery Forum & China Battery Fair | Shenzhen, China

21 May: WRI Polsky Energy Summit | London, United Kingdom

3 Jun: GBA virtual AGM | online

3-5 Jun: SMM Indonesia Critical Minerals Conference | Jakarta, Indonesia

8-9 Jun: EPRM Conference | Amsterdam, Netherlands

9-11 Jun: Battery Show EU | Stuttgart, Germany

29-30 Jun: Hamburg Sustainability Conference | Hamburg, Germany

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