



## Media Invitation

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The **Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection (MISTRA)** will be hosting its *5<sup>th</sup> Annual PGM Roundtable* on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The roundtable series convenes multiple actors in the Platinum Group Metals' (PGM) value chain to take stock of developments in the sector and to anticipate and assess emerging themes, with the purpose of promoting PGM beneficiation in South Africa. The deliberations equip all stakeholders to lobby for policy changes and programmes specific to growing the PGM sector.

Taking place under the theme, *Building a PGM Industry Social Compact for South Africa*, this year's roundtable aims to facilitate the central coordination of PGM activities in the country. In addition, MISTRA will launch a consolidated report on MISTRA's previous annual PGM roundtables, entitled '**Partnerships for PGM Beneficiation through the Hydrogen Economy**'.

The lack of synergy and collaboration among key stakeholders in the PGM and fuel-cell industry, as well as the contradiction of the country owning the majority of global PGM resources, but lagging behind in terms of global beneficiation initiatives, particularly in relation to fuel-cell technology, inspired the roundtable series. MISTRA identified the need to convene the various stakeholders within the PGM industry because there was a sense that South Africa was at the cusp of a breakthrough in terms of PGMs and that a forum for ideas-sharing would be advantageous.

Details of the roundtable are as follows:

**Date:** Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Venue:** Zoom Webinar

**Time:** 14h00 – 16h30

**Registration link:** [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_RY3LWUGSQMmvTSP2v0B3OA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RY3LWUGSQMmvTSP2v0B3OA)

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