SDIMI 2009 is the fourth in a series of international conferences aimed at enhancing the contribution of the global minerals industry to the goal of sustainable development. The purpose of these conferences is best captured in the “Milos Declaration”, adopted at the first conference held on the island of Milos, Greece in 2003 and endorsed by leading global professional and scientific organizations active in the sector. The declaration emphasises that minerals are essential for meeting current and future societal needs and that the minerals professional community has a critical contribution to make to a sustainable future, through the application of scientific, technical, educational, and research skills.

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- Frameworks and tools for integrating sustainable development considerations into mine and plant design
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- Community impacts and benefits of mineral resource developments
- Stewardship and the management of products and wastes
- Cumulative impacts of intensive resource development
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- Industrial and regional synergies
- Overcoming the barriers to the uptake of sustainability innovations
- Integration of sustainability thinking into professional education.

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