

Outline agenda

Day 1: Monday 20 April 2026 – 09:00 – 16:00

IIMA Committee Meetings

General committees held before lunch – open to all members wishing to participate

- Technical Committee
- Sustainability Committee
- Communications Committee

Executive Committee

Board of Directors

Cocktail Reception-18:00 –20:00

Day 2: Tuesday 21 April 2026 – 09:00 – 17:00

Plenary Sessions: Overview

Sweden has long held a distinctive place in the global iron and steel industry. From medieval ironworks and high-purity ore deposits to modern research-driven steel production, the country has built a reputation for metallurgical innovation and high-quality materials.

This heritage continues today as Sweden emerges as a global leader in the development of fossil-free ironmaking technologies, particularly hydrogen-based direct reduction of iron. New projects and facilities are underway across northern Sweden reflecting the country's commitment to innovation and to position itself as a pioneering environment for the next generation of ironmaking technologies. As the steel industry seeks pathways to decarbonisation, Swedish developments in hydrogen-based direct reduction are helping to define the future of sustainable iron and steel production.

The continuing challenges and opportunities for Sweden and other countries in the development of carbon neutral iron and steelmaking will be explored throughout the Plenary. We will also examine the outlook for metallics and related raw materials markets and update participants on developments in the implementation of the EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism.

Session 1: Green

In this session we will hear about activities shaping and driving decarbonization in the iron and steel industry with a strong focus on Sweden.

Session 2: Merchant metallics market trends

This session will explore the current market outlook for iron and steel, examining key trends shaping supply, demand, and pricing across global and regional markets. It will provide an overview of the impact of economic conditions, trade policies, technological shifts, and sustainability pressures on the industry's future.

Lunch - 12:45 – 14:30

Session 3: Implementing CBAM

For producers and traders of merchant ore-based metallics—such as pig iron, hot briquetted iron (HBI), and direct reduced iron (DRI)—CBAM raises important questions around emissions accounting, reporting requirements, cost exposure, and competitiveness in the European market.

In this session, we'll explore how CBAM applies to this segment of the metallics value chain, the practical challenges of implementation, and the implications for producers, buyers, and supply chains. We'll also look at how companies can begin preparing for the next phase of CBAM as verification and financial obligations start to take effect.

Session 4: DRI and the promise of green steel

As the steel industry faces growing pressure to decarbonize, direct reduced iron (DRI) has emerged as one of the key pathways toward lower-carbon steel production. By shifting away from traditional blast furnace routes and toward gas-based and eventually hydrogen-based DRI, the industry has a credible opportunity to significantly reduce emissions while maintaining the scale and quality required by global steel markets. But turning that promise into reality raises important questions.

In this session, we'll explore the technological progress, supply chain challenges, and investment trends shaping the future of DRI, and discuss how it may underpin the next generation of green steel production.

17:00 Close of session

IIMA Dinner 18:00 –22:00

Day 3: Wednesday 22 April 2026 – 09:00 – 12:30 for lunch

Plenary Sessions

Session 5: Enhancing ironmaking technology

Enhancing green ironmaking is not only about new technologies, but also about process optimization, energy integration, raw material quality, and infrastructure development. Each of these factors will play a critical role in determining how quickly the industry can reduce emissions while continuing to meet global demand for steel.

In this session, we'll explore the latest technological developments and innovation priorities that are helping to accelerate the transition toward truly low-carbon iron production.

Session 6: Ore-based metallics and pathways to carbon neutral steelmaking

Ensuring a sustainable supply chain in the transition to a carbon-neutral iron and steel industry means addressing a range of challenges: transparency in emissions, responsible sourcing, logistics efficiency, and alignment between miners, processors, traders, and steel producers. At the same time, the transition to lower-carbon steelmaking is likely to reshape demand for different grades and types of raw materials, creating both risks and opportunities across the value chain.

In this session, we'll explore how two companies are approaching supply chain decarbonization, traceability, and resilience, and what it will take to build a raw materials ecosystem capable of supporting the next generation of low-carbon steel production.

Committee reports

Closing remarks

Lunch 12:30 – 14:00

- End of meeting –

Contact ycollier@metallics.org with any queries