



‘Stones for Development’

AGENDA

Inception Workshop

“Capacity development of mineral institutions and of small-scale private sector operating in low-value minerals in ACP countries”

15-16 July, 2015, Brussels

Background

In contrast to the large-scale tradable minerals and hydrocarbons sector, the low-value minerals and materials sector (LVMM) has closer links with the local economy, has the potential to generate more local jobs, and therefore can have a greater impact on poverty reduction. The LVMM sector includes the mining of construction materials, dimensions stones, industrial minerals and low-grade metals and precious stones.

Despite its income generation potential, the LVMM sector often remains unrealized or under-realized. This is in part due to the uncertain legal and regulatory framework in which the sector operates and the lack of publicly available and easily accessible geological data, which exacerbates wasteful exploration and discourages investment in the sector. In addition, small and medium-sized companies operating in the LVMM sector often lack up-to date technology, knowhow and financing to raise the productivity of their operations. Furthermore, there can be serious social and environmental impacts associated with low-value mining, with consequences on health and safety of workers in this sector and surrounding communities.

The initiative “Capacity development of mineral institutions and of small-scale private sector operating in low-value minerals in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries” aims to support the implementation of the ACP Framework of Action on the Development of Mineral

Resources Sector endorsed by the ACP Committee of Ambassadors in 2011. This is an initiative by the ACP Group, coordinated by the ACP Secretariat, financed by the European Commission and UNDP, and implemented by UNDP. This is a three-year initiative, with a budget of €13.4 million.

The initiative will provide capacity-building support to the small-scale private sector, associations/chambers, public institutions and communities that operate in the LVMM sector. The initiative will promote knowledge exchange to increase the sector's productivity; better manage mining operations; adhere to national and international environmental and health standards; and prevent conflict through effective community relations.

Inception Workshop

The inception workshop will bring together experts from government, private sector, civil society and community representatives as well as potential partner organizations. The specific objectives of the workshop are:

- To inform key stakeholders about the objectives, activities and expected results of the initiative
- To present the initiative's concept, design and workflow
- To present a draft background paper on low-value mining in ACP countries and gather further feedback and comments to complete the study
- To gather information about small-scale LVMM mining sectors in ACP countries
- To identify the most suitable capacity development approaches, tools and potential partner institutions for each of the areas identified in the initiative
- To review experiences of similar initiatives targeting the LVMM sector, in ACP countries or elsewhere
- To identify areas for knowledge sharing and cross-country collaboration and possible mechanisms for doing so
- To define institutional partnerships and collaborations, including with regional organizations

Participants:

- Around 50 participants including:
 - Representatives of governments
 - Mining associations, miners, and chambers
 - Representatives of regional and specialist institutions
 - Select individual practitioners and trainers working in LVMM
 - Civil society organisations active in LVMM

Duration/ timeframe: 15 - 16 July 2015

Location: ACP Secretariat, Avenue Georges Henri 451, Brussels, Belgium

DAY ONE – 15th of July, 2015

08:30 Registration, coffee and introductions

09:00 – 09:45 **Opening**

Moderator: Daniel Franks, Chief Technical Advisor/ Programme Manager, United Nations Development Programme

Welcome and Objectives:

Mr Viwanou Gnassounou, Assistant Secretary General, Sustainable Economic Development & Trade Division, African, Caribbean and Pacific Secretariat

Mr Denis Salord, Head of Unit, Regional Programmes Sub-Saharan Africa and ACP wide, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission

Ms Barbara Pesce Monteiro, Director, United Nations Development Programme – Brussels.

09:45 – 10:00 **Overview of UNDP work in the extractive industries,**

Dr Degol Hailu, Senior Advisor, Sustainable Development, United Nations Development Programme

10:00 – 11:00 **Overview of the programme and Q&A**

Dr Daniel Franks, United Nations Development Programme

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee / Tea break

11:30 – 13:00: **Presentation of background paper on the LVMM sector and Q&A**, Professor Gavin Hilson, University of Surrey

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch

15:00 – 17:30: **Facilitated discussion of program focus areas** (16:00 working coffee/tea)

Moderator: Lacina Pakoun, Technical Specialist, United Nations Development Programme.

Discussion leader (Topic 1): Antonio Pedro, UNECA

Discussion leader (Topic 2): Professor Jean-Pierre Tshibangu, Polytechnique de Mons

Discussion leaders will give an introduction to the topic areas, participants will be asked to choose their preferred topic and break out groups will discuss the topic in detail. Discussion leaders will report back to the full group.

1. Investment promotion and access to geological data in low-value mining

- What is the role of geological information not only for identifying potential deposits, but also for enabling better land planning?
- How do geological surveys (from within or outside of ACP) provide such information for decisions related to land planning and licensing of low-value minerals?
- What are the drivers of demand of low-value minerals?
- Who are the principal stakeholders in the value chains; and what is the potential for increasing incomes of mining operators in these value chains?
- What role can be played by provision of geological information to potential investors?
- What are the approaches for providing better access to public geological information at sufficient detail to small/ local entrepreneurs?
- What are the opportunities of financing or leasing for low-value mining operators?

2. Ensuring health, safety and environmental protection in managing mines and quarries

- What are the main environmental and health impacts of low-value mining?
- To what extent are accidents and injuries present in low-value mining?
- What should be considered by managers for spatial organization of mine or quarry sites vis-à-vis residential areas, access routes, water bodies, etc?
- During mining operations, what are the factors that should be taken into account – e.g. blasting, slope management, waste and rock storage, hauling and transportation?
- What are the safety precautions, such as protective gear and orientation?
- To what extent are standards enforced through laws, regulations and monitoring and what further roles can governments play?
- What are the constraints faced by low-value mining operators?
- What is the role of communities in environmental, health and safety matters?

17:30 – 18:00: Recap and Close of Day One

DAY TWO – 16th of July, 2015

8:30 Registration, coffee and introductions

09:00 – 11:00 **Facilitated discussion of program focus areas** continued. Moderator: Caroline Ngonze, Programme Specialist, United Nations Development Programme.

Discussion leader (Topic 3): Isabelle Ramdoo, European Centre for Development Policy Management

Discussion leader (Topic 4): Fitsum Weldegiorgis, Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining

3. Entrepreneurial skills and people management in low-value mining

- What are the current practices of low-value mining and quarry operators in:
 - 1) getting finance;
 - 2) accessing equipment;
 - 3) hiring and managing workers and contractual services providers – such as hauling, weighing, measuring, etc;
 - 4) managing stock of materials;
 - 5) transportation and logistics;
 - 6) pricing and marketing, getting information on buyers and prices;
 - 7) pooling resources to work with other operators.
- What roles can government, chambers of commerce, and mining associations play to enhance the sector?
- How can local economic linkages be strengthened up and down the supply chain?
- What is needed to strengthen the professional and industry leadership roles played by women in the sector?

4. Relationships with communities

- What are the key reasons for conflicts and grievances with nearby communities?
- What are the mechanisms for addressing these conflicts and grievances?
- Are the community relations approaches adopted by the large-scale mining sector transferable to LVMM?
- What scope is available to streamline approaches for LVMM?
- Are there opportunities to involve communities in participatory environmental monitoring?
- How can gender, livelihoods and rights be mainstreamed into the LVMM sector?

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee / Tea break

11:30 – 13:00 **'Show and Tell' of capacity development initiatives** (*continued after lunch*)

Innovative and rapid presentations (**6 min each**) organized as a “live market of initiatives”. Instead of having booths and kiosks, each rapid presentation will consist of a showcase by participants from varied organizations about their initiatives – either in a related field, or those that can cross over from different fields to low-value mining. Presenters will be asked to:

- Share examples of capacity development initiatives that have worked well in their organization
- Explain how these examples can be applied to this project.
- Presenters can use any method of presentation, but be creative! Visual prompts and materials are encouraged.

SEAMIC mineral based services to assist import substitution in Africa

Ketema Tadesse, Southern and Eastern African Mineral Centre (SEAMIC)

Global policy dialogue series on artisanal and small scale mining

Abbi Buxton, International Institute for Environment and Development

Proposal for a dimension stones quarrying-processing-marketing cluster in Kaduna State, Nigeria

Nuhu Wya Jr., Executive Director at CIBI GRANITES Ltd

Capacity building in the artisanal mining sector: Training of trainers and of miners. Examples from Ghana, Malawi and Madagascar / Formation dans le secteur des mines artisanales: Formation des formateurs et des mineurs.

Bref aperçu de Ghana, Malawi et Madagascar

Lynda Lawson, Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining, Australia

Community-based monitoring system in small-scale mining: The case of Madre de Dios, Peru

Flaviano Bianchini, Source International

Madini halali – Lawful minerals

Alexis Muhima Shinja, Executive Director of the Congolese Civil Society Watch for the Minerals of Peace, Democratic Republic of Congo

Valorisation des ressources minières et géologiques du Cameroun : cas des minerais de faible valeur / Valuation of mining and geological resources of Cameroon: the case of low-value minerals

Etienne Alain Minyemeck, Ministry of Mines, Industry and Technological Development, Cameroon

Cyanidation pilot project on releases from artisanal gravimetric processing of gold ore, Koma Bangou Niger / Projet de pilote de cyanuration sur les rejets du traitement gravimétrique artisanal du minerai d'or de Koma Bangou Niger

Issoufou Sanda, Ministry of Mines and Industrial Development, Niger

Formalizing the artisanal and small-scale mining sub-sector to enhance rural livelihoods: the Nigerian example

Anene Nnamdi, Nigerian Ministry of Mines and Steel Development

Training and building capacity of ASM miners to attain fair trade standards for gold

Dr Willison Mutagwaba, MTL Consulting

Unlocking value for artisanal gemstone miners through mining in cooperatives and gemological

education

Majala Mlagui, Thamani Group/Thamani Trust

Claudine Sigam, African Mineral Development Centre

IGF guidance for governments on managing artisanal and small-scale mining

Nicholas Garret, RCS Global

Aperçu de l'orpaillage au Sénégal: Importance des coopératives minières / Overview of gold panning in Senegal: the importance of mining cooperatives

Sarr Alioune, Direction des Mines et de la Géologie, Sénégal

Supporting precious stone mining in Papua New Guinea through a public service for gem identification

Bobby Yavi, Mineral Resources Authority, Papua New Guinea

Stand by presentations (if time permits):

Support for ICGLR member states on the implementation of Regional Initiatives on Natural Resources

Gerard Nayuburundi, International Conference on the Great Lakes Region

Louis Marechal, OECD

Salesh Kumar, Secretariat of the Pacific Community

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch

15:00 – 16:00 **'Show and Tell' of capacity development initiatives** continued.

16:00 – 16:30 **The Way Forward** (16:00 Working Coffee/Tea)

Discussion on the next steps for implementation.

Dr Daniel Franks, United Nations Development Programme.

16:30 Close

Mr Viwanou Gnassounou, Assistant Secretary General, Sustainable Economic Development & Trade Division, African, Caribbean and Pacific Secretariat

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