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5 weeks

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Announcement in Brief

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Programme Rationale

The objective of this assignment is to develop a training manual and toolkits to support capacity-building in mineral supply chain (MSC) development and Africa's industrialisation ambitions at both a national and regional level (UNECA, 2020). These are within the global context of climate change and the CoV-19 pandemic. The product is for the use of various stakeholders, including government officials, REC officials, mining companies, mineral supply chain firms, industry associations, researchers and academicians, as well as civil society organizations.

The Mining or Mineral Supply Chain (MSC) development toolkit provides useful methodology for building MSCs at the local, national and regional (REC) levels in African mining countries. These strategies and methods will assist African states to realise the significant mining industry backward linkages opportunities and to use mineral resources to drive industrialisation, particularly for African countries with a high level of mineral dependence.

“Procurement is typically the largest payment a mine site will make in host countries—usually more than taxes, wages, and community investment combined” (Geipel, 2020a, p. 1), which underlines the crucial importance of maximising the localisation of the supply chain whilst mining demand is still robust (before the resources are exhausted).

Consequently, given that minerals are by a long way Africa's biggest net export can be argued that building the Africa's mineral supply chains, in our countries, our regional economic communities and across our continent, is the most important strategy within our mineral policy. In addition to being the most the biggest payment in host countries, it the MSC has the possibility of outliving the mineral resources as well reinventing itself through lateral migration into manufacturing products for other, sustainable, sectors.

Consequently, building the local MSC has the indirect benefit of reducing IFFs and increasing the host country's tax revenue. The larger the local share of mining purchases, the smaller the basket of imported products that could be over-invoiced. As the local MSC is built, the local manufacturers themselves are likely to report over-invoicing of imported products that compete with their products.

As we embark on the work of building our MSCs, it is important to bear in mind that the scope for MSC development within any one country will be limited, and the building of substantial and sustainable MSCs are critically dependent on accessing national, regional and continental markets. Accordingly, a regional and continental perspective is of importance and incorporated throughout the toolkit, with a special focus on an REC-level approach. We must further emphasise that (as with all supply chains) logistics are of the essence, and development of cost-effective MSCs on a national, regional and continental level requires coordinated investment in transport and cross-border systems (NTBs), or overseas imports shipped into our ports will continue to have lower logistics costs to our mines and be able to displace local MSC products.

Objectives

The main objective of the Toolkit is to support capacity-building in mineral supply chain (MSC) development and Africa's industrialisation ambitions at both a national and regional level.

Content

The course will be structured on the following nine (9) modules:

- **Context:** This module will allow participants to have a clear vision of the Mining and Minerals sector in Africa, understand the normal development of the mining sector in Africa and the role of minerals in your economy.
- **The Africa Mining Supply Chain Vision:** This module will allow participants to discover the mining vision of Africa (AMV), linkages to minerals and the RBI value chain. He will discuss the mining vision of some countries and the governance framework for African minerals (AMGF). will be able to discuss the UN WHO, the AfCFTA: Local and Regional Supply Chains and their vision for MSC.
- **Mapping the MSC opportunity:** Participants will have the opportunity to share their experiences and strategies on trade data and the MSC Taxonomy and Codification.
- **Developing the Prerequisites for MSC Development:** This module will highlight the importance of implementing a mineral supply chain development (MSC) policy and developing MSC's local value addition and local ownership. Participants will learn how to practice tough and flexible regulation and have a clear reading of local content definitions - Rules of origin.
- **Strategies and Tools to build the local mining supply chain:** This module will highlight the importance of better understanding the location of mining property to build African MSCs, but also how to develop local content legislation and become familiar with standardized coding systems and an enabling environment for the creation of a local MSC.
- **Building the MSC Knowledge Linkages:** This module will expose the interrelationships between MSC knowledge.
- **Realizing the Regional Opportunity:** This module will give more explanation on the Regional Mineral Supply Chain (MSC) Venture Capital Fund, the MSC Regional Technology Development Fund, the Regional Logistics Compensation System, the protection of the child industry of the regional mineral value chain and a definition of Africa as a region: The AfCFTA.
- **Action Plan:** This module will allow participants to develop and/or implement an action plan using the toolkit.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E):** This module will highlight the importance of the work of governments, the EITI, the local procurement reporting mechanism in the mining sector and the impact of the COVID pandemic on African MSCs.

Skill To Be Imparted

At the end of the course, the following outcomes will be expected:

- Participants will be provided with useful methodology for building MSCs at the local, national and regional (REC) levels in African mining countries;
- The toolkit will provide strategies and methods and assist African states to realise the significant mining industry backward linkages opportunities and to use mineral resources to drive industrialisation, particularly for African countries with a high level of mineral dependence;
- Strengthened capacity of member States and RECs to implement AMV aligned policies and strategies at country and regional levels, against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Stakeholders will be empowered to design and implement work programmes to benefit a country from its mineral sector.

Pedagogical Approach and Mode of Delivery

The course will be delivered for five weeks including one week for the final evaluation. It will be moderated asynchronously on a weekly basis and participants are required to participate in the weekly on-line discussions. The lessons are designed in a way that learners are also able to self-assess their understanding through practical exercises which will be in the form of quizzes / MCQ that will support active learning. Additional resources such as bibliographies, web links and optional readings are provided for participants who wish to deepen their knowledge of the course topic.

The course will be delivered in English and French. The pedagogical team will include a Course Director, a team of moderators and Resource persons with first-hand knowledge of the historical and contemporary issues in the mineral sector and the Africa Mining Vision. They also come with case studies to expose participants to webinars on focused topics to enhance a better interaction among participants. In line with the IDEP pedagogical philosophy, the presentation of the course modules will combine a knowledge-building component with experience-sharing among participants.

Target Audience

The target participants are as follows:

The course targets senior officials, including government officials, REC officials, mining companies, mineral supply chain firms, industry associations, researchers and academicians, as well as civil society organizations are also welcomed to apply.

In addition, Senior experts in Natural resources, especially in mining, Development economists and practitioners, Academia with interest in Mining and Mineral management and natural resource issues development, NGOs and CBOs top and middle level managers, Development financiers and aid agencies, etc. are highly encouraged to follow the training.

Acceptance to the course

Until the registration deadline, participants are accepted to the course on a rolling basis and subject to availability of slots. Please refer to the paragraph below to see priority target group. Applications must be completed exclusively on IDEP online application platform.

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Technical Requirements

Access to internet is an essential condition for participation. The following specifications, as a minimum in terms of hardware and software, are required to take this e-Learning course, please consult your Network Administrator or Systems person to ensure that you have the following:

- Platform: Windows 95, 98, 2000, NT, ME, XP or superior; Mac OS 9 or Mac OS X; Linux
- Hardware: 64 MB of RAM, 1 GB of free disk space
- Software:
 - Adobe Acrobat Reader
 - Adobe Flash Player
 - Microsoft Office (Windows or Mac) or Open Office
 - Browser: Internet Explorer 7 or higher or Firefox 36 or higher
- Modem: 56 K
- Note that JavaScript, Cookies and Pop-ups must be enabled

Important Dates

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