



A more liberal space for foreign investment

In the early 1980s, many African countries were heavily indebted, which brought the World Bank to participate more and more in the design of reforms that were implemented in the African extractive industry. In 1992, following the effects of over-production, from the early to the mid-1980s, of base metals that caused a drop in prices and an attendant drop in public income, the World Bank designed its own strategy for the African extractive industry and initiated reforms it deemed necessary to remedy the poor results of that industry... According to the study, the poor results of the African extractive industry were fanned by two factors. First, in the 1990s, the industry began plummeting. Second, there was a serious short supply of geological data owing to limited exploration activity.