



Tackling the challenges: some country initiatives

Relevant literature contains numerous recommendations on how to tackle the challenges identified in the previous sections. The compendium on best artisanal and small-scale mining practices published by the ECA (2002) proposes a catalog of experiences from Africa, some of which are reproduced in the following section... Some countries have taken steps to help small-scale mining operators sell their minerals. Such steps include the liberalization of trade in mineral products deriving from this form of exploitation (as is the case in Tanzania) thanks to explicit procedures for awarding permits, the requirement of well-structured documents indicated the quantities bought and the quantities sold. In Ghana, the State-owned Precious Minerals Marketing Company and other private companies are authorized to act as the market for precious minerals... Similarly, in Ethiopia, mining developers are bound to sell their produce to the Central Bank.