

## Management of mining: Rethinking the role of institutions in achieving development objectives



Integrated policies on industrialization and development require that an analysis be conducted on the relations between institutions responsible for mining and those responsible for other sectors.

*Mkandawire (2010)* recalls the conception of institutions as “{potential} instruments of transformation against a backdrop of abject poverty and under-development” and not as “restrictions weighing heavily on social stakeholders”.

*Evans (2010)* reminds us of the obvious fact that only a flexible and creative process of exploration and experimentation that pays sustained heed to local institutional ideas can contribute to establish institutional mechanisms that drive a developmental State. This approach has however been at odds with the hands-on experience of many African countries over the past thirty years and even beyond.