



African Union

## EVENTS

**Pan African Conference on  
Illicit Financial Flows**  
11-12 October 2016  
Abuja, Nigeria

**Intergovernmental Forum,  
OECD and AMDC**  
14 October 2016  
Paris, France

**AU Extraordinary Summit**  
14-15 October 2016  
Lome, Togo

**Intergovernmental Forum on  
Mining, Minerals and Metals**  
24-26 October 2016  
Geneva, Switzerland

## Africa Mining Vision Updates

The Africa Mining Vision (AMV) seeks to create a transparent, equitable and optimal exploitation of mineral resources to underpin broad-based sustainable growth and socio-economic development.

The African Minerals Development Centre (AMDC) provides strategic operational support to the AMV and its mission is to work with member States and their national and regional organizations to promote the transformative role of mineral resources in the development of the continent. Major activities the past quarter:

- Experts review geological mineral information strategy
- Capacity-building project on contract negotiation rolled out across Africa with updates from:
  - Congo, Niger, and Equatorial Guinea
- AMDC supports harmonization of mining policies in Southern Africa
- Domestication of the Africa Mining Vision now underway in:
  - Malawi, Eritrea, Ghana, and Kenya
- Sierra Leone engages with key stakeholders on new minerals policy
- Civil Society supports AMV as a tool for socio-economic development
- Key West African mining stakeholders as partners
- Accra Summit unanimously recognizes AMV



## Experts review mineral information strategy

Geological experts met in Cape Town at the end of September to review the African Geological Mineral Information System (GMIS) strategy, aimed at streamlining AMV-compliant initiatives that will improve geological and geospatial information and its use in mining and broad development processes in Africa.

Organized by the AMDC, the gathering attracted more than 54 Directors-General from African Geological Survey Organizations, as well as representatives from regional economic commissions, African geological initiatives, partner organizations and experts from international organizations. In addition to reviewing the GMIS Strategy, the meeting also looked into appraising the Organisation of African Geological Survey strategy—a crucial continental coordination body of the geological and mineral information systems.

Kaiser Gonçalves de Souza, Senior Geology and Mineral Information Advisor of AMDC, emphasized, *“The AMV-driven GMIS strategy represents a shift from geological information for the mining sector to an encompassing mechanism covering legal, economic, social and environmental applications in mining and broad development processes in Africa.”*

## EVENTS

**Mining and Petroleum  
Contract Negotiations**  
24-26 October 2016  
Douala, Cameroon

**Annual General Meeting of  
the Intergovernmental Forum  
on Mining and Metals**  
24-26 October 2016  
Douala, Cameroon

**AMV Technical and Strategic  
Support for Responsible  
Mineral Development Initiative  
National Roundtable**  
24 – 28 October 2016  
Geneva, Switzerland

**UNDP-ACP Regional  
Workshop on Neglected  
Development Minerals**  
7-11 November 2016  
Lusaka, Zambia

**African Minerals Governance  
Framework Technical Drafting  
Meeting**  
14-18 November 2016  
Victoria Falls

Read more about the [GMIS meeting here](#) and review [photos from the event here](#).







Capacity

## Capacity-building: at the Heart of AMV

### EVENTS

**Global Meeting on Investment  
– Mining as a Catalyst for  
Building Sustainable  
Communities**

5-6 November 2016  
Johannesburg, South Africa

**Africa Mining Summit**

13-16 December 2016  
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

**High Level Conference of the  
European Innovation  
Partnership on Raw Materials**

13-16 December 2016  
Brussels, Belgium

### Capacity-building project on contract negotiation now underway across Africa

The Africa Mining Vision, the new paradigm on mining governance, envisions a mining sector that is knowledge-based, a catalyst for change, and a mechanism for socio-economic growth and development. And this vision can be realized through upgrading of skills and knowledge.

AMDC launched a major capacity building project on contract negotiation and targeted five countries, namely Chad, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Niger and Malawi. The project has launched in four of these countries, with attendance for the launch events reaching more than 170 participants. National level events were also organized to map out domestic needs in capacity building as well as gather useful insights on the challenges faced by key stakeholders in preparation for the upcoming training sessions.

**PROFILE**

**Meet AMDC's Acting  
Coordinator  
Dr. Kojo Busia**

**Dr. Kojo Busia**

is the Acting Coordinator of the African Mineral Development Centre.

He also leads the governance and participation team under the African Mining Vision, an African Union mining flagship for sustainable development. He led the AMDC in the design and development of the Country Mining Vision Guidebook which is now being rolled out in a number of African countries for the domestication of the AMV.

He has been with UN ECA supporting the African Peer Review Mechanism for the African Union/NEPAD, and in this role, facilitated the adoption of the Peer Review Mechanism as the major framework for addressing natural resource governance challenges in the region.

His career spans a range of additional assignments at the international, multi-lateral and ODA level throughout Africa and globally including design and implementation of a Regional Democracy and Conflict Prevention Program in West Africa. He is a frequent lecturer on business, economics, governance and development at major events in Africa and around the world.

**Capacity-building project on contract negotiation****Congo**

On 8 to 10 August 2016, AMDC was in Congo to assess the needs on capacity building and agree with relevant public authorities on the calendar of the implementation of the project in the country.

At the end of the meeting, the Ministry of Mines and Geology and Ministry of Hydrocarbons committed to facilitate the participation of all stakeholders on the awareness and training activities.

**Niger**

Capacity building on contract negotiations was launched in Niger and it was held in Niamey from 18 to 19 August 2016, together with the support of Sub-regional Offices of West Africa and Central Africa.

Thirty experts from various institutions attended and discussed extractive sector practices on contract negotiation as well as the needs of the sector on capacity building. Participants also identified priority areas for training sessions and made recommendations to national authorities and AMDC on ways to improve practices using concrete major projects. The meeting in Niger also paved the way for an opportunity for AMDC to meet with partners like the World Bank to discuss potential collaboration on capacity building activities.

The mission also provided the opportunity to follow up on AMDC technical assistance to the government on strengthening the capacity of UEMOA regional mining school (L'École des mines, de l'industrie de la géologie) to develop a mineral economic curriculum, and to become a center of excellence.



## More on the capacity-building project on contract negotiation

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### Equatorial Guinea

The series of official launches ended with the launching in Malabo, where nearly seventy experts, mainly from the Ministry of Mines and Hydrocarbons as well as the National Oil Company (Gepetrol) and the National Gas Company (Sonagas), met to discuss the issues and challenges on contract negotiation in Equatorial Guinea. The three-day workshop (23 to 25 August 2016) was used to reach consensus on priorities in terms of capacity building in the country; and to identify various opportunities for cooperation between the Equatorial-Guinean government and AMDC; the first institution to organize an in-country training workshop on the issue related to contract negotiation in the extractive industries.

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As a way forward, AMDC is working on the organization of the training workshops of the project to roll-out later this year. All project activities including the development of knowledge products are prepared in close collaboration with national authorities of the five beneficiary countries as well as the relevant sub-regional offices and development partners locally active in the extractive sectors.

## AMDC supports harmonization of mining policies in Southern Africa

The Open Society Foundation's Africa Regional Office together with the Southern Africa Resource Watch and in partnership with AMDC and the Pan African Parliament and the African Union Advisory Board on Corruption, hosted a meeting in Johannesburg to elevate the crucial need for knowledge generation in the transparency areas, as well as coordinate efforts towards the implementation of the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption, and the adoption of Africa Mining Vision as well as the Model Law on Corruption.

Attended by Members of Parliament and experts from across the continent, the timing of this initiative was crucial to the continent, which is still losing over 90 billion dollars to rampant graft. It was discussed that AMV can contribute putting the continent's long-term and broad development objectives at the heart of all policy making concerned with mineral extraction.

Participants observed that the AMV sets out how mining can be used to drive continental development. However, it was observed that this policy approach needs to be more publicized, understood, and domesticated by AU member states. Law makers in many AU countries are not aware of the AMV, which makes it difficult to mechanize it so that it works for the African citizens who lose billions of US dollars to multinationals in the extractive industry.





## Malawi domesticates the AMV

Malawi's Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining (MNREM) in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the AMDC organized a three-day Country Mining Vision dialogue meeting to kick start Malawi's domestication of the AMV in August 2016 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Attended by 25 delegates drawn from members of the civil society, parliament, government ministries and departments, and the private sector, the dialogue was seen by the Government of Malawi as important.

Mr. Gusto Mabvuto, who led the delegation on behalf of the Minister responsible for Mining, Hon. Bright Msaka, SC, acknowledged that *the Government of Malawi recognizes mining as one of the key priority sectors that could significantly contribute to rapid economic growth and development in the country as echoed in the current Malawi Growth and Development Strategy, which is the country's blueprint for national social economic development.*

After three days of deliberations, participants were able to identify a number of CMV-related issues and recommendations on how to improve inadequate capacity, work on unregulated small scale mining; focus on compliance to environmental issues; and other crucial issues.

## Eritrea engages with AMDC

On August 1 to 5, 2016, AMDC representatives were in Eritrea and met with the government, multiple ministries, the private sector, mining companies, and other stakeholders, to explore specific entry points for CMV engagement in the country.

As a mining country in the region with a unique context, the government requested AMDC to assist in targeted mineral sector development initiatives as well as support in disseminating some lessons learned/best practice examples within the country.

AMDC is working closely with the government as it moves forward in implementing the AMV by supporting targeted engagement, building political consensus and buy-in, on the ground assessments/research, etc.

## Ghana and the CMV process

Ghana's CMV process is well under way, and AMDC was in the West African country twice in June to discuss with key stakeholders about the country's priorities for broad-based sustainable development for the mining sector.

The Country Mining Vision (CMV or the domestication of the AMV) engagement is a multi-stakeholder process, which includes government authorities, the Minerals Commission; other ministries as well as the National Planning and Development Commission; private sector actors such as Chamber of Mines and key mining companies; civil society organizations, think tanks and academia.

At the end of the meetings, the stakeholders agreed that priorities should revolve around the identification of economic opportunities in local procurement in the gold sector particularly for small and medium-sized enterprises; and the leveraging of the mineral sector to develop clusters of industrial activities beyond the sector as means to foster broader economic diversification at the national level.

The assessment of local procurement opportunities is being conducted in partnership with the German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR).

## Kenya moves forward with the AMV

From 14 to 15 September 2016, AMDC representatives had a dialogue with Kenya's Ministry of Mining together with other major stakeholders in the sector to discuss the country's initiative to advance the CMV process. The government sees the AMV as a way to catapult its mineral-driven development initiative and emphasizes that the new policy is the first new mining law in over 70 years, and is primarily based on the AMV, the Kenyan Constitution and the national development plan—the Vision 2030.

In the same vein, the government also saw AMDC's initiative, the African Mineral Governance Framework, as a platform for opportunities for Kenya, given the country's focus is on finding homegrown, Africa-led governance initiatives of the mineral sector. AMDC will be working closely with the government as it moves forward in drafting a roadmap for further AMV engagement.

**QUOTE FROM**

**Hon. Abdul Ignosi Koroma, Deputy Minister of Mines and Mineral Resources**



**Honorable Abdul Ignosi Koroma**

*“The African Mining Vision seeks to put the extractive sector at the heart of Africa’s long term and broad development objectives. African leaders, through the AMV announced that Africa cannot afford to exploit its mineral wealth without regard to the effects that are inherent in mining operations. The pillars of the African Mining Vision support the optimization of knowledge and benefits of the mineral sector that harnesses the potential of small scale and artisanal mining to improve rural livelihoods and foster sustainable development based on environmentally and socially responsible mining. Promoting good governance of the mineral sector in which communities and citizens participate in the processes of mineral extraction and utilization of the benefits that are accrued is a hallmark for the AMV.”*



## **Sierra Leone engages with key stakeholders on new minerals policy**

AMDC, as requested by the Government of Sierra Leone, hosted a three-day Africa Mining Vision (AMV) workshop to improve the understanding of the AMV and the country’s new Core Minerals Policy (CMP).

The awareness-raising workshop from 26 to 28 July 2016, was attended by 75 participants representing various stakeholder groups around the country, including academic institutions, government agencies, development partners, the private sector, media, civil society organizations, and United Nations agencies.

The workshop focused on facilitating informed input by multiple stakeholders for the preparation of Sierra Leone’s minerals policy through improved knowledge and understanding of the AMV and CMP. The event also aimed to establish a database of participants who are able to serve as resource persons for sensitization on the AMV in their communities, as part of the multi-stakeholder consultative meetings on the CMP across Sierra Leone.

In his opening speech, Honourable Abdul Ignosi Koroma, Deputy Minister of Mines and Mineral Resources, emphasized AMDC’s role in their process, *“I would like to thank AMDC for supporting us in our efforts to domesticate the African Mining Vision. The AMV lays a comprehensive and clear pathway for African countries to optimize the benefits that can accrue from the mining sector and Sierra Leone wants to be an example of the positive results that pursuit of the vision can bring to a country.”*

[Read more about the event.](#)

**QUOTE FROM**  
**From African Union**  
**Commissioner for Trade**  
**and Industry,**  
**H.E. Fatima Haram-Acyl**



**H.E. Fatima**  
**Haram-Acyl**

*“The Agenda 2063 identified the Minerals sector as one of the key sectors that will lead to the achievement of the aspirations of African people that define the “Africa We Want”. This can only happen if the mineral resources play their transformative role particularly contributing to the Industrialization processes.*

*The African Mining Vision offers greater opportunities for governments, citizens, private sector, and development partners through innovative and holistic approaches to develop national owned strategies, policies and laws for governing the mineral sector to ensure growth and sustainable development.”*



### **Civil Society sees AMV as a tool for socio-economic development in the region**

On 14 to 15 September 2016, the first African Mining Vision Civil Society Organization Forum was held in Nairobi with 70 participants coming from across the region.

The event, which was organized by the African Union Commission through the AMDC together with global, continental and regional civil society organizations (CSOs), was visualized as a platform for critical, constructive dialogue to further the implementation of the AMV and its associated policy instruments.

The event allowed CSOs to engage in a frank discussion on a wide range of AMV related topics including identifying shared approaches to promoting the implementation of AMV instruments, listing regional and national champions, and developing a road map for engagement.

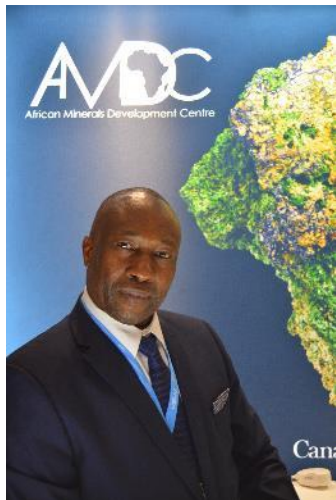
Speaking at the opening of the meeting, Mr. Frank Mugenyi representing the Commissioner of Trade and Industry of the African Union Commission, stressed *the strategic opportunity that the Forum presented with regard to the AMV implementation across the continent is the identification of key challenges and the role of CSOs can play in addressing these gaps.*

Dr. Claude Kabemba, Director of the Southern African Resource Watch, saw *the Forum as a platform for creating the opportunities for CSOs to effectively engage and influence AMV implementation at the national, sub-regional and continental levels as well as contributing to refining the framework of engagement between civil society and African Mining Vision.*



**QUOTE FROM**

**Mr. Frank Mugenyi,**  
**Senior Industry Advisor**  
**for the Department of**  
**Trade and Industry of the**  
**AUC, on behalf of H.E.**  
**Mrs. Fatima Haram Acyl,**  
**the Commissioner for**  
**Trade and Industry,**



### Mr. Frank Dixon- Mugenyi

*“The African Mining Vision provides an effective framework to optimally use Africa’s resources that benefit all Africans. Africa cannot afford to have it wrong this time around, and there is no room for error since there now opportunities to broadening partnerships and bringing the private sector on board in policy planning and implementation.”*

## Key West African mining stakeholders as partners

The African Union Commission (AUC) and the AMDC held a two-day consultative meeting with the Private Sector representatives from West Africa on the AMV under the theme: “Leveraging the role of Chambers of Mines and Mining Association in the implementation of the Africa Mining Vision through the African Mining Vision Private Sector Compact.”

The event provided a strategic opportunity for discussion and identification of opportunities for effective contribution of private sector and leaders from Chambers of Mines on how to implement the AMV. The meeting brought together key representatives from Chambers of Mines from Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea, Ghana, Mali, Namibia, Nigeria, Niger, Sénégal and Togo.

In his opening statement, Mr. Lamine Alexis Dembélé, General Secretary of the Ministry of Mines from the Republic of Mali, urged *participants to critically examine possible and effective avenues towards strengthening partnerships with other stakeholders in the region and Africa as a whole in order to set up a strong public private partnership that will accelerate the achievement of the socio-economic development of the Africa Mining Vision.*

Participants of the meeting agreed to identify and strengthen mechanisms for proper engagement between the public and private sector, and work closely together to be at the forefront of the development agenda of Africa.

## Summit participants unanimously recognizes AMV

Participants of the Second Africa Oil Governance Summit in Ghana unanimously recognized that the African Mining Vision could facilitate Africa’s accelerated development through value linkages and regional integration.

The annual Summit, which was held at the end of September, is a gathering of key players of the oil industry and it serves as a platform to engage around the governance of the oil and gas resources and to rally towards the transition of oil-producing countries onto an accelerated development trajectory that takes advantage of the continent’s position as the last oil frontier of the world.

Isabelle Ramdoo, Senior Linkages and Investment Advisor of AMDC, said, *“The participants are all aware that the state of oil resource governance in Africa is still under-developed and could further compound the development challenges and all of them agreed that the Africa Mining Vision can accelerate the region’s development, notably through value linkages and regional integration.”*

For the full list of recommendations from the Second Africa Oil Governance Summit, please see the [communiqué](#).

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