



CITIZENS' CONVENTION ON MINING 2021

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Theme

Transforming East Africa's Minerals Sector for inclusive and Sustainable Mineral Exploitation

Date: 28th October, 2021

Time: 10AM - 2PM

Mode: Virtual (Zoom)

Introduction

The East African Community (EAC) region is richly endowed with various mineral resources that provide a source of livelihood for many East Africans. These mineral resources are the drivers of national and regional economic development. The region has a multitude of mineral resources, many still unexploited, including gold, copper, uranium, platinum, base metals, limestone, coal, iron, diamonds, tin and gemstones among others. While the minerals sub-sector in the region has potential to spur regional economic development, the sector still remains underdeveloped. The East Africa region has large scale as well as Artisanal and Small scale investors in the mining sector.





About the Citizens' Convention on Mining

The vision that mineral resources could be used to catapult Africa to modernization heavily relies on Africa's preparedness to benefit from the sector.

To harness efforts in realizing this vision, Global Rights Alert in partnership with the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment, Action Aid Uganda, Transparency International Uganda and Uganda Association of Artisanal and Small Scale Miners have for the last four (4) years organized an annual Citizens' Convention on Mining as a platform for reflection, information sharing and accountability among key players in the minerals value chain.

Like the previous conventions, the 2021 CCM will be organized under a collaborative arrangement and this year, Global Rights Alert will organize in partnership with the Ministry of Energy and Minerals Development, the Uganda EITI Secretariat, HakiRasimali, Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment, Minerals Africa Development Institution, Transparency International Uganda, and Uganda Association of Small Scale Miners.





Why the CCM 2021?

The overall objective of the Convention is to enable forward looking engagement and discussions on harnessing the potential of East Africa's mineral wealth for sustainable regional development and as such, the Convention has attracted a diversity of organizations and participants from across the East and Southern African regions.

Specifically, the convention shall:

- Create a platform for sector players to deliberate on the issues affecting mineral governance in Eastern Africa region and shape the sector reforms.
- Provide a platform for learning and information sharing amongst actors in the minerals sub-sector in East African region.
- Promote accountability and transparency by enabling stakeholders to take stock of progress and achievements within the region's sub-sector.





Conveners' Profiles



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Global Rights Alert (GRA) is a Civil Society Organization based in Uganda whose mission is to make natural resources benefit the people. GRA is committed to ensure that men, women and young people benefit from the sustainable exploitation of natural resources. GRA is the secretariat for the Citizens' Convention on Mining.



Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE) is an independent public policy research and advocacy Think Tank based in Uganda, working in the East and Southern Africa sub-regions on a wide range of public policy issues. ACODE's core business is policy research and analysis, policy outreach and capacity building.



Uganda Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (UGEITI) : The EITI is the global standard for the promotion of open and accountable management of oil, gas, and mineral resources. EITI implementation in Uganda is overseen by a Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) comprised of representatives from the government, extractive companies and civil society.



HakiRasilimali is a platform for CSOs working on strategic issues around minerals, oil and gas extraction in Tanzania. The coalition emerged in 2010 from an online knowledge community of practitioners in the extractive industries, and joined PWYP in 2016 to reinforce its strategic approach to increasing transparency in the sector.





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Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development is the government body mandated to establish, promote the Development, strategically manage and Safeguard the Rational and Sustainable Exploitation and Utilization of Energy and Mineral Resources for Social and Economic Development in Uganda.



Minerals Africa Development Institution (MADI) Limited is a unique innovation, social enterprise and an independent African think tank supporting African governments, private sectors and other stakeholders along the minerals value chains for sustainable mineral resources development in Africa.



Transparency International Uganda (TIU) is a national chapter of Transparency International – The global coalition against corruption. TIU is a registered NGO contributing towards a corruption free Uganda where the citizens actively condemn corruption and demand for accountability while leaders and public officials uphold the principles of good governance.



Uganda Association of Artisanal and Small-Scale Miners (UGAASM) is national umbrella body that brings together artisanal and small scale miners from across Uganda. The association boasts of a total of 158 registered associations with 15,427 members from across Uganda.





Mode of the Convention

Due to the prevalent COVID-19 pandemic, the CCM will be a virtual convention and will be broadcasted on zoom and streamed live on YouTube and television.

Areas of Discussion

- The Legal and Policy framework governing mineral resources in the Eastern Africa region.
- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) as a governance framework for the minerals sub-sector in the East African region.

Participants

The CCM will bring together a multiplicity of sector players drawn from Civil Society Organizations, Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies, Academia, the private sector, Artisanal and Small-Scale Miners (ASMs), Development Partners and the media across the East African region.

Panelists

There is a great line up of experienced and knowledgeable panelists from the minerals sub-sector in the East Africa region.





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