

DESCRIPTION OF WORKING GROUPS

1. Working Groups

PURPOSE:

The working group sessions will enable participants to have more in-depth, interactive discussions relating to four key aspects of the overall ASM context, which are especially pertinent for AMDC to chart a course for its subsequent ASM work.

DISCUSSION TOPICS/THEMES:

The four aspects correspond to the group titles and discussion themes, as follows:

- **Group 1** Knowledge Generation & Dissemination (*Facilitator: Nellie Mutemeri*)
- **Group 2** Political Economy & Strategic Issues (*Facilitator: Kojo Busia*)
- **Group 3** Social & Environmental Factors (*Facilitator: Mukasiri Sibanda*)
- **Group 4** Sourcing, Marketing & Financing Options (*Facilitator: Estelle Levin*)

GROUP OUTPUT:

The expected deliverable from each working is a concise outline and/or report, which presents the groups' feedback. This outline/report should be framed as two sets of recommendations:

- The ***first*** set of recommendations will address how the draft report can be enhanced, focusing on issues related to the group's assigned discussion theme;
- The ***second*** set of recommendations will should cover conceptual, operational and strategic issues (relating to their assigned discussion themes) for AMDC to factor into its ASM work.

CONDUCT OF THE GROUP SESSIONS:

Group Facilitators are indicated above. Upon convening, guided by the Facilitator, each groups will designate a rapporteur, then proceed to address substantive matters by determining and deliberating pertinent questions/issues¹ relating to their assigned topics/themes.

Key frames of reference for group discussions will include experience/knowledge of group members; AMV; draft study report; and preceding workshop/EGM presentations. AMDC staff will be on hand as resource persons for each group, particularly re. the draft study report as well as the AMV.

¹ E.g., Political Economy & Strategic issues could include IFF, realities of power dynamics/special interests in the sector, etc. In addition, policy & regulatory frameworks will be addressed under this group [Group 2] considering that said frameworks are one aspect of the broader political economy. Similarly, Sourcing and Marketing options may include responsible mining standards, market programs, local opportunities as is the case with industrial minerals, etc.; Likewise, Knowledge Generation & Dissemination will incl. relevant factors re. geological and mining info.