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Announcement in Brief

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Course Type : Online Course

Programme Area : Natural Resources Management

Date : 28th February – 1st April 2022

Duration : 5 Weeks

Language : Bilingual (French - English)

Application Deadline : 11th February 2022

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PROGRAMME BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

Africa is richly endowed with a variety of mineral resources, with potential for economic growth and development. But performance so far has not been consistent with expectations. The overall goal of the African Mining Vision (AMV) is to create “a transparent, equitable and optimal exploitation of mineral resources to underpin broad-based sustainable growth and socio-economic development”.

The African Mineral Development Centre (AMDC) has been implementing the AMV over the last six years. One key observation was that effective management of the mineral resources is critical to transform the sector in a sustainable manner. Emphasis is on broader economic linkages – backward, forward and side-stream – requiring larger markets. Such linkage development message is clear with most member States. In fact, it is the reason there are no demonstrable benefits from the vast mineral resources to the economies of Africa.

Three aspects needed for achieving the intended goal, from the review of the implementation of the AMV through the AMDC, are:

- Strategy, management and monitoring system;
- Activities should be implemented by member states, with the help of partners; and
- Full participation of all stakeholders (governments, private sector, civil society, communities) at all levels (country, regional, continental).

Achieving the objectives of the AMV requires strengthened capacity to implement and monitor the plan or activities. Studies undertaken on the continent brought to the fore the following status on the situation on mining sector skills on the continent:

- Insufficient capacity across all stakeholders (government, private sector, civil society) in varying proportions;
- Insufficient staff capacity/capability and infrastructure; and
- Overall insufficient institutional capacities

Governments should align mining policies with national development plans and engage with industry to achieve the goals. Governments must also facilitate support of other stakeholders (local governments, communities, civil society organizations and academia) in the pursuit of the initiatives to achieve the SDGs.

The principles of management of the mineral sector from the government perspective require the:

- Appreciation that the mineral sector is a part or constituent of the other sectors in the economy;
- Definition of the aims of the sector in the economy;
- Appreciation of the roles of and effects on the many actors of the economy;
- Coordinated and integrated approach;
- Macro-economic skills for designing overall integration of the mineral sector into the national economy; and
- Developing and implementing administrative and managerial procedures.

In summary, ad hoc nature of mineral development policies and initiatives constrain beneficial mineral development. Success of the AMV is premised on coordination of policy and leadership of initiatives by relevant stakeholders.

The AMV was adopted in 2009, but there is little to show for. This does not auger well for the continent in terms of missed opportunities to benefit from its vast mineral potential. Capacity development in the management of the sector is critical. This training focusses on building capacity for stakeholders responsible for or affected by the sector to achieve the objectives of the AMV or alternatively implement the AMV at the country level.

Against the above background, IDEP and TCND have decided to organize this course to enhance knowledge of Member States and support them in the domestication of the AMV in their mineral resource policies.

OBJECTIVES

- To strengthen the capacity of member States and RECs to implement and monitor

AMV-aligned policies and strategies;

- To train and build capacity in policy development consistent with the AMV; and
- To share knowledge and application of objectives of the AMV.

CONTENT

The training programme has three modules, as follows:

- **Module 1:** A framework for benefiting from mineral resources
- **Module 2:** Skills development and Research and Development (R&D), including
 - Linkages and diversification
 - Mobilising mining and infrastructure investment
- **Module 3:** Knowledge and information platform, discussing
 - Fourth Industrial Revolution
 - Discussing Covid-19

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, the following outcomes will be expected:

- Understanding of sector activities and implementing sector objectives (which are consistent with the AMV);
- Strengthened capacity of member States and RECs to implement AMV aligned policies and strategies at country and regional levels, against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Empowered stakeholders to design and implement work programmes to benefit a country from its mineral sector.

PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH & MODE OF DELIVERY

The course will be delivered for one month including one week for the final evaluation. The course will be moderated asynchronously on a weekly basis and participants are required to participate in the weekly on-line discussions. The lessons are designed in a way that learners are also able to self-assess their understanding through practical exercises which will be in the form of case studies that will support active learning. Additional resources such as bibliographies, web links and optional readings are provided for participants who wish to deepen their knowledge of the course topic.

The course will be delivered in English and French. The course is structured to run over a period of four weeks. The following fifth week will be dedicated to the final evaluation. The pedagogical team will include a Course Director, a team of moderators and Resource persons with first-hand knowledge of the Africa Mining Vision Guidelines and Mineral resource issues in Africa. They also come with strong comparative insights from other regions of the world. In line with the IDEP pedagogical philosophy, the presentation of the course modules will combine a knowledge-building component with experience-sharing among participants.

CERTIFICATE AND COMPLETION

A Certificate of Completion will be issued by IDEP to all participants who successfully complete the course-related self-assessments presented for each module.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The target participants are as follows:

The course targets senior officials, policy and decision makers involved in mineral policy and governance. Participants in corporate settings, civil society leaders/NGO's, technical managers, engineers, surveyors, geologists etc. interested in developing and implementing more effective policies that are aligned with economic, social and environmental development imperatives are also welcomed to apply.

In addition, Senior experts in Natural resources, especially in mining, Development economists and practitioners, Academia with interest in Mining and Mineral management and natural resource issues development, NGOs and CBOs top and middle level managers, Development financiers and aid agencies, etc. are highly encouraged to follow the training.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE COURSE

Until the registration deadline, participants are accepted to the course on a rolling basis and subject to availability of slots. Please refer to the paragraph below to see priority target group. Applications must be completed exclusively on IDEP online application platform at <https://www.unidep.org/?apply>

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Access to internet is an essential condition for participation. The following specifications, as a minimum in terms of hardware and software, are required to take this e-Learning course, please consult your Network Administrator or Systems person to ensure that you have the following:

- Platform: Windows 95, 98, 2000, NT, ME, XP or superior; Mac OS 9 or Mac OS X; Linux
- Hardware: 64 MB of RAM, 1 GB of free disk space
- Software:
 - Adobe Acrobat Reader
 - Adobe Flash Player
 - Microsoft Office (Windows or Mac) or Open Office
 - Browser: Internet Explorer 7 or higher or Firefox 36 or higher
- Modem: 56 K
- Note that JavaScript, Cookies and Pop-ups must be enabled

IMPORTANT DATES

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- Course Period: 28th February – 1st April 2022

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