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Strengthening development linkages from the mineral resource sector in the Economic Community of Central African States

National and regional workshops

Brazzaville, Congo
26-30 September 2016

Programme of Work
I. Programme of work for the national workshop

Monday 26 September

9:00 - 10:50 Opening ceremony
Chair: Ministry of Planning, Statistics and Regional Integration
- Opening speech: Ministry of Planning, Statistics and Regional Integration
- Goals and expected outcomes of UNCTAD's project: Ms. Yanchun Zhang, Chief, Commodity Policy Implementation and Outreach Section, UNCTAD

10:50 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 13:00 Session 1: The international and national context
Moderator: Mr. Serge Ndeko, Director General of Oil, Ministry of Oil
- International commodity-price dynamics: Mr. Taro Boel, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD
- The oil and mining sector in Congo: Analysis of the national mineral resource sector and its impacts on the national economy: Mr. Michel Niama, Director General, Ministry of Economy, industrial development and private sector
- Potential opportunities and challenges for enhanced development linkages: Mr. Michel Niama, Director General, Ministry of Economy, industrial development and private sector

Interactive discussion and key messages

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:50 Session 2: Local content and development linkages: concept, expected outcomes and lessons learned
Moderator: Mr. Jean Christophe Okandza, Director General, Ministry of Planning, Statistics and Regional Integration
- Different approaches and local content policies (Ms. Léa Judith Ndombi, Chief of Local Content Departement, Total E&P Congo)
- National value chains in the mining and oil sectors: Mr. Ali Litho, legal Attaché, Ministry of Oil
- Understanding the dynamics of development linkages: Ms. Laina Maia, Consultant, UNCTAD

Interactive discussion and key messages

15:50 - 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 18:00 Session 3: Optimizing local content strategies in Congo
Moderator: Mr. Sékou Camara, Director, Projet d'appui à la diversification de l’économie - PADE
- Challenges in the design of local content policies: Mr. Joseph Mbossa, Coordinator, PADE
- Local content in the mining and oil sector: legal and institutional framework: Mr. Germain Djimbi, Local Content, Ministry of Oil; and Mr. Urbain Fiacre Opo, Mines Attaché, Ministry of Mines and Geology
- Enhancing local participation: the role of the Agency for implementation and monitoring: Mr. Jean Pinda Niangoula, Director General, Ministry of Economy, industrial development and private sector

Interactive discussion and key messages
Tuesday 27 September

9:00 - 10:50  Session 4: Enhancing development linkages from the mineral sector
Moderator:  Mr. Michel Florent Okoko, President of EITI Congo
• Analysis of existent local content policies in Congo: Preliminary findings of UNCTAD's project and recommendations: Ms. Inès Féviliyé, National consultant, UNCTAD
• Mechanisms to enhance local participation including civil society: Mr. Kibelolo Massika, Délégué Général of Industrial Association in Pointe Noire
• Monitoring and evaluation mechanisms: Mr. Daniel Nganga, Local content and Human Resources adviser of the Ministry of Oil

Interactive discussion and key messages

10:50- 11:00  Coffee break

11:00 - 13:00  Session 5: Negotiation of contracts
Moderator:  Mr. Martin Galissan, Director for Research and Studies, Agence pour la promotion des investissements (API)
• Legal and regulatory framework: Mr. Sebastien Poaty, Administrative and legal adviser of the Ministry of Oil
• Loopholes in the legal and regulatory framework: Mr. Roland Bembelly, Attorney, Gomes Cabinet
• Initiatives to address the loopholes in the legal and regulatory framework: Ms. Inès Féviliyé, Administrative and legal Adviser, Ministry of Economy, Industrial development and private sector

Interactive discussion and key messages

13:00 - 14:00  Lunch

14:00 - 15:50  Session 6: Establishing a comprehensive approach to optimise development linkages
Interactive session
Moderator: Taro Boel, Economic Affairs Officier, UNCTAD
• Inter ministerial collaboration: Mr. Guy Ewolo, Legal Adviser, Ministry of Planning, Statistics and Regional Integration
• Collaboration among government, civil society, public and private sector: Mr. Omar Ly Bemba, Director General, Société Tuyauterie Travaux Construction - ST2C
• Interagency collaboration: Mr. Joseph Mbossa, Coordinator, PADE
• Collaboration among universities, Research and Training institutions : Mr. Hilaire Elenga, Director of the Center for Geology and Mining Research, Ministry of Mines and Geology

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15:50- 16:00  Coffee break

16:00 - 18:00  Session 7: Definition of the Congolese roadmap
Moderator: Taro Boel, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD
Interactive session
• Proposal for national activities
• Proposal of the Congolese national task force (Ministry of Planning, Statistics and Regional Integration)
• Final remarks of the workshop (Ministry of Planning, Statistics and Regional Integration)
II. Draft programme of work for the regional workshop
Wednesday 28 September

9:00 - 10:45  Opening ceremony
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- Opening speech: Ministry of Planning, Statistics and Regional Integration
- Goals and expected outcomes of UNCTAD's project: Ms. Yanchun Zhang, Chief, Commodity Policy Implementation and Outreach Section, UNCTAD

10:45 - 12:00  Launching reception. Group photo.

12:00 - 13:00  Session 1: The international and regional context
- International commodity-price dynamics: Dr. Abhishek Deshpande, Chief Energy Analyst, Natixis; and Mr. Taro Boel, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD
- The oil and mining sector in Central Africa: Mr. Samuel Safo Tchofo, Regional consultant, UNCTAD
- Regional value chains in the mineral resources sector: opportunities and challenges: Dr. Babafemi Oyewole, CEO, Energy Synergy Partners

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13:00 - 14:00  Lunch

14:00 - 15:50  Session 2: Strengthening development linkages through local content
- Challenges and opportunities in implementing local content policies in a regional context: Dr. Jesse Ovadia, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Windsor
- Local content requirements: setting realistic goals (M François Xavier Tembiwa, CEO AZA Group)
- Creating an enabling environment: strengthening development linkages through an inclusive approach (Ms. Laina Maia, Consultant, UNCTAD)

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15:50 - 16:00  Coffee break

16:00 - 18:00  Session 3: Strengthening development linkages: education and skills gaps
- Identifying skills gaps: Dr. Bertrand Doukpolo, CEMAC; and Dr. José Octávio Van-Dúnem, Director for the Centre of Social and Legal Studies of the University Agostinho Neto
- Professional training: Dr. José Octávio Van-Dúnem, Director for the Centre of Social and Legal Studies of the University Agostinho Neto
- Basic education: Mr. Elijah Dickens Mushemeza, Senior Research Fellow at ACODE and Visiting Professor of Development Studies at Bishop Stuart University (BSU)

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Thursday 29 September

9:00 - 10:45 Session 4: Strengthening development linkages: Improving business climate
- Regulatory framework: Dr. Charles Afeku, Senior Legal Officer, Ghana Minerals Commission
- Support to SMEs: Access to information, Building capacity of local business (Ms. Ines Feviliyé, National Consultant, UNCTAD)
- Access to finance: Mr. Martin Galissan, Director of Research and Studies, Agence pour la promotion des investissements - API

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10:45- 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 13:00 Session 5: Strengthening development linkages: Fiscal linkages
- Maximizing fiscal benefits: Dr. Charles Afeku, Senior Legal Officer, Ghana Minerals Commission
- Transmission mechanisms to promote poverty reduction: Mr. Lumière Jean-Félix Issang, Chief of the Energy and Environment Unit, UNDP
- Governance and transparency in revenue management: Dr. Jesse Ovadia, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Windsor

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13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:50 Session 6: Strengthening development linkages: Environmental Social and Governance policies
- The role of governmental institutions: Mr. Guillermo Mangue Nnandongo, Expert;
- Environmental policies : Dr. Bertrand Doukpolo, CEMAC
- Civil society participation: Dr. Antoine Doudjidingao, Chadian national consultant, UNCTAD

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15:50 - 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 18:00 Session 7: Promoting economic diversification
- Energy: Mr. Emile Tchakala, Power Station, Congo
- Mining sector and transport infrastructure : Mr. Louis Marie Djama, Director General, Ministry of Mines and Geology
- Industrial capacity and integration in the global and regional value chains: Mr. Jules Rommel Touka, Economic Affairs Officer, ECCAS
- Job creation in other sectors: Ms. Yanchun Zhang, Chief, Commodity Policy Implementation and Outreach Section, UNCTAD

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Friday 30 September

9:00 - 10:45  **Session 8: The industry perspective**
- Local procurement (TBC)
- Corporate education programme: Ms. Edwige Mavouangui, Director or labor relations, Université Marien Ngouabi
- Corporate Social Responsibility: Social license to operate: Mr. Florent Lager, Deputy Director General, MPD Congo

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10:45 - 11:00  **Coffee break**

11:00 - 13:00  **Session 9: Regional Local Content**
- Regional legal and institutional framework: M. Jules Rommel Touka, Macroeconomic Expert, ECCAS
- Loopholes in the legal and regulatory framework: M. Samuel Safo Tchofo, Regional, UNCTAD
- Initiatives to address the loopholes in the legal and regulatory framework: M. Jonathan Ndoutome Ngome, President, Réseau d’Appui à l’Académie des Industries Extractives de la CEMAC

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13:00 - 14:00  **Lunch**

14:00 - 15:50  **Session 10: Regional roundtable: the way forward**
*Interactive session*
- The role of multilateral organizations (UNCTAD, UNDP, AfDB, World Bank, CEMAC, ECCAS)
- Proposal for regional activities
- Final remarks of the workshop

15:50 - 16:00  **Coffee break**

16:00 - 18:00  **Wrap-up session**
- Final remarks
- Remarks from participants
- UNCTAD closing speech: Ms. Yanchun Zhang, Chief, Commodity Policy Implementation and Outreach Section, UNCTAD
- Closing speech: Ministry of Planning, Statistics and Regional Integration