UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Regional workshop

Brazzaville, Congo

28-30 September 2016

Programme of Work
I. Draft programme of work for the regional workshop
Wednesday 28 September

9:00 - 10:45 Opening ceremony
Chair: Ministry of Planning, Statistics and Regional Integration
• Presentation of UNCTAD's project: Ms. Yanchun Zhang, Chief, Commodity Policy Implementation and Outreach Section, UNCTAD
• Speech: Mr Anthony Kwaku Ohemeng-Boamah, Resident Coordinator, United Nations System, Republic of Congo
• Opening speech: Her Excellency, Minister of Planning, Statistics and Regional Integration

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

12:00 - 13:00 Session 1: The international and regional context
Moderator: Dr. José Octávio Van-Dúnem, Director for the Centre of Social and Legal Studies of the University Agostinho Neto
• International commodity-price dynamics: 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

Interactive discussion and key messages

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:50 Session 2: Strengthening development linkages through local content
Moderator: Dr. Babafemi Oyewole, CEO, Energy Synergy Partners
• 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

Interactive discussion and key messages

15:50 - 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 18:00 Session 3: Strengthening development linkages: education and skills gaps
Moderator: Ms. Yanchun Zhang, Chief, UNCTAD
• 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
Moderator: Mr. Guillermo Mangue Nnandongo, Regional expert
•  Regulatory framework: Mr. 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

Interactive discussion and key messages

10:45 - 11:00  Coffee break

11:00 - 13:00  Session 5: Strengthening development linkages: Fiscal linkages
Moderator: Mr. Taro Boel, Economic affairs officer, UNCTAD
•  Maximizing fiscal benefits: Mr. 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

Interactive discussion and key messages

13:00 - 14:00  Lunch

14:00 - 15:50  Session 6: Strengthening development linkages: Environmental Social and Governance policies
Moderator: Mr. Lumière Jean-Félix Issang, Chief, UNDP
•  The role of governmental institutions: Mr. Guillermo Mangue Nnandongo, Regional expert
•  Environmental policies: Dr. Bertrand Doukpolo, CEMAC
•  Civil society participation: Dr. Antoine Doudjidingao, Chadian national consultant, UNCTAD

Interactive discussion and key messages

15:50 - 16:00  Coffee break

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

Interactive discussion and key messages
Friday 30 September

9:00 - 10:45  **Session 8: The industry perspective**
Moderator: TBC
- Local procurement: CORAF
- Corporate education programme: Mr. Hyacinthe de Foundoux, Director or the labor relations, Université Marien Ngouabi
- Petrobras University: Mr. José Alberto Bucheb, Managing Director, Petrobras University- video presentation
- Corporate Social Responsibility: Social license to operate: Mr. Florent Lager, Deputy General Director, MPD Congo

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

11:00 - 13:00  **Session 9: Regional Local Content**
Moderator: Ms. Ines Feviliyé, National Consultant, UNCTAD
- Regional legal and institutional framework: M. Jules Rommel Touka, Macroeconomic Expert, ECCAS
- Loopholes in the legal and regulatory framework: M. Samuel Safo Tchofo, Regional expert, UNCTAD
- Initiatives to address the loopholes in the legal and regulatory framework: M. Jonathan Ndoutome Ngome, President, Supporting network of the Academy of Extractive Industries of CEMAC

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

14:00 - 16:30  **Session 10: Regional roundtable: the way forward**
Moderator: Ms. Yanchun Zhang, Chief, UNCTAD

*Interactive session*
- Proposal for regional activities
- Final remarks
- Remarks from participants

16:30 - 17:00  **Coffee break**