

**UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT**

**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 Department, 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 Officer, 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

*Interactive discussion and key messages*

*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**

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

#### **10:45 -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

*Interactive discussion and key messages*

*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)

*Interactive discussion and key messages*

*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)

*Interactive discussion and key messages*

## 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

*Interactive discussion and key messages*

*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

*Interactive discussion and key messages*

*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 Mangué Nnandongo, 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**

- 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

*Interactive discussion and key messages*

## Friday 30 September

### **9:00 - 10:45 Session 8: The industry perspective**

- Local procurement (TBC)
- Corporate education programme: Ms. Edwige Mavouangui, Director of labor relations, Université Marien Ngouabi
- Corporate Social Responsibility: Social license to operate: Mr. Florent Lager, Deputy Director General, MPD Congo

*Interactive discussion and key messages*

*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

*Interactive discussion and key messages*

*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