

# **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)

*Interactive discussion and key messages*

## Thursday 29 September

### **9:00 - 10:45 Session 4: Strengthening development linkages: Improving business climate**

Moderator: Mr. Guillermo Mangué Nlandongo, 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 Ovidia, 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 Mangué Nlandongo, 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 of 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

*Interactive discussion and key messages*

*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

*Interactive discussion and key messages*

*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*