



Extractives for Development Newsletter



Information on current topics and trends in the extractives sector

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Welcome to the English issue of our extractives newsletter!

Every month, the Extractives for Development (X4D) Sector Programme sends you a selection of articles and links that may be of interest to you. We would like to inform you about key developments in the sector and draw your attention to new findings. If you find additional topics interesting or have event information for us, please do not hesitate to let us know so that we can include them in our newsletter!

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Your X4D Sector Programme

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DID YOU KNOW...?

Extractives and public finances

New U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre Online Course: Corruption in the Extractive Industries

The Chr. Michelsen Institute's U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre is offering a new online course for an overview of corruption in the extractive sector. Learning objectives include a better understanding of where corruption can occur in the extractive value chain and increased awareness of sector-specific anti-corruption measures. The one-hour course is self-paced and free.

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Responsible Raw Material Supply Chains

New BGR publication: "Building responsible construction material sectors. Insights from a global review"

The report "Building responsible construction material sectors. Insights from a global review" published by the Sector Programme "Extractives and Development" of the German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR) gives insights into the development of responsible construction material sectors. The aim is to identify ways to promote potentials for sustainable development and to minimise economic, social and ecological risks of the sector.

Construction raw materials and industrial minerals such as



Building responsible construction material sectors

Insights from a global review

April 2022

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sand and gravel, lime, gypsum, natural stone, granite or clay go hand in hand with particular challenges. Their responsible extraction can also lead to opportunities for poverty reduction, local employment, value creation and sustainable development.

IMPACT Annual Report: „Paving the Way to Responsible Supply Chains”

The new IMPACT annual report presents the organisation's activities in 2021 and 2022, which were carried out with 22 partners in eight countries. IMPACT worked directly with over 3300 artisanal mining workers, of whom 73% are women. The report focuses on issues such as women's participation in the mining sector and the Bloom monitoring and evaluation tool, which examines the impact of supply chains on communities. Another focus is the work on reducing corruption in the ASGM supply chain in the DRC, which was financially supported by GIZ.

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Conclusion Meeting of the Regional Approach to the Kimberley Process and ASM Component of the GIZ Regional Resource Governance in West Africa programme

In September, representatives from government, industry and civil society of the member countries of the Mano River Union (MRU), Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, came together in Freetown. The aim was to assess the impact of the recently concluded ASM component of the BMZ-commissioned and EU co-funded GIZ **Regional Resource Governance in West Africa** (ReGo) programme and set new objectives for the next implementation phase.



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The project component started in 2017 as a regional approach towards implementing the Kimberley Process (KP) in the subregion previously ravaged by conflict. Besides the traceability through the KP certification, it became clear that improving livelihood conditions of ASM miners and communities is crucial for sustainable development and stability. Recognising similar challenges of the MRU states in the production of diamonds and gold, export monitoring, formalisation, social and environmental topics, ReGo chose a multi-stakeholder regional approach to tackle these issues together with partners.

The conclusion workshop highlighted the satisfaction of relevant stakeholders. Among the most important achievements mentioned are the enhanced dialogue on ASM-specific topics through regular national and regional multi-stakeholder meetings, and the creation of three regional stakeholder platforms such as for ASM corporations, Civil Society Organizations and Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) for joint concrete action. Furthermore, the partners appreciated the various capacity building measures.

For the new phase starting in January 2023, the partners are interested in enhancing the collaboration of different LEAs in the combat against smuggling. Other priorities are traceable and responsible ASM production, environmental protection and compliance with international standards as well as strengthened involvement and active participation of artisanal miners and communities in the dialogue. These elements should contribute to the overall goal of creating transparent and responsible mineral supply chains in the MRU, for sustainable development of the sector and ultimately more stability and conflict prevention in the region.



Extractives and Environment

Resource governance for a just energy transition: COP27 side event and new NRGi study

The official COP27 side event "**Mission Critical: Mining Governance for a Just Energy Transition**" provided a platform for government representatives, civil society and business actors from key mineral producing countries to discuss fair and sustainable resource governance. A focus was placed on the role of African countries, which play a key role in meeting the demand for many raw materials for the energy transition. Good governance, transparency and the fight against corruption were at the forefront of the debate as the most important starting points for sustainable mining. In order to realise a sustainable and responsible raw materials sector and local value creation in the African partner countries, a sustainable economic and political basis must be created through targeted organisation and investments.

The Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI) also addressed this issue in its new study with a view to the African mining sector. The new report "**Triple Win: How Mining Can Benefit Africa's Citizens, Their Environment and the Energy Transition**" succinctly describes the opportunities that the energy transition has for the African economy and especially for the African mining sector.



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Local Solutions for Mercury-Free Gold in Sierra Leone

Small-scale gold miners across the globe use mercury to separate gold from ore. However, mercury has devastating effects on human health and the environment. Therefore, the German development cooperation, implemented by GIZ and



Information meeting at the mercury-free plant. © Jorden de Haan/Pact.

financed by the BMZ with a co-financing from the EU, supports the introduction of alternative solutions among small-scale miners in Sierra Leone.

In collaboration with Pact, an US organisation working with local communities, the GIZ project **Regional Resource Governance in West Africa** (ReGo) works towards formalising the gold sector and producing mercury-free gold. Through this support, a growing number of miners and traders registered themselves formally and were able to obtain artisanal mining licenses from the National Minerals Agency. And through its work, a first mercury-free processing plant was installed in the mining site of Bolaneh. Its use was demonstrated to various stakeholders, including government agencies, local authorities, traders and members of the local mining association. Recently, a new fleet of equipment, namely a modern jaw crusher, a machine used to crush rocks, and smelting furnace were deployed at the Bolaneh ASM site. Pact also trained the Bolaneh miners on health and safety, and environmental impacts caused by mining activities. An additional training by Pact on business model ASM ventures was also conducted for the Bolaneh miners.

Beyond that, the mining community in Bolaneh was sensitized, among others, on issues related to child labour. As a result, no more children have been observed in the trench. Moreover, addressing questions relating to gender led to a greater acceptance of women to own mining pits. In its upcoming phase starting in January 2023, ReGo will continue its collaboration with Pact with a focus on responsible supply chains.

[Read the full blog article](#)



Extractives and Human Rights

USIP analysis: „Moving Toward a Just Transition in Green Minerals”

The article by the US Institute of Peace (USIP) explores how local and global perspectives can be integrated to manage conflict risks in the mining of "green minerals". The increasing demand for solar panels, wind turbines and other technologies comes with risks, as mining for these resources is associated with human rights and conflict risks such as violence, child labour, poor working conditions, land rights violations, environmental damage and pollution, and lack of community participation.

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Extractives and Gender

IGF Report: "Integrating Gender into Mining Impact

Assessments"

There are numerous ways to analyse and document the potential and ongoing impacts of mining operations on people of different genders, ages, and sociocultural backgrounds.

This new **IGF** report provides an overview of the tools, guidelines and legal frameworks that have been developed and used by governments, international organisations, and civil society organisations to identify and address the gendered impacts of mining operations. It also presents three case studies in which these tools have been applied.



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Battery Raw Materials

Publication: Making battery value chains more transparent

The Global Battery Alliance (GBA) has published a **Greenhouse Gas Rulebook** on lithium-ion batteries in electric vehicles. This framework provides consumers and manufacturers of electric vehicles with access to a wide range of information on the manufacturing and environmental social governance (ESG) performance of the battery. The data collected will form the basis for the future GBA battery passport.

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Past Events

Event on the Brookings study “China's role in supplying key minerals for the global energy transition: What could the future hold?”

On 2 November 2022, the **study** "China's role in supplying key minerals for the global energy transition: What could the future hold?" was presented and discussed at a virtual event organised by the GIZ sector project “Extractives and Development”. The study was published in August 2022 as part of the Leveraging Transparency to Reduce Corruption (LTRC) initiative, which is a joint project of Results for Development (R4D) and the Brookings Institute. Panelists were the authors of the study Caitlin Purdy and Rodrigo Castillo, Dr. Yun Schüler-Zhou from the German Mineral Resources Agency (DERA), Dr. Martin Erdmann from the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural

Resources (BGR) and Dr. Jochen Weikert, Coordinator of the GIZ Cluster "China in the World". The importance of China's role in the future supply of energy raw materials was brought into focus by the event and lively discussed from various sides.

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BGR Workshop “Responsible Gold”

On 8 November 2022, the eighth workshop in the "Responsible Gold" event series took place on the topic of "Certifications and Standards in the Gold Sector". The Sector Project “Extractives and Development” of the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR) has been organising the event series on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) since 2018.

In an overview lecture, the participants were informed about standards in artisanal and industrial gold mining and a number of standards of the different stages of the gold supply chain were presented. The Fairmined seal of approval was then presented. The seal of the Alliance for Responsible Mining (ARM) certifies small-scale mining organisations that produce gold in a socially and environmentally responsible manner, guarantees minimum purchase prices for the mines and licenses other actors along the gold supply chains.

The next workshop in the series will take place in May 2023 on the topic of illegal gold flows. Participation is free of charge and open to all interested parties.

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Global Battery Alliance Annual General Meeting

On November 7 and 8, the Global Battery Alliance (GBA) convened over 100 representatives of its member organisations for an inaugural Annual General Meeting (AGM) since incorporation as a not-for-profit organisation earlier this year. The GBA is a multi-stakeholder organisation aimed at establishing sustainable battery value chains by 2030. The new 20-member Board includes representatives from the entire global battery value chain, consisting of senior ESG professionals, battery value chain and sustainability experts from 10 organisations and senior leaders from 10 non-corporate organisations. Katja Suhr, head of the GIZ Global Project Go Circular, was re-elected as a member of the Board of Directors. In addition, the AGM included a presentation on the progress of the battery passport, including the publication of the Greenhouse Gas rulebook in October 2022. Also presented was the Critical Minerals Advisory Group, established this year as a continuation of the Cobalt Action Partnership (2020-2021).

Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development Annual General Meeting

The 18th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF) took place in Geneva from 7 to 10 November. Participants were representatives of the member states, international organisations and companies. As part of the German delegation, the Extractives and Development sector programme and further colleagues from GIZ were also present.



Under the theme "Critical Minerals and the Energy Transition" participants discussed the important role of the mining sector in achieving the energy transition. The rapidly growing demand for raw materials poses challenges for the actors involved. Therefore, the AGM 2022 focused on a variety of current issues around the governance of the mining sector, including: building resilient supply chains, energy transition and just transition, macroeconomic risks, greater inclusion of local populations, environmental and social Impact assessments (ESIA), gender equality, local content, partnerships, taxation and Technology.

EU Raw Materials Week and 9th High-Level Conference of the European Innovation Partnership

From 14-18 November, the 7th EU Raw Materials Week took place in Brussels, which also hosted the 9th Annual High-Level Conference of the European Innovation Partnership. Representatives from industry, politics, science and non-governmental organisations came together to discuss the latest developments on raw materials in the EU. In particular, they discussed the possibilities of limiting energy and raw material dependencies and creating a more resilient EU through the energy transition. With this goal in mind, the focus was on a variety of current issues around managing the transition to renewable energy, securing supplies of raw materials, strategic raw material partnerships with Ukraine and more sustainable procurement of raw materials.

The Business Roundtable on Raw Materials on 17 November focused on the role of partnerships for local value creation and sustainable supply chains of critical raw materials. Andrea von Rauch, Director of the GIZ Brussels Office, spoke about the work of GIZ's raw materials projects and their cooperation with partners, as well as the relevance of cooperation between the public and private sectors.

Sustainability Due Diligence in Mineral Supply Chains: A Development Cooperation Perspective on Regulations and their Implementation on the Ground

On the occasion of the entry into force of the German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act on 1 January 2023, the GIZ Sector Project Extractives and Development, together with the China Chamber of Commerce for Minerals, Metals and Chemicals (CCCCMC) and the Sino-German Center for Sustainable Development (CSD), organised an event on 24 November on corporate due diligence in raw materials supply chains and its implementation. The event provided a platform to inform about different regulations on due diligence and to discuss with representatives of different countries and stakeholders about sustainable due diligence in the mining sector.

In Germany and the EU, there are various efforts to ensure the due diligence of companies along global supply chains. Furthermore, due diligence in the area of sustainability is also playing an increasingly important role in China and for the economic activities of Chinese mining companies abroad. Numerous regulations on due diligence in the extractive sector and recent developments such as the ratification of ILO Conventions No. 29 and 105 reflect this trend.

Meeting of the EITI Implementation Committee

The EITI Implementation Committee met on November 23, 2022. The meeting focused on the further development of the EITI standard, which is to be completed by the global conference in June 2023. Furthermore, the extension of the flexible reporting, adopted in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as the extension of pilot projects on alternative reporting approaches were discussed. One of the pilot projects is currently being carried out by EITI Germany. Finally, information was provided on

the implementation status in Nigeria. GIZ participated in the meeting as an observer, represented by the sector programme Extractives and Development.



Upcoming Events

International EGPS conference: "Business Unusual: What Future for Artisanal and Small Scale Mining (ASM) post-Covid-19?"

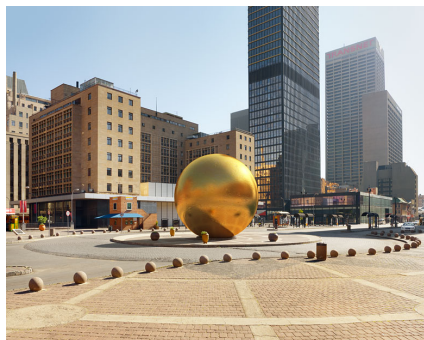
6.12.-7.12.2022, Nairobi, Kenya

The World Bank's Extractives Global Programmatic Support (EGPS) Multi-Donor Trust Fund will hold an international conference, "Business Unusual: What Future for ASM post Covid-19?" on December 6-7, 2022, at the Serena Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya. The conference will draw on the lessons from responses to support ASM communities during the Covid-19 crisis. Given the scale of the EGPS response, the conference will highlight efforts made by organisations that worked under the Emergency Response Window.

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Central Rand Gold Field - 250 million troy ounces of gold © Dillon Marsh

...how 250 million troy ounces of gold look like? Dillon Marsh, an artist from Cape Town, shows in his pictures impressively what quantities of raw materials are mined in South Africa's mines. The images combine photography and computer effects. The CGI objects represent scale models of the materials. The aim is to create a visualisation of this industry that has so radically shaped the country's history and economy.

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