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WORKSHOP ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE
AFRICAN NON-FUEL MINERAL SECTORS TOWARDS
THE REGIONS'S ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT

Report on a preparatory mission to Harare, Zimbabwe
concerning the organisation of the workshop

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Introduction

The third regional Conference on the development and utilization of mineral resources in Africa which the ECA convened in Kampala, Uganda in June 1988 resolved, inter alia, that workshops and seminars on various topics related to the recommendations of the conference be held in Zimbabwe and other interested countries (ECA/NRD/TRCDUMRA/9 para. 39).

The Kampala conference observed that the maximum impact which the development of mineral resources could have in the economic and social advancement of the African region could be realized where the requirements of African mining industries were increasingly derived from the African region. Furthermore, the outputs of the African mining industries must increasingly be converted to consumer, intermediate and capital goods within and for consumption by African countries. Additionally, spending patterns of African countries must be based on goods and services produced in the region. It was believed that this African mineral resources development strategy would embody and concretize the spirit of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos adopted by African Heads of State and Government in 1980, the recovery programme for the African Mineral Sector along the lines defined in Africa's Priority Programme for Economic Recovery (APPER) and the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development (UN-PAAERD).

Pursuant to the aforementioned considerations, one of the activities of the 1990-1991 work programme of the Minerals and Energy Section of the ECA is the organisation of a workshop on the enhancement of the African mineral sectors towards the economic advancement of the region.

Through an exchange of correspondence between ECA and the Ministry of Mines of the Republic of Zimbabwe, the latter accepted to host the said workshop by their letter of 2 January 1990. Through the same communication, the Ministry of Mines of the Republic of Zimbabwe expressed their readiness to meet an ECA delegation in Harare to review arrangements concerning the organisation of the workshop.

Mission objectives

The objectives of the ECA preparatory mission to Harare were:

- (i) to finalize with technical counterparts in Zimbabwe (e.g. Ministries of Mines and Industry; operating mines and mineral processing industries; metal fabricators and other mineral based industries; producers of inputs to the mining industry; research institutions connected with the mining industry; chamber of mines; mine workers union; and other relevant institutions) the programme of the workshop so as (a) to ensure that subject matters of interest to Zimbabwe were incorporated in the programme and (b) to establish the technical inputs by Zimbabwean institutions to the workshop;

- (ii) to plan together with relevant Zimbabwean institutions technical tours to mines, mineral processing plants, metal fabricators and other mineral based industries, research institutions etc. so as to enhance the understanding of workshop participants regarding the management and operation of the African mineral industries;
- (iii) to explore with relevant Zimbabwean institutions the possibility of their mounting an exhibition of mineral based products and technical services which Zimbabwe could provide to other African countries;
- (iv) to finalize with relevant Zimbabwe government officials administrative and logistical arrangements concerning the organisation of the workshop; and
- (v) to consider with relevant Zimbabwean officials any other administrative/ technical aspects likely to enhance the success of the planned workshop.

Mission composition

The ECA preparatory mission to Harare concerning the organisation of the workshop was composed of Mr. F.S. Moshi (technical representative) and Mr. Asrat Gizaw (administrative representative). The mission of the technical representative lasted from 20 February to 7 March 1990, while that of the administrative representative lasted from 20 February to 1 March 1990.

Mission outcome

With the assistance of officials at the Ministry of Mines, technical visits and discussions concerning the workshop were undertaken covering several Zimbabwean institutions. The list of technical institutions visited and officials met is as shown in the annex attached to this report. The discussions undertaken led to the following outcomes:

1. Workshop title

It was proposed that the title of the workshop be "WORKSHOP ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE AFRICAN NON-FUEL SECTORS TOWARDS THE REGION'S ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT".

2. Workshop objectives/subjects

It was considered that the general objective of the workshop was to review the Status of the African non-fuel minerals industries with a view to determining ways and means of enhancing the contribution of these sectors towards the region's economic advancement.

Specifically, the subjects to be considered by the workshop would be:

- (i) the review of development trends in the African non-fuel mineral sectors (large, medium and small-scale), covering those minerals now developed for export and local consumption, with assessments of prospects for the enhancement of these sectors towards the continent's economic advancement;
- (ii) the review of African national mineral development policies and capabilities of national support institutions with respective proposals for their improvement and strengthening;
- (iii) the promotion of interaction between African governments and existing mineral development industries and potential investors (private, public, local and foreign) in order to enhance the performance of the African mineral based industries;
- (iv) the review and formulation of guidelines for improving the investment climate within the mineral industries of African countries;
- (v) the examination of regional trends concerning the development of downstream industries based on minerals and consumption of mineral based products in the continent, with a view to determining requirements (technological, financial and other factors) for their enhancement;
- (vi) the review of environmental aspects related to mineral resources development in the region with proposals for their improvement;
- (vii) the review and establishment of guidelines for promoting increased regional production and interregional trade in mineral raw materials, intermediate and finished products based on minerals; and
- (viii) the formulation of modalities for the implementation of the recommendations arising from the workshop.

3. Workshop participation

It was proposed that workshop participation be constituted by official delegates, official observers and private observers.

Official delegates would include senior policy making representatives of African governments responsible for mineral resources development (permanent/principal secretaries); and chief executives of national support organisations for the mineral industries (e.g. research and service institutions), state mining corporations, suppliers to the mining industries, operating mining companies, downstream industries based on minerals, chambers of mines/commerce/industry, and labour unions. Official observers would include relevant senior policy making representatives of African intergovernmental institutions and international organisations. Official delegates and observers will not pay workshop participation fees.

Potential investors in the African minerals industries and other interested parties who might wish to follow the proceedings of the workshop could be admitted as private observers at a cost of US\$300 payable to the Ministry of Mines of the Republic of Zimbabwe before 30 June 1990. The funds so collected would partially pay for costs of hosting the workshop by the government of Zimbabwe.

4. Workshop documentation

It was proposed that official delegates and observers to the workshop would be invited by the ECA Secretariat to contribute open and candid papers, covering one or a combination of the workshop issues (2(i) to (vii)), based on their own varied experiences with recommendations for consideration by the workshop. In order to facilitate the preparation of the workshop whose proceedings will be conducted in both English and French, official delegates and observers would be requested to forward one copy each of their papers to both the ECA Secretariat in Addis Ababa and the Ministry of Mines of Zimbabwe by mid-May 1990.

5. Dates for the workshop

Taking into account (a) the time required for the effective preparation of the workshop and (b) the other commitments of relevant Zimbabwean institutions, it was proposed that the best dates for convening the workshop in Harare would be from 30 July to 3 August 1990.

6. Workshop technical tours in Zimbabwe

In order to enhance the understanding of workshop participants regarding the management and operation of African mineral related industries, the Zimbabwean Ministry of Mines, in collaboration with relevant Zimbabwean institutions, agreed to organize tours to such facilities as research and support institutions, mines, smelters, fertilizer and building materials manufacturing plants, metal fabricators and heavy metals engineering firms. These one day technical tours would be organized during the course of the workshop (1 August 1990) at a cost of US\$40 (within the vicinity of Harare) or US\$100 (Bulawayo) per workshop participant. Payment for technical tours should be effected to the Ministry of Mines by 15 June 1990. The technical tours will constitute an integral part of the workshop and thus all delegates and observers are expected to participate.

7. Exhibition of mineral based products and technical services for the minerals industries

The Ministry of Mines of the Republic of Zimbabwe, in collaboration with relevant Zimbabwean institutions, agreed to mount an exhibition during the workshop, (open for the participation of both Zimbabwean institutions and other interested parties from other countries), depicting mineral based products and technical services used or produced by African mineral related industries.

8. Other workshop administrative arrangements

Participants to the workshop (delegates and observers) are expected to pay for their own travel to and from Zimbabwe, and hotel expenses during their stay in Harare. All enquiries concerning the workshop and forwarding of contributions in the form of papers should be addressed to:

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9. Agreement between ECA and the Zimbabwean government regarding the convening of the workshop in Harare

Senior officials of Mines of the Republic of Zimbabwe indicated that before the end of March 1990, necessary formalities would be completed with the Ministry of Finance regarding the hosting of the workshop by Zimbabwe. When these formalities are completed, the agreement between ECA and the government of Zimbabwe could then be signed either in Harare or Addis Ababa. Other administrative outcomes of the preparatory mission may be found in a separate mission report by Mr. Asrat Gizaw.

Follow-up activities arising from the preparatory mission

It is proposed that telexes announcing the workshop be sent to potential official delegates and observers, followed by detailed letters of invitation during the week starting on 19 March 1990. In the case of potential private observers the workshop could be advertised through selected African newspapers (e.g. the Southern African Economist; West Africa; Jeune Afrique; etc) and international professional and other relevant magazines.

The ECA Administration or the Natural Resources Division could follow-up on the signing of the agreement together with the deposit of funds by the Zimbabwe government with ECA or UNDP (Harare) for hosting the workshop.

4. *Staphylococcus aureus* (Staphylococcus aureus)

Staphylococcus aureus is a Gram-positive, spherical bacterium that is commonly found on the skin and in the nose of humans and animals. It is a facultative anaerobe and is capable of growing in a wide range of environments. This bacterium is known for its ability to form spores and its resistance to many antibiotics. It is a major cause of various infections, including skin infections, abscesses, and food poisoning. The bacterium is also known for its ability to form biofilms, which can protect it from the immune system and antibiotics.

5. *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (Streptococcus pneumoniae)

Streptococcus pneumoniae is a Gram-positive, spherical bacterium that is commonly found in the upper respiratory tract of humans. It is a facultative anaerobe and is capable of growing in a wide range of environments. This bacterium is known for its ability to form spores and its resistance to many antibiotics. It is a major cause of various infections, including pneumonia, meningitis, and ear infections. The bacterium is also known for its ability to form biofilms, which can protect it from the immune system and antibiotics.

6. *Streptococcus pyogenes* (Streptococcus pyogenes)

Streptococcus pyogenes is a Gram-positive, spherical bacterium that is commonly found in the upper respiratory tract of humans. It is a facultative anaerobe and is capable of growing in a wide range of environments. This bacterium is known for its ability to form spores and its resistance to many antibiotics. It is a major cause of various infections, including strep throat, scarlet fever, and impetigo. The bacterium is also known for its ability to form biofilms, which can protect it from the immune system and antibiotics.

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LIST OF ZIMBABWEAN INSTITUTIONS VISITED AND OFFICIALS MET

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