



# ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme. Implemented in partnership with UNDP

The **ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme** is a three-year, €13.1 million capacity building program that aims to build the profile, and improve the management, of Development Minerals (industrial minerals; construction materials; dimension stones; and semi-precious stones). The program is an initiative of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States, financed by the European Union and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and implemented by UNDP.

The mining of *Development Minerals* has important implications for sustainable development, however, they have to date received inadequate attention for their potential to impact livelihoods; and few development programmes have provided support for this mining sector. Often referred to as Low Value Minerals and Materials (LVMM) due to their low price as a function of their weight, and their relatively low value to international commodity markets, *Development Minerals* provide crucial inputs for domestic economic development (infrastructure,

manufacturing, construction and agriculture to name a few) and have the potential to be high value in terms of national development.

In comparison to the metals sector, *Development Minerals* have closer links with the local economy, and have the potential to generate more local jobs, with a greater impact on poverty reduction. This is partly because the sector is dominated by small and medium scale domestic businesses. However, there are a number of environmental, social and economic challenges confronting the sector.

*Development Minerals* commonly operate in an uncertain legal and regulatory environment, with a lack of publicly available and easily accessible geological data, which exacerbates wasteful exploration and discourages investment in the sector. The oversight of environmental, social, health and safety issues is often inadequate, and weak or often non-existent technical extension services such as skills training, capacity building, access to technology, finance, appropriate equipment, investment information and markets, has contributed to the sector's neglect.



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## About the programme

The **ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme** is implemented at both the regional and country levels.

At the regional level, the programme conducts capacity building activities with participants from forty ACP countries through regional training workshops, field trips, the production of guidance products and knowledge exchange. The programme will also host a final conference to enhance the knowledge sharing activities conducted during the programme. Participants of our regional training workshops implement the skills and knowledge that they have gained from the training through return to work plans.

At the country level, in depth capacity building is undertaken with six focus countries: Cameroon (Central Africa); Guinea - Conakry (West Africa); Uganda (East Africa); Zambia (Southern Africa); Jamaica (Caribbean); and Fiji (Pacific). Country-level activities include: training; small grants; the production of maps and databases; development of regulations on environment, health and safety; organization of community dialogues, technology fairs and networking events.

Training and support is provided in the following thematic areas of importance to the sector:

1. mine and quarry management;
2. environment, health and safety;
3. entrepreneurship skills;
4. market analysis and investment promotion;
5. geo-data and maps design;
6. community relations and addressing grievances.

The programme supports a range of key stakeholders in the sector, including public stakeholders such as regulatory agencies and local governments; private stakeholders such as small-scale mining enterprises, intermediaries, transportation and logistics service providers, construction companies; business development stakeholders such as mining and quarrying associations, chambers of mines, training centres, universities, consulting companies; and social stakeholders such as civil society organizations and community groups. The aim of the capacity building activities is to:

1. increase the sector's productivity;
2. better manage mining operations;
3. adhere to national and international environmental and health standards;
4. prevent conflict through effective community relations.

## Programme Oversight

The programme is supported by a Steering Committee consisting of senior management representatives from the European Union, the ACP Secretariat and UNDP; a Technical Committee comprised of global experts to provide technical guidance; a Programme Management team, made up of 4 full-time staff based in Brussels and Addis Ababa and 6 country coordinators located in the 6 focus

countries; and Country Working Groups to provide advice on the delivery of the focus country activities.

## UNDP' Global Extractive Industries Strategy

Recognizing the far-reaching impacts of extractive activities, in December 2012 UNDP adopted a Strategy for Supporting Sustainable and Equitable Management of the Extractive Industries. UNDP's mission is to ensure that natural wealth is used to improve people's lives. We work with governments, the private sector, civil society, academia, local communities and other affected groups to realise this mission. The ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme is part of UNDP's global extractive industries strategy and also serves to support implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Goal 9, for example, is on building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization and fostering innovation including sustainable use of resources such as building material.

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## About ACP

The African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) is an organisation created by the Georgetown Agreement in 1975. It is composed of 79 African, Caribbean and Pacific states, with all of them, save Cuba, signatories to the Cotonou Agreement, also known as the "ACP-EC Partnership Agreement" which binds them to the European Union. There are 48 countries from Sub-Saharan Africa, 16 from the Caribbean and 15 from the Pacific. The ACP Group of States is a global player in the South-South and the Triangular Cooperation.

## About EU

The European Union is made up of 28 Member States who have decided to gradually link together their know-how, resources and destinies. Together, during a period of enlargement of 50 years,

they have built a zone of stability, democracy and sustainable development whilst maintaining cultural diversity, tolerance and individual freedoms. In 2014, the EU collective (incl. EU institutions and Member States) Official Development Assistance increased to € 58.2 billion (up 2.4% from 2013), growing for the second year in a row and reaching its highest nominal level to date. As such, the EU remains the world's leading provider of ODA.

## About UNDP

UNDP partners with people at all levels of society to help build nations that can withstand crisis, and drive and sustain the kind of growth that improves the quality of life for everyone. On the ground in nearly 170 countries and territories, we offer global perspective and local insight to help empower lives and build resilient nations.