

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

The African Minerals Geoscience Initiative (AMGI) consultative meeting.

What: The African Minerals Geoscience Initiative (AMGI) consultative meeting.

When: 27-28 October 2014, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, starting at 9:00

Where: Small Conference Room, African Union Conference Centre Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Why: To respond to the implementation of the Africa Mining Vision (AMV) specifically under Programme Cluster 2 of the Implementation Action Plan

Background:

The **African Minerals Geoscience Initiative (AMGI)** is a pan-African initiative under the leadership of the Africa Union Commission for the collection, consolidation, interpretation and effective dissemination of national and regional geodata through a geo-portal, thereby increasing accurate and updated geo-scientific data available in public domain. This would be done with the ultimate goal of seeking to facilitate broad-based governance changes in the mineral and other downstream and side-stream sectors, including: (i) improved licensing processes and procedures that efficiently leverage the natural resource wealth of countries; (ii) improved spatial planning, infrastructure development, forest and wildlife conservation through the use of regional resource corridors; and (iii) sustainable development policies for natural resources management. The Draft AMGI Technical Report which has been developed by the Support of the World Bank Group was discussed by the AUC/AMDC Expert Group Meeting in July 2014 and subsequently comments that were derived from the consultative meeting were incorporated into the current revised AMGI report. An AU Technical Working Group comprising of the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and key strategic partners namely; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), African Development Bank (AfDB), United Nations Economic for Africa (UNECA) and The Southern and Eastern African Mineral Centre (SEAMIC) was established.

The Programme Cluster 2 of the AMV Implementation Action Plan “**Building a Sustainable Future for Africa’s Extractive Industry: From Vision to Action**”, focuses on improving the geological; and Mineral information systems. Its main goal is to develop a comprehensive knowledge of Africa’s mineral endowment and the expected result is to develop and obtain improved geological and mineral information systems to underpin investment in exploration and mine development.

Who: Participants will include AUC member States at senior officials level such as experts responsible for geological information systems at the national level, selected Geological Survey Organisation (GSO) representatives, officials from Regional Economic Communities (RECs), and other experts.

Media personnel are invited to cover the official opening ceremony starting at 9:00

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