

West Africa Mineral Sector Strategic Assessment

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Issues to address

- What is West Africa Mineral Sector Strategic Assessment (WAMSSA)?
- How may WAMSSA contribute to regional efforts for mining growth to be a driver of sustainable development?
- What is the feedback expected from the Mining Forum?

West Africa Regional Mineral Sector Initiative (WARMISI)

- Enhancing donor coordination
- Harmonization of policies, laws and regulatory frameworks
- Strengthening regional capacity to negotiate contracts with mining companies



Support WA countries to catalyze development opportunities from mining sector growth

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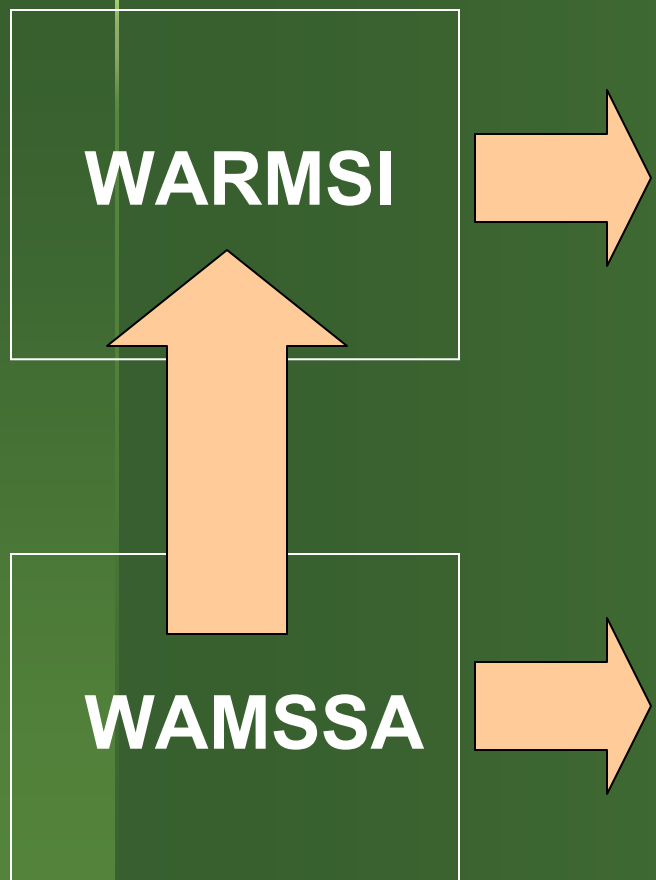
- Identifying key regional/transboundary environmental and social priorities and key cross-sectoral interlinkages
 - Vulnerability of Upper Guinean Forest Hotspot
 - Water pollution and scarcity
 - Dual use of rail track for freight and passengers transport
 - Intraregional migration induced by mining

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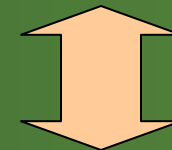
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- Assessing existing capacity to address priorities at:
 - regional level and
 - national and sub-national levels with regional implications
- Formulating institutional and policy adjustments to be incorporated in WARMSI

WARMSI and WAMSSA



- Donor coordination
- Harmonization of policy, laws and regulatory frameworks
- Capacity building to negotiate mining contracts



- Regional environmental/social risks and opportunities for infrastructure and cluster dev.
- Regional and national capacity to seize opportunities/manage risks

Participatory process supported by analysis

- Stakeholders prioritization

- Identification of key issues, stakeholders and their perceptions

WAMSSA is a Policy Dialogue

- Validation of proposals

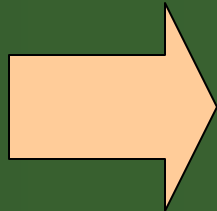
- Proposals for policy and institutional adjustments

Participatory Process

Analytical Component

Expected Outcome

- Broadened regional dialogue on harmonization of sector, environmental and social policies related to mining
- Greater donor coordination on regional integration around mining
- Policy Action Matrix



Refined WARMSI including stakeholders' priorities

Timeframe

- Hiring of consultant → May 2008
- Launching of WAMSSA dialogue → June 2008, International Conference on Mining and Sustainable Development
- Identification of priorities → November
- Validation Workshop → February 2009
- Final WAMSSA report → March 2009

Policy dialogue

Feedback sought

- Meaningful participation of key stakeholders
 - WARMSI countries --- ECOWAS/WAEMU
 - Donors --- ?
 - Stakeholders --- civil society, local (rural) communities, mining industry, others (utilities, related industries)
- Processes
 - Stakeholders' perceptions, concerns and interests (interviews, focus groups and survey)
 - Identification of priorities (National Workshops?)
 - Validation of results/proposals (Regional workshop?)

Analytical Component

Feedback sought

- Trade-off between comprehensiveness and efficiency
 - Focus on a sample of WARMSI countries
 - Focus on regional economic integration institutions
 - Local community and sub-national implementation capacity and constraints are highlighted
- Case studies
 - Is there an instructive case study of a mining development/project with potential regional implications?
 - Is there a sub-regional or regional integration experience relevant for mining that merits special attention?

Thank you

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