Implementation of the AMV: How will this ensure Africa's socio – economic transformation?

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AFRICA'S MINERAL RESOURCES POTENTIAL

- Africa is rich in mineral resources potential
- Top producer of many mineral commodities & has got the world's greatest reserves of many more
- Africa accounts for about 11 & 45% of the world's supply of major major minerals
- Cobalt, chromite, manganese, aluminum, gold, diamond, vanadium, phosphate and Platinum Group Metals

AFRICA'S MINERAL RESOURCES POTENTIAL CON'T

- Mineral exports contributes between 25 & 90% of annual export earnings for 13 countries
- Botswana, South Africa, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Niger, Central Africa Republic and DRC
- Minerals offers a comparative rather than a competitive advantage

Problems within the mining sector

- Lack of transparency and accountability
- Marginalisation of communities and CSOs
- Lack of Value Addition and Beneficiation
- Lack of geological information
- Poorly negotiated contracts
- Lack of recognition and formalisation of the ASM

Problems within Africa's mining sector

- Lack of provisions for fair and adequate compensations
- Lack of linkages
- Environmental degradation [Violation of communities' EESCR]
- Over accommodating Fiscal Regimes RACE TO THE BOTTOM
- NATURAL RESOURCES CURSE / POOR MINERAL RESOURCES GOVERNANCE

WHY THE AMV CONT'

- Transparent, equitable and optimal exploitation of mineral resources to underpin broad-based sustainable growth and socioeconomic development"
- The vision signals official recognition that the paradigm offered by the WB and its allies which have driven Africa's Strategy in minerals development has to radically change

WHY THE AMV

- Transform minerals into sustainable and greater value
- Subordinates FDI to transformative agenda
- Minimise/ prevents negative environmental and social impacts
- Enhance democratic and accountable governance of resources
- Enhance local livelihoods by minimising environmental degradation
- Distribute benefits equitably

WHY THE AMV cont'

- Transparency holistic manner through the value chain
- Optimality best options and outcomes
- Equity participation/ consultative and benefit sharing
- Sustainable growth and socio-economic development

Overall the Vision seeks to intergrate the exploitation of mineral resources into socio – economic development processes through linkages

Why the AMV

- Development of a knowledge economy transform mineral resources into other forms of capital
- Diversification of the African economies through linkages
- Strengthening of Governance public participation, transparency, accountability,
- Equity in distribution of benefits
- Efficient fiscal regimes

Why the AMV

- Harnessing of Artisanal and Small Scale Mining recognise and integrate sector to improve rural livelihoods
- Building Human and Institutional Capacities policy development and implementation
- Optimising knowledge and benefits knowledge of the resource base, quantum of minerals as a basis for policy decisions
- Competitive licencing procedures competitive bidding VS First come first served

Why the AMV

- Collection of Optimal Resource Rents effective collection and investment
- Research and development
- Linkages, Beneficiation and Value Addition Zimbabwe Agenda for Sustainable Socio Economic Transformation (ZIMASSET)

- AMV is indeed a Game Changer
- CSOs must read and understand the AMV
- Will result in Africa's transformation