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RE: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AT THE 11TH ALTERNATIVE MINING INDABA 2020

On behalf of the Alternative Mining Indaba (AMI) Steering Committee, the Economic Justice Network (EJN) of the Fellowship of Christian Councils in Southern Africa (FOCCISA), would like to extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation for your support and participation in the 11th Edition of the Alternative Mining Indaba, held successfully in Cape Town 3 – 5 February 2020.

About 500 participants from over 33 countries met over three days under the theme “**Environmentally and economically sustainable mineral economies in an era of climate change catastrophe.**” The conversations which ranged from *Mining Companies Interventions on Climate Change impacts in the Extractives Sector*, among others, were fruitful and laid a solid foundation for the Declaration which was handed over to Simon Ford, Portfolio Director Mining Indaba, Setepane Mohale from the Department of Minerals and Energy, Tebello Chabana from the Minerals Council of South Africa and Kristen Dodd from the International Council on Mining and Metals among others.

As the AMI has grown, so have the expectations and the strategic linkages. We were delighted that there is a continued inclusion and participation by grassroots organisations, women’s movements, faith-based and community-based organisations, activists, academics, civil society, human rights practitioners, media and others moved by the plight of mining-affected and impacted communities. This year we were joined in numbers and celebrated the special and growing bond with the labour movement who are at the literal coal-face of mining and whose members provide invaluable insight of the mining industry across the value chain. We say “Viva AMI, Viva!” “Aluta Continua!” and “Long live the people’s struggle to make mining equitable and sustainable!”

We hope each of you took away valuable lessons and enriching fellowship from this meeting of diverse groups and formations, and of course that you will join us again for #AMI2021 and more importantly that you will continue the fight to ensure the transparent, accountable and just extraction of natural resources for the benefit of all affected communities.

For more information, please visit our website altminingindaba.co.za and visit us on Twitter @altMiningIndaba.

See you in 2021!

Yours sincerely,

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