

Program of Events
Communities and Small Scale Mining (CASM)
Annual General Meeting and Learning Event
September 7-10, 2003 in Elmina, Ghana

Saturday - Sunday, September 6 – 7 Pre-Conference

Working Session on the Micro-economics of small-scale mining (1-2 days)


Limited participation (10-15 people – by invitation, by experience, and/or by expression of interest)

Policy interventions aimed at poverty alleviation in mining communities may be more successful if they integrate an understanding of the immediate and long-term economic costs and gains of small-scale mining for miners, their families and communities. The discussion will focus on monetary flows and interactions related to earnings, expenses, investments, and long-term economic growth and recession in small-scale mining economies, and be organized around sub-themes to be addressed by smaller groups. The end product would be a co-authored position paper of publishable value and will be shared with AGM participants during the final plenary.

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Dates: Saturday, 9:00-17:00, Erata Hotel, Accra
 Sunday, 13:00-17:00, Elmina Beach Resort, Elmina

Sunday, September 7 CASM Business Meeting

8:30		Transport of international participants from Accra to Elmina (~3hr)
12:00	Lunch – Elmina Beach Resort, Elmina	
13:00	Conference Registration Place: Elmina Beach Resort	
14:00	<i>CASM Business Meeting (Part I)</i> a. Review of work and financial statement b. Review of short term challenges	
15:45	Coffee break	
16:00	<i>Planning for the future of CASM (Part II)</i> a. Work plan for the coming year b. Strategic planning and alliances	
18:00	Recess	
20:00	Welcoming Reception	

8:30	Conference Registration, Elmina Beach Resort
10:00	Opening Ceremony
10:15	Welcome Speech, Introduction of Guest of Honour and Chairperson
10:30	Chairperson's Remarks
10:45	Keynote address - CASM: A force toward sustainable communities Peter Van Der Veen, Manager of the Mining Policy Group, World Bank
11:15	Address by Honourable Minister of Mines of Ghana
11:30	Chairperson's Closing Remarks
11:45	Group Photograph and interaction with Press
12:45	Lunch, Elmina Beach Resort
14:00	Retrospective on the Ghana experience: Overview of artisanal mining and its regularization in Ghana Mr. Ben Aryee, Chief Executive, Minerals Commission of Ghana
14:20	Regularization – technical approach and its shortcomings Mr. B.R. Yakubu, Director, Small-Scale Mining, Minerals Commission of Ghana
14:40	The importance of marketing in the regularization process Mr. George Asante, Deputy Managing Director, Precious Minerals & Marketing Corporation (PMMC), Ghana
15:00	Regularization – a view from the bottom Emanuel Azameti, independent gold miner Asare Boateng – independent diamond winner
15:20	The role of the Majors in promoting good practices among small-scale miners Ms. Joyce Wereko-Brobby, Chief Executive, Ghana Chamber of Mines
15:40	Coffee Break
16:00	Round Table Discussion: Where does Ghana go from here ?
17:00	Biodiversity and Artisanal Mining in Africa: Artisanal mining of coltan in the Kahuzi Biéga National Park (DRC) and its impact on wildlife – results of the Durban discussions Henry Cirhuza, Dian Fossey Foundation, DRC
17:30	Diamonds, Conflict and Artisanal Mining in Africa: The Kimberly Process and Its Meaning for Artisanal Mining in Africa Ralph Hazelton, Research Associate, Partnership Africa Canada Human Security and Diamonds Project
18:00	Discussion: Can ASM and concerns like biodiversity, civil strife, etc. be reconciled ?
18:30	Recess and Dinner

8:30	Attempts to break the mould: constructive interventions in Africa Capacity building for artisanal mining in Burkina Faso, Jo Bayah, GEOMAN, Ghana Sanimuso Rural Artisanal Gold Miners' Cooperative, Seth Barnes, Guinée Global Mercury Project in Africa, Dr. Marcello Veiga, GEF/UNDP/UNIDO
9:45	Testing an integrated policy and practice model at the country level Kevin D'Souza, Wardell Armstrong, UK
10:15	The Yaounde Conference conclusions and actions to date Antonio Pedro, United Nations Economic Commission of Africa, Ethiopia
10:45	Coffee break
11:00	Reprofiling artisanal mining in Africa; preliminary results – a post Yaounde World Bank project Richard Noetstaller, University of Leoben, Austria Bernd Dreschler, EU Mining Sector Diversification Programme, Zambia Felix Hrushka, Proyecto GAMA, Peru
11:45	Discussion: Defining key elements for successful intervention within a poverty context
12:30	Lunch
14:00	Workshops (Learning Modules held in parallel) Topic: Incorporating Artisanal Mining into a country Poverty Reduction Strategy Prof. Gyan Baffour, Ghana Poverty Reduction Strategy, World Bank Topic: HIV/AIDS Basics and Planning Effective Interventions for Artisanal Mining Communities Rosemary Smart, HIV/AIDS consultant, South Africa Topic: Learning how to Talk Together; Tools for Miners, Companies, Communities, NGOs, and Government Edgardo Garcia, Consultant, UK Topic: Technologies for Small-Scale Mining Dr. Hermann Wotruba, University of Aachen, Germany Topic: Building a toolkit for profiling artisanal mining Dr. Richard Noetstaller et al., Professor, University of Leoben, Austria
16:00	Coffee break
16:15	Workshop continuation
17:00	Exhibition: Mining supplies, processing equipment and posters
18:45	Recess and dinner at the Elmina Resort Hotel

8:30	<p>Sharing regional and international experience -Update on Santa Filomena Cooperative, Kathia Romero, Peru -Biodiversity and Small-scale Gold Mining, Serge Rajaobelina, Madagascar -Minerals Beneficiation for the alleviation of Poverty - Sustainability for rural development, Nellie Mutemeri, Mintek & Marcello Veiga, UNIDO</p>	<p>Artisanal and Small-scale Mining Technology -Reducing mercury use in Guyana, Richard Couture, NRCan, Canada -Assistance in Assessing and Reducing Mercury Pollution Emanating from Artisanal Gold Mining in Ghana - Phase I & II, Ludovic Bernaudat & Ransford Sekyi, UNIDO -Small-scale Gold Plants, Kevin Woods, Small Mining Supplies Pvt Ltd, Zimbabwe</p>	
10:00	<p>Report Out: 1. Microeconomics of ASM 2. African Women in Mining Network</p>		
10:30	<p>Coffee Break</p>		
10:45	<p>Plenary: Conference Summary and Recommendations for Follow Up Actions</p>		
13:00	<p>Final Lunch and closing ceremony of CASM AGM</p>		
15:00	<p> Option Accra: Return of international participants to Accra</p>	<p>Post-Conference Discussions: 'Women and ASM' 'Microeconomics of ASM' 'Profiling ASM in Africa'</p>	<p> Option Elmina: Tour of Elmina Town '</p>
18:30	<p>Arrival to Accra</p>		

Optional Tarkwa & Bonte Field Trip

Thursday, September 11

Field Trip



Departure at 8 am
Morning Agenda – Visit to SSM in Tarkwa area
Lunch - Tarkwa
Hotel – Hotel Georgia, Kumasi

Friday, September 12




Field Trip



Departure at 8 am
Morning Agenda – Visit to Bonte SSM
Lunch
Hotel – Hotel Georgia, Kumasi

Saturday, September 13

Field Trip

10:30		Return to Accra
12:00		Lunch on the road
16:30		Arrival in Accra

FEES:

Registration: \$ 10 US or equivalent in cedi payable upon arrival in Elmina

Those meals and coffee breaks highlighted in gray are provided courtesy of the conference organizers for all participants.

Transportation in Ghana will be paid by CASM.