



The ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme

Guidance and Form for Expressions of Interest (EOI) - Selection of Programme Phase II focus countries

About the Programme

In June 2015, the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS, formerly known as the ACP Group of States), the European Union and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) launched a 3-year capacity building programme to support the Development Minerals sector in the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States. The second phase of the Programme, the ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme, started in December 2019 with funding from the EC through the intra-ACP EDF11 and the UNDP, with the aim to support the Artisanal and Small-scale Mining Enterprises (ASMEs) operating along the Development Minerals value chains to enhance productivity, create jobs, increase incomes and put in place environmental and social safeguards in and around mining areas.

Development minerals refer to minerals and materials that are mined, processed, manufactured and used domestically in industries such as construction, manufacturing, infrastructure and agriculture. Development Minerals are economically important close to the location where the commodity is mined. In comparison to minimally processed export-oriented minerals, they have closer links with local economies and tend to have a more direct impact on poverty reduction. Development minerals may include construction materials (such as gravel, sand, clay and limestone), dimension stones (such as marble and granite), industrial minerals (such gypsum, potash, salt, graphite) and semi-precious stones.

The ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme aims to help the minerals sector make a significant contribution to the implementation of the ACP Framework of Action on the Development of Mineral Resources Sector, endorsed by the ACP Committee of Ambassadors in 2011, as well as the Sustainable Development Goals. The initiative also aims to support the development of a competitive local private sector in countries – members of the OACPS, in line with the EU communication "*Increasing the impact of EU Development Policy: an Agenda for Change*".

This ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme was initiated by the Secretariat of the OACPS, financed by the European Commission and UNDP, and is implemented by UNDP at the request of OACPS.

Phase I of the Programme provided policy advice, technical assistance and capacity building in the areas of: 1) mine and quarry management; 2) environment, health and safety; 3) entrepreneurship skills; 4) market analysis and investment promotion; 5) geo-data and maps design; 6) community relations and addressing grievances. These training activities and related support are provided in 41 participating countries (with six focus countries receiving in-depth interventions — Cameroon, Republic of Guinea, Uganda, Zambia, Jamaica and Fiji). The Programme boosted local enterprise development and, in terms of Public Administration, contributed to improving the regulatory frameworks. It has built the capacity of more than 30,000 people in 41 countries-members of the OACPS, through more than 250 training and

knowledge sharing events. Over 153 mining cooperatives have been formed with support from the Programme.

Phase II of the Programme builds on the successes and lessons learnt from Phase I, including those reflected in the findings of the Results Oriented Monitoring (ROM) Report, the mid-term evaluation and the consensus around the ground-breaking Mosi-oa-Tunya Declaration on Small-Scale Mining and Quarrying and Development. Phase II of the Programme is predominantly implemented at the country-level, in the above six focus countries. Four (04) additional focus countries will be selected through this call for Expressions of Interests - and thus ten countries in total will benefit from direct support.

The Programme aims to improve livelihoods for ASMEs (Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Enterprises) operating along the development minerals value chains in countries-members of the OACPS. To achieve this objective, the Programme focuses on the following areas:

1. Improving the business environment for formalising ASMEs;
2. Supporting ASMEs through improving entrepreneurial skills and their access to finance, technology and access to markets;
3. Strengthening environmental and social safeguards;
4. Supporting women-owned and -run ASMEs;
5. Facilitating Inter-ACP knowledge generation and exchange;
6. Strengthening the capacity of the African Minerals Development Centre.

Level of support:

US\$200,000 (approximately €167,600) of funding will be available to initiate country-level programming in each new focus country selected for Phase II. The funding would help to establish the foundations of the programme in the new focus countries. It is expected that successful applications will propose co-financing and in-kind co-contribution totaling 50% or more of the funding to be provided¹.

A country-level coordinator will be recruited to ensure the implementation of activities at the country level. The coordinator will be contracted by UNDP, though preferably physically sit within the relevant government ministry, and work closely with relevant government agencies, institutions and non-government organisations. The funds will be administered by the UNDP country offices². The foundational activities will include a background study on the development minerals sector; the formation of a Country Working Group to advise and guide country-level implementation; and participatory development of a Roadmap for formalization and business acceleration of ASMEs along the development minerals value chains.

Selection process:

- The Expression of Interest (EOI) applications are to be submitted jointly by the participating government agency and the UNDP Country Office using the “Form for

¹ In-kind funding may include staff, office, activity or sector support provided by Government agencies hosting the country coordinator and/or UNDP country offices.

² The Programme follows a Direct Implementation Modality (DIM).

Expression of Interest” below. Applications submitted without one of these partners’ letters will be disqualified. Where present in the country, a letter with the expression of support by the EU Delegation would be desirable.

- Selection of applications will be undertaken based on the evaluation of the selection criteria attached to this guideline.
- The four applications with the highest score will be selected at the end of the process, in a balanced manner across the geographic regions of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States.³
- After the technical evaluation of applications, the list of selected countries will be endorsed by the Programme Steering Committee. All countries that will have submitted the applications will be informed of the selection results.

Application process:

- The Expression of Interest applications should be submitted using this [Online Form for Expression of Interest](#).

If filling the form online is not possible, please use the [Form for Expression of Interest](#) in MS Word format and submit the form to the Development Minerals Programme at development.minerals@undp.org.

In case of difficulties with Internet access, the application can be submitted by registered mail or private express mail to the address below:

*The ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme
Brussels Representational Office of UNDP
Boulevard du Régent 37-40
1000 Brussels, Belgium*

In this case, the application must be sent before the due date specified below. The sending date will be verified by the postal stamp or the receipt of the express mail. However, for reasons of administrative efficiency, the Contacting Authority may reject the Expression of Interest applications sent in due time, but received after the effective date of approval of countries’ selection by the evaluation committee.

- The due date for submission of the Expression of Interest applications is **Monday 20 September 2021 at 5:00 pm Brussels time**. However, it is highly recommended that the applications are submitted well in advance of the deadline to avoid encountering technical problems.
- The length of the Expression of Interest application is expected to be no longer than five (05) pages excluding annexes.
- Applications can be submitted in either English or French.
- A virtual information session about the Expression of Interest applications can be organized for those who will request such a session. To this end, please send us your request for an information

³ West Africa, Central Africa, East Africa, Southern Africa, the Caribbean, and the Pacific. Please see the list of member states of the OACPS here: <http://www.acp.int/content/secretariat-organisation-african-caribbean-and-pacific-states-oacps>

session by e-mail at development.minerals@undp.org no later than 31 August 2021.

- Countries that submitted their Expressions of Interest (EOI) in 2015, for Phase I of the Programme, may reuse their Phase I application after updating their content. Please contact the ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme at development.minerals@undp.org to access the Phase I application for your country (Please view the list at the bottom of this page⁴).

⁴ Countries that applied during the Phase I of the Programme, include: **East Africa:** Ethiopia, Madagascar; **West Africa:** Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone; **Southern Africa:** Angola, Mozambique; **Central Africa:** Republic of the Congo; **Caribbean:** Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago.

Form for Expression of Interest

After filling this form, the Expression of Interest can be submitted by e-mail to the ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme at development.minerals@undp.org. Alternatively, it can be submitted using this [Online Form for Expression of Interest](#).

Please use the Form for Expression of Interest below, expanding as necessary. The length of the final Form for Expression of Interest of a country should be about five (05) pages, not including tables, graphs and annexes.

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Name of the Country:	
Date of EOI submission:	
Focal Point (Ministry in charge of mining): Name: Position: Email: Phone no (office + mob):	
Resident Representative of UNDP: Name: Email: Phone no (office + mob):	
Contact Person (UNDP): Name: Position: Email: Phone no (office + mob):	
Alternate Contact Person (UNDP): Name: Position: Email: Phone no (office + mob):	
Contact person within the EU Delegation (optional): Name: Position: Email: Phone no (office + mob):	

SELECTION CRITERIA

The answers in these fields below will be used to select focus countries. Please note that each of the questions 1-10 below must be answered. If necessary, you may send separate documents with additional information, marking clearly the relevant question number to which the additional information pertains.

The need for implementation of the Programme in the country:

1. **Five key reasons for selection of the country:**

2. **A brief overview of the Development Minerals sector** (commodities, sites, value addition, scale of the sector):

3. **Potential for the Development Minerals sector to contribute to development** (opportunities for formalization, the scale of the informal sector, opportunity for value addition and job creation, barriers and challenges related to the sector):

Readiness for implementation of the Programme in the country:

4. **Policy, regulatory and institutional setting of Development Minerals sector** (indications of government support for, and interest in, the sector; include any commitments to governance frameworks, e.g. EITI, Country Mining Visions; existence of legal, regulatory or policy documents recognizing the Development Minerals sector; existing institutional capacities of the government):

5. **Evidence of organization in the Development Minerals sector** (presence of associations, including informal; presence of women's associations, including informal)

6. **Interest in supporting South-South cooperation and knowledge-sharing during and after the programme** (i.e willingness to act as a model pilot country for future programmes, host events, etc):

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7. Potential risks to the delivery of programme activities (and measures to mitigate them):			
Partners, resources and related activities:			
8. Potential partner institutions including Chamber of Mines Associations and NGOs for implementation of activities and/ or funding (evidence of their engagement and support and the degree to which they have been consulted in preparation of the EOI, including, but not limited to their letters of support):			
9. Related country level programmes and activities in the extractive sector:			
10. Co-contribution (cash/in-kind; USD. Expected total co-contribution to be 50% of the funding provided from the ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme):	UNDP Country Office	Cash:	In-kind:
	Government	Cash:	In-kind:
	Other	Cash:	In-kind:
	Total	Cash:	In-kind:
11. Other relevant information			
12. Annexes (Letters of Expression of Interest from ministries in charge of mining and the UNDP country office; letters of support from the EU Delegation in the country, if present):			