Intergovernmental Forum on Mining/Minerals/Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF) and UNCSD

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IGF: voluntary partnership from 2002 World Summit in Johannesburg: Para 46

Objectives

- Maximize contribution of mining to SD through enhancing capacity for good governance (CGG)
- Influence of governments on global mining policy development and debates
- Demonstrate the value of the Forum/mines ministries as a reference for mining issues
Role for the IGF

❖ Work with
  ❖ Other intergovernmental organizations
    • e.g. AMP, ECLAC, UNECA, CASM
  ❖ Non-member governments
  ❖ Multilateral organizations, e.g. World Bank, UNCTAD, UNDESA, UNEP, ILO
  ❖ Other stakeholders
❖ Provide way forward for mining at CSD-19
Mining Policy Framework

- Outcome of extensive survey of IGF members in 2009

- Objectives:
  - Advance understanding and implementation of CGG in mining, globally and multilaterally
    - Demonstrating knowledge of mines ministries on mining, CGG and SD;
    - Provide a reference for CGG globally;
    - Enhance donor support for capacity building in relation to mining CGG.
Mining Policy Framework

- Focus on the management of the mineral resource development, from exploration to mine closure: priority for developing countries
- Enhances capacity for effective action
  - Focus on mandate of mines ministries
    - Does not exclude role for other ministries or stakeholders
  - Economic, social, environmental, health, etc.
  - SD and systemic scope
- Two components
  - List of key policy elements
  - Discussion of individual policy elements
Mining Policy Framework

- Social
  - Education, health, safety, employment, community development, human rights, security, etc.
- Economic
  - Taxes, royalties, generation of related businesses, equitable distribution of benefits, capacity requirements, accountability, transparency, etc.
- Environment
  - Water, land air, wastes, biodiversity, mine inspection, emergency preparedness, closure and financial surety, orphaned and abandoned mines, etc.
- ASM:
  - Integration and formalisation, environment, safety and health, women and children, education, etc.
- See: http://www.globaldialogue.info/wn_e.htm
Proposal for a UN Initiative on Mining

- IGF members welcome a UN Initiative on mining based on:
  - Sustainable development approach;
  - Focus on enhancing capacity for good governance of the mining sector;
  - Systemic approach to mining and related good governance;
  - Focus on mineral resources development, from exploration to mine closure to reflect needs and priorities of most developing countries.
    - Targeted focus promotes more effective action.
    - Priorities for later life cycle issues (products related) are
      - Already dealt with in other existing multilateral activities; mining focused good governance is not: duplication?
      - Not generally in mandate of mines ministries.
A UN Initiative on Mining

- Inclusive approach to bring to the table other relevant stakeholders such as industry, civil society, academics and others;
- Promote cooperation and integration with the work of other mining related agencies or activities such as EITI, CASM, ICMM, UNECA, CEPAL, etc.
- Work primarily with the national ministries responsible for mining (this does not preclude working with other relevant ministries);
- Be led by a UN agency with knowledge and understanding of
  - Mining, its context and pressures (e.g. minerals/metals commodity markets) under which mining and related investments take place
  - Role that the comparative advantage of the mineral endowment found in a number of developing countries can play in support of sustainable economic development and poverty reduction strategies.
- The Forum has long standing cooperation with UNCTAD; UNCTAD’s mandate consistent the above parameters.
Outcomes for CSD-19

Way forward:

- IGF Mining Policy Framework accepted as global reference for mining related GG
- Global UN led initiative on mining
  - For more multilateral, bilateral and other support for capacity building in mining sector
  - For greater contribution of mining to SD
  - Time for action, not debates.
The Future of the IGF

Members have decided to continue the IGF
- Consensus that IGF is needed and provides useful information regularly used to improve mining policies

Key future objectives for the IGF
- Access to predictable and larger funding to foster:
  - Better planning and increased activities
  - Promote greater participation by non mines ministries delegates, e.g. other ministries, civil society, academics,
The Future of the IGF

Key future objectives for the IGF

- Implementation of the IGF Mining Policy Framework
  - Roadmap for good governance and sustainability
  - Promote increased support for capacity building
  - Focus on operationalizing lessons learned.

- Enhance linkages with other multilateral and global activities related to the mining sector
  - CASM, World Bank Group, EITI, WEF, PWYP, etc.
IGF Future Work Program

Proposed future themes:

- Mining as an engine of growth; making it work.
  - Most important issue; how to realize the benefits?
  - Benefits go beyond government revenues from mining companies;
- Delivery of sustainable local community benefits and related local governance;
- Enhancing the social and environmental performance of global players in the mining industry.
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