

# IM4DC

# Action Research Report

## SUMMARY

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**Key themes:**  
Governance and Regulation

**Key countries:**  
Africa

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**Research aims:**  
This introductory 3-day course on mining regulation and policy was developed as part of a 2-stage initiative to provide IM4DC courses of interest to government and other stakeholders. The aim was to introduce the commercial and technical background against which mining projects are developed, and the regulatory and policy solutions which are usually adopted to deal with them.

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## Mining Regulation and Policy Course

The materials developed for the introductory 3-day course on mining regulation and policy address the following key elements:

- The ownership of minerals and land open for mining
- A brief introduction to geology and modern mining operations
- Typical mineral policy frameworks
- Development of large projects
- Case study of negotiation of a mining concession
- Environmental and social issues
- Conditions of mining and their enforcement
- Administration of mining law

The target audience is government, non-government and industry practitioners, including non-lawyers as well as lawyers. The main course material does not contain material specific to any one country, but provision is made for the incorporation of additional country-specific material.

The session titles, reflecting the key elements listed above, are:

1. Introduction to mining policy
2. Introduction to mining
3. Mineral rights and allocation
4. Allocation of mining rights – small group session
5. Environmental and social issues
6. Development of large projects
7. Case study and discussion problem on Negotiation of a mining concession
8. Administration of mining law
9. Problems in administration – small group session