



Concept Note and Agenda for side-event at the 13th Forum on Responsible Minerals Supply Chains

Claiming rights and changing minds: pathways to success in ASM formalisation and responsible sourcing in Mongolia (SDC)

Place: Conference Room CC13, OECD Conference Centre in Paris, France

Date and time: 25 April 2019, 09:00 – 11:00

Through the Sustainable Artisanal Mining project (SAM), SDC has taken the lead in the formalization of artisanal and small-scale mining in Mongolia since 2005. The Project is currently in its fourth Phase and will continue until December 2019. With a view to achieving sustainability and ownership by national stakeholders, during Phase 4 SAM has gradually withdrawn from direct interventions and concentrated its resources on institutional strengthening of partners, supporting policy implementation and sharing knowledge.

2019 as the last year of the project will focus on the consolidation of results and building the groundwork for leverage and legacy by taking stock of the project achievements of 13 years implementation in the ASM sector of Mongolia. This 'capitalisation process' involves analysing and reflecting on the project's successes and failures, and determining lessons learned from Mongolia's experience with artisanal mining, and sharing it with as large an audience as possible. Throughout this process, SAM will organize a series of events and produce a range of communication materials, which will, among other things, contribute to improving the image of ASM, still very widely – and wrongly - perceived as "illegal". As the biggest and only international donor in the Mongolian ASM sector for the last 13 years, the results achieved in the sector can be credited to SDC-funded SAM and ESEC projects. The result of capitalisation should be a positive legacy by the SAM project for partners in Mongolia and also the ability of the project to serve as a point of reference for SDC and stakeholders in the international arena.

The OECD Forum on Responsible Minerals Supply Chains is one of the biggest international ASM-related events and SAM plans to organize an ASM focused side-event to showcase SDC/SAM project successes, challenges and lessons learnt over 13 years of implementation on the international level, in the framework of the project capitalisation process. The side-event will feature a presentation by SDC followed by armchair discussion with representatives from the Ministry of Mining and Heavy Industry, the ASM National Federation, and the Alliance for Responsible Mining, as well as one artisanal miner. Together we will explore Mongolia's experience of ASM formalization, supply chain rationalisation, empowerment of ASM communities and the Knowledge Hub. The event will take place between 9-11 am, Thursday, April 25, 2019.

The side-event will allow the project to present both MMHI and NF as the focal organisations for ASM in Mongolia in 2019 and beyond.

Objectives of the assignment

The objective of the side-event is to showcase SDC/SAM project successes, challenges and lessons learnt from SAM to an international audience and to enable key Mongolian ASM stakeholders to learn and improve their knowledge on responsible mineral supply chains from other countries and build a network with international and foreign government organizations and private sector who are working in ASM.



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Organized by: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation in Mongolia

Opening session (30 mins) 09.00 – 09.30	Opening remarks and SAM Presentation Mr. Altanbagana Bayarsaikhan, SAM Project Coordinator, SDC in Mongolia Mr. Bayarsaikhan will share how SAM's human-rights based approaches to legalisation, trans-ministerial cooperation, institutional strengthening (including institutionalisation of ASM at central and local governments), supply chain decentralisation, environmental management (including of mercury, mining in protected areas, and rehabilitation), knowledge management, building a national ASM database, and supply chain certification have moved the formalisation rate from 0 to 16% of miners by 2018, with 50% of ASM provinces having created access to official ASM land
Panelist Interventions (50 mins) 09.30 – 10.20	Armchair Discussion Representatives from the Mongolian government and ASM communities will deliver their remarks on Mongolia's experience on ASM formalization, supply chain rationalisation, and taking a human rights-based approach. <i>Moderator, Mrs. Estelle Levin-Nally, CEO and Founder, Levin Sources</i> Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Khangai Davgadorj, Head of Mining Production and Technology Department, Mineral Resources and Petroleum Authority of Mongolia (MRPAM)• Ms. Munkhtsetseg Gan-Ochir, Executive Director, ASM National Federation of Mongolia• Ms. Saruul Jargal, artisanal miner, Mongolia• Mr. Felix Hruschka, tbb.hru and Chair, the Alliance for Responsible Mining• Mr. Erdenesaikhan Nyamjav, National Programme Officer, Swiss Cooperation Office in Mongolia
Interactive Discussion (30 mins) 10:20 – 10:50	<i>Moderator, Mrs. Estelle Levin-Nally, CEO and Founder, Levin Sources</i>
Closing Remarks (10 min) 10:50 – 11:00	Closing Remarks This session will conclude the event with closing remarks from Mr. Altanbagana Bayarsaikhan, SAM Project Coordinator, SDC in Mongolia and Estelle Levin-Nally.