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## Call for associates: ASM country expert

### *Identifying investment needs and opportunities for critical raw materials ASM production*

#### Terms of Reference

Levin Sources, a consultancy driving the transition to just and sustainable minerals value chains, is one of the associated partners of the Horizon Europe funded project on Building EU - Africa partnerships on sustainable raw materials value chains ([AfricaMaVal](#)). Through this project, Levin Sources is leading a task to identify investment needs and opportunities for critical raw materials artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) production, and we are now looking to engage a number of ASM experts with country-specific expertise. Applications and expression of interest will be accepted on a rolling basis. The post will be updated as necessity for specific countries arises.

#### **Immediate country priorities**

- The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
  - Focus on tantalum, tin and tungsten
  - Focus on cobalt and copper
- Madagascar
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Tanzania

#### **Potential and upcoming country priorities**

Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Zambia, Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ethiopia, Cameroon.

Updates on country priorities will be shared regularly and in due course.

#### AFRICAMAVAL PROJECT SUMMARY

#### **Building EU-Africa partnerships on sustainable raw materials value chain (AfricaMaVal)**

EU project ID: [101057832](#) -

Securing access to raw materials represents a critical issue for the European ambition to deliver the Green Deal and perform the energy and digital twin transition. This is especially important as Europe is import dependent on many critical minerals due to natural geographical concentration, and inaccessible and already depleted deposits of raw materials. AfricaMaVal aims to build an EU



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and Africa business network on the whole critical raw minerals value chains. It is a 42-month project (started July 2022) gathering 18 partners from 11 countries and coordinated by BRGM, the French Geological Survey.

The list of materials in focus is based on the EU's 4<sup>th</sup> Critical Raw Materials list and also includes copper, manganese, nickel and tin, creating an extended critical raw material (ECRM) list of 33 materials. This list includes raw materials of high economic importance and materials of high-risk associated with their supply and can be found [here](#).

The project aims at:

- Contributing to responsible sourcing to reinforce Europe's industrial leadership.
- Stimulating the co-development of an EU and Africa partnership in the raw materials sector.
- Fostering sustainable investment along the raw materials value chain.

More information and latest updates about the project are available at the following link:

<https://africamaval.eu/>.

Levin Sources is responsible to deliver on the tasks to identify investment needs and opportunities for the ASM sector with respect to ECRM production. The scope covers 15 countries which have shown at least some production of ECRM by the ASM sector. In fact, the aim of this task is to identify responsible investment opportunities to strengthen ASM value chain potential for ECRM. The emphasis will be on identifying responsible investment opportunities in relevant countries that strengthen the artisanal sector's supply potential and address ESG impacts while also contributing to higher value addition and economic development.

The countries in scope are: Burundi, Cameroon, DRC, Ethiopia, Liberia, Madagascar, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Each country focused analysis will look into the following areas:

- *ASM sector profile*: understanding the major characteristics of the sector, which minerals are produced and the socio-economic relevance of ASM production for ECRM.
- *Value chain overview*: outlining the value chain activities that take place in the focus country, and which financing mechanism already exist supporting ASM production of ECRM or other commodities.
- *Challenges, investment needs and opportunities*: considering the characteristics of ECRM ASM production and the major challenges of the sector in the scope countries, this section represents the core section of the analysis trying to draw which investments are most needed and whether existing opportunities can be identified.

Notably, for most countries, information on ECRM and ASM production is limited. To mitigate limitations on existing secondary sources, the Levin Sources team is looking to engage local



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stakeholders and in particular ASM country experts as consultants to leverage country-specific knowledge and gain perspectives on the challenges and opportunities of the ASM sector in relation to ECRM to ensure artisanal and small-scale miners are included in investment opportunities and considerations.

### CONSULTANCY SCOPE

The ASM country expert will support the Levin Sources team in the identification of information related to ECRM production and the ASM sector, and they will be responsible to:

- Leverage existing and previous experience working with the ASM sector in the country to identify resources, stakeholders and initiatives.
- Identify and prioritising stakeholders to interview and complement information gaps with practical insights.
- Contribute to the formulation of the ASM country profiles and identification of investment needs and opportunities for ECRM production.

### YOUR PROFILE AND EXPERTISE

#### **Required:**

- Minimum 5 years of Experience working with the ASM sector
- Research and writing skills in English, French or Portuguese, according to the focus country
- Be based in the country for which you are applying as ASM expert and have the possibility to interview and meet stakeholders in person

#### **Desirable:**

- Previous experience with the ECRM and the ASM sector
- Academic background in one of the following disciplines: economics, geology, mining engineering
- Understanding of and previous experience working with financing mechanisms for the ASM sector
- Research and writing skills in English in addition to mother tongue if different from English

### COUNTRIES IN SCOPE

#### **Current priority countries**

We encourage experts from the following countries to submit their application by the 27<sup>th</sup> May for the first round of engagement.

- The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
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  - Focus on cobalt and copper
- Madagascar
- Morocco



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- Mozambique
- Tanzania

Applications and CVs should be submitted no later than 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 11 pm BST.

### **Potential and upcoming country priority**

Experts from the following countries are also encouraged to submit their application for consideration in due course: Nigeria, Zambia, Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ethiopia. Updates on recruitment needs for these countries will be published as of 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

### **LEVEL OF EFFORT (LOE) AND BUDGET**

The Level of Effort will depend on the country in scope. Roughly Levin Sources expects to engage consultants for a range of 5 to 10 days. When applying consultants should indicate their proposed daily fee. Country-specific costs will be taken into account to allocate a detailed budget for the consultancy.

### **SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION**

Please submit the following documents as part of your application.

- Resume
- One-page letter summarising your experience and how you meet the requirements for the role
- Your expected daily fee in Great British Pound (GBP)

### **Important notes**

Levin Sources is looking into identifying ASM country experts to engage based on project needs and funds availability. Only applications which meet the requirements will be reviewed and receive feedback.

Applications should be submitted via [recruitment@levinsources.com](mailto:recruitment@levinsources.com) with the title of the email: **ASM country expert – AfricaMaVal**.