CONFERENCE DETAILS

Date: March 17-18, 2011
Venue: Rwanda Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MINAFFET) Conference Centre, Kigali; Hotel des Mille Collines, Kigali
Organizers: Rwanda Geology and Mines Authority (OGMR)
International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR)
Support: Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR)
German International Cooperation (GIZ)
Registration: closed

TECHNICAL PROGRAM

Day 1 — March 17, 2011

8:00 Registration
Rwanda Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MINAFFET), 1st floor

8:30 Welcoming Remark
H.E. Christophe Bazivamo, Minister of Forestry and Mines, Rwanda

8:45 Introduction Remark
Ambassador Liberata Mulamula, Executive Secretary ICGLR

9:00 Introduction Remark
Nils Warner, Head of German Development Cooperation Rwanda/Burundi

9:15 Opening Remark
Rwanda Ministry of Foreign Affairs

9:30 – 9:50 Coffee/Tea Break

9:50 Key Note “Regional Social-Economic Benefits Arising from a Successful Mineral Certification Mechanism”
Paul Mabolia Yenga, President of the ICGLR Regional Committee on Natural Resources

10:20 “Towards Full Mineral Certification and Traceability – The Rwandan Perspective”
Dr. Michael Biryabarema, Director General of OGMR

10:40 “Certified Trading Chains (CTC) – A Contribution to Supply Chain Due Diligence and Good Governance in the Mining Sector of Rwanda and the Great Lakes Region”
Dr. Volker Steinbach, Head of Mineral Economics Department, BGR

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“From Pilot Projects to Structural Change - The First Five Years of German Support for the Struggle Against the Trade in Conflict Minerals”
Dr. Markus Wagner, Special Adviser (GIZ) to the ICGLR Executive Secretary

“Towards Conflict-Free Global Supply Chains of Minerals: Options for the Implementation of the OECD Due Diligence Guidance”
Dr. Lahra Liberti, OECD Investment Division

“Implementing the iTSCi Mineral Traceability and Due Diligence System in Rwanda”
iTSCi Team (OGMR, ITRI, PACT, Channel Research)

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch break
14:00 Hotel des Mille Collines (transport will be arranged)

“UN Due Diligence Guidelines for the Responsible Supply Chain of Minerals: Mitigating the Risk of Providing Direct or Indirect Support for Conflict in the Eastern Part of the DRC”
Ruben de Koning, UN Group of Experts on the DRC

“Mineral Certification: Credibility by Independent Auditing”
Dr. Nellie Mutemeri, Independent Auditor and CASM Africa

“Challenges of Mineral Certification and Traceability for Rwandan Mineral Producers”
Mahmoud Salem, Rwanda Mining Investment Forum

15:00 – 15:20 Coffee/Tea Break

15:20 – 17:30 Panel Discussion
Moderation: Antonio Pedro, UN Economic Commission for Africa

18:00 – 20:00 Reception
Hotel des Mille Collines (transport will be arranged)

Day 2 — March 18, 2011

8:30 “Development of Standards in Good Mining Practice”
Dr. Mark Cyubahiro Bagabe, Director General of RBS

8:45 Issuance of CTC Certificates to Rwandan Mining Companies
Ceremony chaired by H.E. Monic Nsanzabaganwa, Minister of Trade and Industry, Rwanda

09:00 – 16:30 Field Trip to Rutongo Mines
Optional visit of the largest artisanal mining operation in Rwanda (underground).
Transport starts directly at MINAFFET following the certification ceremony. Boxed lunch will be provided at Rutongo.

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