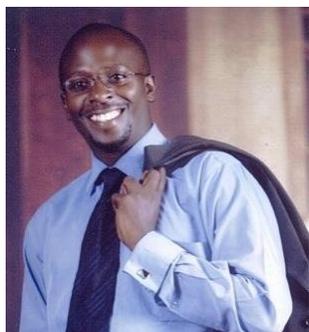


CASE STUDY



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Artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) have grown considerably in recent years in Uganda and are sources of livelihood to many families. The sector currently employs over 400,000 Ugandans directly and over 1.5 million Ugandans indirectly and has the potential and capacity to contribute to the economic growth of the country through the provision of employment and poverty eradication amongst rural mining communities. Unfortunately, the sector remains informal and under regulated.

As a consultant with the World Bank team charged with providing both technical assistance and support to the government of Uganda in the ongoing review of the Country's Mineral Policy, Law and Taxation regimes, Don has been actively involved in capacity building, registration and formalisation of ASM associations in the country. They are also addressing other social and environmentally related issues by organising study tours in neighbouring Tanzania for the informal ASM sector in Uganda to learn safer and environmentally friendly ASM mining practices.

My involvement with IM4DC has been instrumental in preparing me for the current work. I am the first technically competent Ugandan civil society member working on promoting good governance and practices in the mining sector, all thanks to numerous capacity building trainings attained from IM4DC. I also recommended three other Ugandans, an Artisanal miner, a social scientist at Action Aid Uganda and a government official with the Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC) for IM4DC training and we are now championing the cause of ASM and other minerals and mining related issues in Uganda.

Don is Executive Director of the Africa Centre for Energy and Mineral Policy (ACEMP), an oil, gas, energy and mineral Resource development think-tank committed to promoting the sustainable development of natural resources, through research, policy analysis, communication and engagement with government ministries and agencies, the media, members of civil society, the private sector, academia, resource rich host communities and the international community to share acceptable industry best practices across the entire extractive industries value chain.

As a student of Curtin University and IM4DC I once dreamt of working for the World Bank and that has since come to pass. The numerous- training courses undertaken under IM4DC gave me an all-round skill set and knowledge about mineral development and confidence to start the Africa Centre for Energy and Mineral Policy.

ACEMP has created a Mineral Development Scorecard with the ultimate goal of tracking the development of the mining and energy sectors in Uganda and ensuring that Ugandans optimally maximise all the socio-economic and environmental benefits. This initiative has already attracted interest from government ministries such as, the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, the National Planning Authority, the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, the Central Bank, the office of the Auditor General, the Uganda Human Rights Commission and other international civil society organisations such as the Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI).



A team of 29 ASM Miners from Mubende visiting ASM counterparts in Tanzania's gold rich Geita Region, Mwanza to learn economic, health, safety and environmentally friendly mining practices. The study tour was coordinated by team of IM4DC alumni from ACEMP, Action Aid- Uganda, Ssinga Artisanal Miners Association (ASM), Directorate of Geological Surveys and Mines (DGSM)

In the future, Don wishes to expand on his knowledge and skills about transfer mispricing, if possible at a PhD level.

Several mineral rich developing countries including Uganda continue to lose a lot of money through transfer mispricing and our governments lack the technical skills and competency to address this challenge. Any capacity building on ASM formalisation and regulation, and transfer mispricing would be a welcome contribution to our work.