

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

ITSCI trains the new National Steering Committee (NSC)

ITSCI conducted a training to familiarise NCS members with technical aspects of the 3T mining sector, ITSCI procedures, and due diligence requirements.

In 2019, Burundi inaugurated its National Steering Committee for 3T Mineral Traceability and Due Diligence. The NSC follows the model ITSCI has established in neighbouring DRC, and is one of the recommendations from the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Mineral Supply Chain from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas.

It brings key security, civil, and industry stakeholders together to work through challenges. The committee is directed by the Burundian Office of Mines (Office Burundais

“ The environmental analysis that is carried out before the cooperative is licensed is conducted by the Ministry of the Environment and Agriculture, and cooperatives pay licensing fees to the Ministry of Finance. ”

Jean-Baptiste Sabukwigura, ITSCI Team Leader for Burundi



Steering committee members at ITSCI processor/exporter RMR

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des Mines et Carrières, OBM) with members drawn from civil society, government, mining companies, and cooperatives.

The national Ministry of Hydraulics, Energy, and Mines appointed 14 members of the committee with an eye to including diverse viewpoints. Members are drawn not just from the government bodies closely tied to the mining sector – like geology and cadastral experts – but also from adjacent fields like the Ministry of Public Safety and Catastrophe Management and the Ministry of Agriculture. The participation of an array of civil stakeholders is vital to inclusive oversight of the 3T mining sector as its role in the Burundian economy continues to grow quickly.

The mining sector touches a variety of players. According to the representative of company and ITSCI member Burundi

Minerals Export, the NCS convenes the most important stakeholders in the 3T mining sector, providing “a framework for dialogue between these parties.”

Still in inception, the committee met three times in 2019, focusing on the committee’s operating procedures. In September, the NCS visited ITSCI processors/exporters Burundi Minerals Export (BME) and Raw Minerals Resources (RMR). Committee members experienced the traceability process first-hand and grasped the roles of various government agencies in the tagging process. Sabukwigura noted that additional trainings may be necessary for the NSC.

Currently, meetings of the NSC are stalled due to budgetary disagreements. Once this resolves, the NCS will surely be a key platform for cooperation.



Training session for Steering committee members