

THE 1ST EAST AFRICAN CRITICAL MINERALS SUMMIT 2024

CONCEPT NOTE

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East African Community Secretariat (EAC) and Government of
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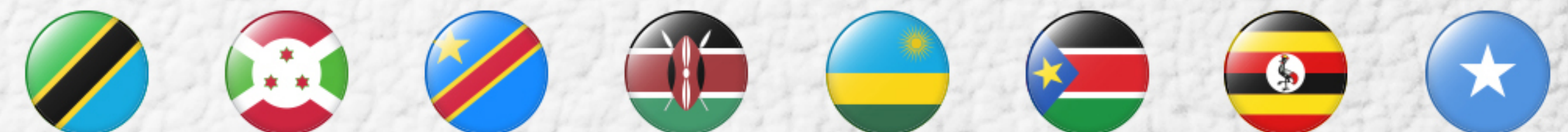
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Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania



INTRODUCTION

The 1st High-Level East African Critical Minerals Summit (EACMS) in the East African Community (EAC) is scheduled as a two-day event to take place on 1st - 2nd of July 2024 in Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania. It is expected that top executives in the extractive, manufacturing and energy sectors, high-ranking policy and decision makers, and top-notch financial institutions from Africa and beyond, will attend the event to dialogue and explore opportunities for investment Battery Manufacture.

It is expected that the East Africa Critical Minerals Summit will include an exhibition where investors, enterprises, researchers and academia will collectively showcase products and services as well as latest advances in battery technology, particularly those with relevance the mineral sector. The official opening of the 1st East African Critical Minerals Summit will be presided by the President of the United Republic of Tanzania

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

In its 6th Development Strategy 2021/22 – 2025/26 the EAC region aims “To Transform itself into a stable, competitive and sustainable lower-middle income region by 2030”, by undertaking natural resources management encompassing sustainable use of natural resources, promotion of the green economy, and climate change adaptation and mitigation. The overall objective of natural resources management is sustainable harnessing of natural resources for value addition and transformation of the economy to the benefit of the people of the EAC also in accordance to the region’s Industrialization policy, 2012-2032.

1.1. OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPANDED MARKET FOR MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS AND ECONOMIES OF SCALE

The East African Community (EAC) is a regional intergovernmental organization of seven Partner States: The Republic of Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of South Sudan, the Republic of Uganda, and the United Republic of Tanzania, with its headquarters in Arusha, Tanzania. The EAC is home to an estimated 283.7 million citizens, of which over 30% is urban population. With a land area of 4.8 million square kilometres and a combined Gross Domestic Product of US\$ 305.3 billion, its realization bears great strategic and geopolitical significance and prospects for the renewed and reinvigorated EAC.

1.2. OPPORTUNITIES IN MINERAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION

The East African Community Secretariat has prioritized investment in Extractive Industries and Mineral Value Addition as a strategic value chain that can facilitate socio-economic transformation in the region and generate wealth. The region has assessed the mineral value addition potentials in EAC and the regulatory frameworks governing investment and sustainable utilization of the mineral resources and:

- » identified measures hindering investments in extractive and mineral processing industries and also identified mineral resources with potential for mineral value addition in the region;
- » observed the need to identify areas of harmonization of mineral policies and mining regimes which would facilitate local mineral value addition of strategic minerals and specific minerals for value addition where regional collaboration and coordination of efforts is required;
- » identified a gap in the harmonization of specific policies, laws and regulation that could create an enabling environment for investment in local mineral value addition and harmonious trade across the Partner States;
- » Identified strategic minerals including: Coal; Iron Ore; Nickel Ore; Gold; Phosphates/Vermiculite; Gemstones, Tin, Tantalum and Tungsten;
- » recommended that the region establishes a Special Task Force to coordinate formulation of a regional MVA Policy and Strategy with a focus on the identified priority minerals namely Lithium, Nickel, Cobalt, Graphite, Manganese, Copper, Iron ore and 3Ts (Tin, Tantalum and Tungsten). The task force is to coordinate the design and drafting of a regional MVA Policy and an Implementation strategy; and

» recommended for the formulation of incentive schemes for the development of priority minerals; facilitation of the establishment of relevant private sector associations such as iron & steel industry associations in EAC; establishment of technical centers to support technology transfer and skills development; mainstreaming Artisanal and Small-Scale Miners (ASM) into MVA value chain and development of financing.

In addition, according to the UNCTAD, 23 million passenger cars are expected to be produced by 2030. And the most recent study¹ done by both local and international institutions shows that alone DRC, Tanzania, Burundi, and Zambia accounts to the very high global deposits of the following Minerals. More than 60 % of Cobalt, more than 40 % of Nickel, more than 35% of Lithium, more than 45% of Graphite, More than 40% of Manganese.

2. THE AFRICA BATTERY INITIATIVE

The Africa Battery Initiative is a Foundation currently registered in Zanzibar, Tanzania with the Registration No. Z0000148098. The Initiative involves the following actors in both Europe and Africa: Government Authorities; Industrial Sectors; Private Sectors; Academics and Non-Governmental Organizations.

ABI is aiming at ensuring that value addition on the critical minerals and rare earth is taking place in Africa. This is to guarantee the job creation to the young people in Africa and contributing to economic growth of the African Countries.

The EAC is organizing the Summit in partnership with the ABI.

3. KEY OBJECTIVES OF THE EAST AFRICAN CRITICAL MINERALS SUMMIT

The objective of the East African Critical Minerals Summit is to provide a platform for interaction and exchange of ideas and experiences on required interventions to boost investment battery minerals value chain in the region.

Specific Objectives include:

- » Attracting global Investors in the EV-Battery Value Chain in Africa.
- » Creating strategic partnership between Africa and the rest of the world on Critical Minerals.
- » Promoting the Inter-regional Connectivity projects to enhance the accessibility to the Critical Minerals places within the EAC region and its neighbours.
- » Promoting Establishment of EV. Battery Manufacturing Plant in Eastern and Southern Africa.
- » Promoting EU and other Global Programmes towards Africa in the context of energy transition.
- » Addressing the impact of the Climate Change on Island Countries among others.

3.1. EXPECTED IMPACT AND OUTPUTS OF THE ABMS

The Summit is expected to create a greater awareness about the opportunities and challenges arising from the potential of battery minerals in the region. It is supposed to serve as a platform not only for initial business contacts, but also for exchange of ideas on how to address the existing challenges for investment within the regional context.

Through various workshops and sector sessions, the Summit shall generate a number of recommendations / position papers from the stakeholders to be used as basis for further advocacy activities.

4. FORMAT OF THE SUMMIT

To facilitate maximum benefit to participant, the following activities will be undertaken:

- » Official opening of the Summit: by the President of the Host Country.
- » Conference: The conference mainly features four distinctive kinds of sessions:
 - i. Main / plenary sessions on cross-cutting policy issues and best practices (including Q&A);
 - ii. Parallel sessions on specialized thematic areas (standards, illicit trade, finance, customized finance opportunities for EA diaspora, technology and innovation, skills development and investment opportunities (including Q&A);
 - iii. Industry roundtables for selected sectors (including Q&A);
 - iv. Capacity building opportunities on relevant EAC regulations and their practical input for specific stakeholders.
- » Exhibition: Exhibition spaces (booths) will be located in the immediate vicinity of the conference and will be open throughout the conference. Tea breaks will be served in the exhibition area.
- » Business to Business (B2B) Meetings: In addition to the Conference and the Exhibition private sector participants are invited to take part in several B2B sessions: -



5. EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS

- » Global Investors
- » Suppliers of the Battery Products+ Fundamentals
 - i. Raw materials (EAC);
 - ii. Production technology;
 - iii. Sealing+ Coating;
 - iv. Transport Solution;
 - v. Quality Management;
 - vi. Traceability + Certification.
- » Battery Manufacturers (Cell manufacturers) and components.
- » The users of the Batteries, the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs)
 - i. Automotive sector;
 - ii. Trucks;
 - iii. Buses;
 - iv. Aircraft (Airbus);
 - v. Tractors (John Deer).
- » Module & Pack Integrators;
- » Mining Companies + Refining Companies;
- » Recycling +2nd Life;
- » Policy Makers:
 - i. EAC Head of States;
 - ii. European Commission President and Commissioners; iii. Minister of Minerals from EAC + Partner Countries;
 - iv. Energy Ministers from EU Member Countries;
 - v. Minister of Minerals from the Partner Countries;



- » Global Financial Institutions (EIB, AFRICA DEVELOPMENT BANK, KFW, NORFUND, SWEDFUND, FINFUND, FMO, DEG) KUWAIT FUND, ABUDHABI FUND, etc.
- » United Nations Organizations;
- » Private and Public entities from EAC, EU, Asia and North America; (I) Civil Societies and NGOs.

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7. VENUE AND LOGISTICS

The Summit in the EAC region will be held from 1st - 2nd of July 2024 in Zanzibar, the United Republic of Tanzania.

Attendees

Top-level executives from leading companies within each sector of the EV battery supply chain, high-ranking government officials, policy and decision makers, and prominent institutional investors and financial institutions will attend the Summit. The Summit will provide select access to battery mineral stakeholders in the EAC region.



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