



# MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS DEVELOPMENT

## PROGRAMME FOR THE ARTISANAL AND SMALL-SCALE MINING CONFERENCE

**8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2025**



**THEME:** Unlocking ASM Potential For Inclusive And Sustainable Development

**VENUE:** Mulungushi International Conference Centre

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| CONFERENCE DAY 1 – Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> September, 2025 |  |  |
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| TIME   | DETAILS  | RESPONSIBILITY                                       |
| 08:00 – 08:30  | Registration   | Secretariat  |
| 08:30 - 09:00  | All participants to be seated for opening ceremony   |  |
| 09:00 – 09:30  | <b>PRE-OPENING CEREMONY</b>  |  |
|  | National Anthem<br>Director of Programmes<br><br>Prayer<br>Brighton Kateka Ministry of Mine and Minerals Development Chaplin<br><br>Welcoming Remarks - Dr Hapenga M Kabeta, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development<br><br><b>Goodwill Messages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Dr. James Wakiaga, Resident Representative: United Nations Development Programme</li> <li>➢ Amb. Joao Samuel Caholo, Executive Secretary: International Conference on the Great Lakes Region</li> </ul>  | Tobias Musonda,<br>Director Planning and Information |
|  | <b>Welcoming Remarks</b><br><b>Hon. Paul C. Kabuswe, MP</b> , Minister of Mines and Minerals Development (MMMD)  | All participants                                     |
| 09:30 – 10:00  | <b>Unlocking The ASM Subsector and its Role in National Development – Challenges and Opportunities</b><br><b>Professor Emmanuel K. C. Chanda</b> , Dean, School of Mines, University of Zambia   | Tobias Musonda                                       |
| 10:00 – 10:30  | <b>NETWORKING TEA/COFFEE BREAK</b>   |  |
| 10:30 – 11:00  | <b>PATHWAY TO FORMALIZATION</b><br><b>Regulatory, Policy, And Institutional Reforms: Challenges and Opportunities in ASM</b><br><b>Tobias Musonda</b> , Director of Planning and Information – Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development (MMMD)<br><br><b>The Voice of ASM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ <b>Pauline Mundia</b>, Trustee – Federation of Small-Scale Mining Associations of Zambia</li> <li>➢ <b>The role of women in formalization</b></li> <li>➢ <b>Namakau Kaingu, President</b> – Association of Zambian Women in Mining</li> </ul> | Moderator<br>Abigail Mwailenge –<br>Planet Gold      |

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| 11:00 – 11:45  | <b>Theme: Pathway to Formalisation</b> <p>This session will explore the challenges faced by Artisanal and Small-Scale Miners (ASM) in formalizing their operations within Zambia's mining sector.</p> <p>Discussions will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulatory hurdles, such as obtaining mining licenses,</li> <li>• Tax obligations by ASM</li> <li>• basic regulatory compliance requirements (e.g., MOSES)</li> </ul> <p>• The role of formalization in improving safety standards,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• access to markets and finance</li> <li>• responsible and Sustainable mining development within the sector.</li> </ul> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ <b>Mr. Samuel Maango</b>, Director – Mining Cadastre Department, Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development</li> <li>➢ <b>Mr. Simukali Mulongwe</b>, Country Coordinator, ACP-EU Programme, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</li> <li>➢ <b>Mr. Charles Chibulo</b>, Rufunsa Green Mining Cooperative</li> <li>➢ <b>Ms. Misozi Mwanza</b>, Chief Mining Engineer – Large Scale Mines and Invest Promotion Department, Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development</li> </ul> |  |
| 11:45 – 12:15  | <b>Plenary</b>  |  |
| 12:15 – 13:00  | <b>Benefits of Formalisation in ASM Sub-Sector</b><br>Dr. Jewette Masinja, Lecturer-School of Mines, University of Zambia   |  |
| 13:00 - 14:00  | <b>NETWORKING LUNCH BREAK</b>   |  |
| 14:00 – 15:00  | <b>ASM FORMALIZATION: Regional Perspective</b><br><b>Gerard Nayuburundi</b> , Technical Coordinator for Natural Resources, ICGLR  |  |
| 15:00 - 15:20  | <b>ILLEGAL MINING – Genesis, Challenges, Opportunities, and Interventions in Africa And Zambia</b><br><b>Fabian Chewe</b> , Executive Member of Federation of Small-Scale Mining Associations of Zambia   | <b>Moderator</b><br><b>Dr. Emmanuel Makumba Mali</b> |
| 15:20 – 16:30  | <b>ILLEGAL MINING</b>   |  |
| 16:30 – 17:00  | This session will explore the complex issue of illegal mining and the interventions needed to address it.<br><br><b>Discussions will cover:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The root causes of illegal mining</li> <li>• Environmental degradation resulting from illegal mining activities</li> <li>• Substance abuse linked to mining communities</li> <li>• Security concerns posed by illegal operations</li> <li>• Social and economic losses experienced by affected communities and the nation</li> <li>• Possible solutions and strategies for eradicating illegal mining</li> </ul>   | <b>Moderator</b><br><b>Mr. Isaac Mwaipopo</b>        |

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|               | <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ <b>Noel Lumbama</b> – Cooperative Chairperson</li> <li>➢ <b>David Chikopa</b> – Vice Secretary FSSMAZ</li> <li>➢ <b>Dr. Jewette Masinja</b> – Lecturer, School of Mines, University of Zambia (UNZA) •</li> <li><b>Faides Tembatemba</b>- Director – ActionAid</li> </ul>  |                            |
| 17:00-17:30   | <p><b>KEY SUCCESS FACTORS FOR ASM</b></p> <p>This session will share lessons of how successful ASM should look like.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ <b>Mr. Lacina Pakuen</b>, Mining Expert_ ACP-EU – UNDP</li> <li>➢ <b>Dr. Raj Sharma, Managing Director – Jewels of Africa</b></li> <li>➢ <b>Mrs. Ivy Kabwe Sunkutu</b>, Treasurer -Luapula Minerals Association</li> </ul> |                            |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | <b>NETWORKING HEALTH BREAK</b>  |                            |
| 18:00 – 19:00 | <b>COCKTAIL AND CEREMONY FOR THE LAUNCH OF ASM TRAINING MANUAL</b>  |                            |
|               | Director of Ceremony: <b>Eng. Brighton Kateka</b> , Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development (MMMD)   |                            |
| 19:00 – 21:00 | <p>Introductory Remarks<br/> <b>Mr. Tobias Musonda</b>, Director of Planning and information – Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development, Zambia</p> <p><b>Launch of ASM Training Manual</b><br/> <b>Hon. Paul C. Kabuswe, MP</b>, Minister of Mines and Minerals Development (MMMD)</p>   | <b>Mr. Brighton Kateka</b> |



| CONFERENCE DAY 2 – Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September, 2025 |  |  |
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| Time  | CONFERENCE DAY 2 – Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September, 2025  | Responsibility                                     |
| 08:00 – 08:30   | Registration and arrival of Invited Guests   | All delegates                                      |
| 0900  | Arrival Guest of Honour, President of the Republic of Zambia, Mr Hakainde Hichilema  | State House  |
| 0930: – 11:00   | <p>National Anthem</p> <p>Prayer<br/><b>Dr. Martha Sitali</b>, Assistant Director Religious Affairs, Office of the Vice President</p> <p>Welcoming Remarks: <b>Hon. Sheal Mulyata, MP</b> Lusaka Province Minister.</p> <p>Opening Remarks and Updates on the Conference from Day One: <b>Hon. Paul C. Kabuswe, MP</b>, Minister of Mines and Minerals Development (MMMD)</p> <p><b>Keynote Address</b> "Unlocking the Potential of ASM for Sustainable Development"<br/><b>Mr. Hakainde Hichilema</b>, The President of the Republic of Zambia</p> <p>Photo session with Guest of Honour</p>  | <b>Mr. Paddy Mukando</b><br>Director of Programmes |
| 11:30 – 12:00   | <b>RESPONSIBLE MINING: INTEGRATING ESG PRACTICES INTO ASM</b><br><br><b>Mr. Lloyd Moomba</b> , SHEQ Manager, Mabiza Resources Limited  |  |
| 12:15 – 13:00   | <b>RESPONSIBLE MINING: INTEGRATING ESG PRACTICES INTO ASM</b>  |  |
|   | <p>This session will focus on how ASM operators can adopt sustainable practices aligned with Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles. The discussion will highlight the importance of ESG integration for long-term viability, regulatory compliance, and sustainable development in the ASM sector.</p> <p>Speakers will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key environmental, social, and governance (ESG) challenges faced by ASM operators</li> <li>• Practical strategies for implementing ESG best practices within ASM operations</li> <li>• The role of government and stakeholders in promoting ESG compliance and accountability</li> <li>• Real-world examples of successful ESG integration in ASM</li> <li>• The future outlook of ESG regulations and policies affecting the ASM sector</li> </ul> | <b>Moderator</b><br><b>Belinda Zimba</b>           |
|   | <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Victor Mutambo</b>, Lecturer- University of Zambia (UNZA), School of Mines</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Abigail Mwailenge</b>, National Project Manager - Planet Gold Zambia</li> <li>• <b>Dr. James Wakiaga</b>, Resident Representative – United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Christopher Kanema</b>, Director Operations – Zambia Environmental Management Agency (ZEMA)</li> </ul>  |  |
| 13:00 – 14:00   | <b>LUNCH BREAK</b>   | All  |

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| 14:00 – 14:30 | <b>STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF THE ASM (THE PIT SIDE MANUAL)</b>   | <b>Moderator</b><br><b>Dr. Sydney Mwamba</b>   |
|               | <p><b>Mr. Lacina Pakuen</b>, ASM Mining Expert - ACP-EU UNDP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reducing fatalities</li> <li>• Safe mining methods</li> <li>• Record management and reporting</li> </ul>   |  |
| 4:30 – 15:00  | <b>PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN LARGE SCALE MINES AND ASM, THE CASE OF MOPANI COPPER MINES</b>  |  |
|               | <p><b>Eng. Charles Sakanya</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Mopani Copper Mine</p>  |  |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | <b>BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF THE ASM TO THRIVE AND CONTRIBUTE TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>   |  |
|               | <p>This session will focus on strategies to strengthen the capacity of Artisanal and Small-Scale Miners (ASM) to operate more effectively, competitively, and sustainably. Discussions will highlight the critical role of capacity building in enabling ASM to contribute meaningfully to national development goals.</p> <p>Discussions will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skills development and technical training for ASM operators</li> <li>• Access to affordable financing and modern equipment</li> <li>• Strengthening cooperatives and organizational structures</li> <li>• Enhancing access to geological data and market information</li> <li>• The role of government, private sector, and development partners in supporting ASM growth</li> <li>• Policy interventions and institutional reforms needed to professionalize the ASM sector</li> </ul> |  |
|               | <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ <b>Mr. M Likando – Kasempa Cooperative</b></li> <li>➢ <b>Ms. Pauline Mundia</b>, Trustee Federation of Small-Scale Mining Associations of Zambia</li> <li>➢ <b>Mwilima Lutangu Daisy</b>, Fighting Inequality Lead - Norwegian Church Aid</li> <li>➢ <b>Mr. Victor Kalesha</b>, President – Emerald and Semi – Precious Stones Mining Association of Zambia (ESMAZ)</li> </ul>   |  |
| 5:30 – 16:00  | <b>KEY SUCCESS FACTORS FOR ASM: MAKING THE GOLD SECTOR SUCCEED AND CONTRIBUTE TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>  |  |
|               | <p>This session will focus on key success factors that are essential for the ASM to succeed.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ <b>James Yousif Kundu</b>, Director General of Minerals Development – South Sudan</li> <li>➢ <b>Andrew Mukupa</b>, Managing Director – Minera Refineries Zambia Limited,</li> <li>➢ <b>Savior Simwanza</b>, ASM Tax - Zambia Revenue Authority</li> </ul>   | <b>Moderator</b><br><b>Ian Mwiinga - ZEITI</b> |
| 16:00 – 16:15 | <b>NETWORKING HEALTH BREAK</b>   |  |
| 16:15 – 16:45 | <b>EXPLORING VALUE ADDITION FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT – HOW CAN ASM SECTOR VENTURE INTO VALUE ADDITION?</b>   | <b>Moderator</b><br><b>Isabel Mukelabai</b>    |
| 16:45 - 17:25 | <p><b>EXPERIENCE IN VALUE ADDITION</b></p> <p>This session will discuss insights into value addition from a policy perspective, Industry perspective and from a training perspective.</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ <b>Dr. Sydney Mwamba</b>, Policy Monitoring and Research Centre</li> </ul>  |  |

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|             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ <b>Dr. Raj Sharma</b>, Managing Director – Jewels of Africa</li> <li>➢ <b>Mr. Lameck Thole</b> – Gemstone Processing and Lapidary Training Centre (GPLTC)</li> </ul>   |  |
| 7:25– 17:55 | <b>WAY FORWARD, RESOLUTIONS AND CONCLUSIONS</b>   |  |
|             | <p>Moving Forward: Transforming the ASM Sector for Sustainable Development" and Closing Remarks<br/> <b>Dr. Hapenga Kabeta</b>, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development</p> <p>Closing Prayer<br/> <b>Eng. Jackson Kafwanka</b>, Chief Inspector of Environmental, Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development</p> <p>National Anthem<br/> <b>Eng Brighton Kateka</b> (Chaplain), Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development</p> |  |
| 17:55       | <b>CLOSING OF DAY 2 AND END OF THE ASM CONFERENCE</b>   |  |



**VENUE:**  
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