



THE SMALL SCALE MINERS ASSOCIATION OF BOTSWANA

ASSOCIATION PROFILE



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ABOUT US

The Small Scale Miners Association (SSMAB) has its origins in 2019. It was registered on the 20th February 2019. The Association (SSMAB) is aimed at creating a platform for dialogue, discussion, interaction and networking among stakeholders involved or interested in the Small Scale Mining Sector.

Our Association aims to provide a platform which brings together stakeholders working in the ASM sector to share experiences, to learn from each other and to influence policies.

The membership of the Association is open to all individuals, and companies who share the values, principles and objectives of the Association.

The Association recognizes that there is a need to highlight the various challenges and opportunities involved in Small Scale Mining participation, especially for women.

It is expected that practical solutions will be developed for the numerous challenges facing the sector in Botswana through benchmarking from other African countries.

While some countries have success stories to share in terms of the formalization of the ASM sector, Botswana has lagged behind in developments in the rest of Africa with possible devastating consequences to its economy and people.

It has become crucial for Botswana to diversify and create a mining sector that harnesses the potential of ASM to advance integrated and sustainable local socio-economic development.

OUR BACKGROUND

Our members have interests in Small Scale Mining, Quarrying, Diamond Cutting and Polishing, thus we intend to support all our members, especially our women members to gain entry to the cutting and polishing, and jewellery segments, and it is also the duty of the Association to help spearhead all members' participation in these downstream industries.

We are also interested in making endeavours in renewable energy, especially in solar energy, and as such we have engaged Wärtsilä, a leading energy system integrator which is leading the way to the power industry's transformation towards a future that utilises 100 percent renewable energy.

The Association will seek sponsorship as it is in dire need to raise funds for office operations, workshops, training courses, exhibitions and events as well as conferences.

AFRICAN CONTINENT COMPARISON

The number of people involved in Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining (ASM) activities have been increasing globally. In Africa, specifically, the ASM sector accounts for the largest mining workforce in Africa.

Many developing countries have acknowledged the sector's importance in its role in local socio-economic development and have initiated a series of interventions aimed at formalizing the sector.

Specifically, the Association seeks to expose Botswana to the successes of Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining (ASM) formalization efforts as seen in other developing countries particularly in the SADC region.

With Botswana being amongst the largest mineral producing countries in the world, this Association will also encourage the relationship between the large-scale mining (LSM) sector and Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining (ASM) sector in the country with

a view of bridging the gap between the two sectors for shared socio-economic benefits.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee which is made up of people from all walks of life, is in charge of the day to day running's of the Association and have the authority to fill all the vacancies occurring in its terms of office.

The Objectives & Aims Of The Association Are As Follows:

- ❖ To promote speaking with one voice in the industry, by Small Scale Miners & Stakeholders.
- ❖ To provide a platform for Small Scale Miners & Stakeholders to discuss and present issues that diminish progress in the industry and the country as a whole.
- ❖ To influence decision making in the industry which will lead to the growth and empowerment of Batswana.
- ❖ To provide an opportunity for sharing new ideas on fighting illegal mining & protecting the industry from foreigners, as this industry is reserved for Batswana.
- ❖ To give the Small Scale industry growth that will be able to contribute positively to the economy of this country.
- ❖ To promote adherence to best practices in the industry by stakeholders. For example environmental issues, necessary licensing, rehabilitation & reclamation e.t.c.
- ❖ To promote and facilitate participation of Batswana, especially women in the downstream diamond industry, specifically in the cutting and polishing, and jewellery segments, through advocating for training and skills transfer.

- ❖ To promote participation of Botswana especially women in the Development Minerals Programmes and Industry.
- ❖ To seek funding for the Association's projects.

INDUSTRY AFFILIATION

The Small Scale Miners Association of Botswana is affiliated to Business Botswana and intends to affiliate with the Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (SAIMM).

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Our members will undergo systematic training and development through an incubation programme, offered under a private partnership with the Association and an international consultancy company.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

The Association through sponsors will offer its members courses through the Gemmological Institute of America. The school offers comprehensive eLearning and lab courses to individuals, companies, et, cetera.

We intend to not limit development and empowerment to our members but to also the communities we will be operating in.

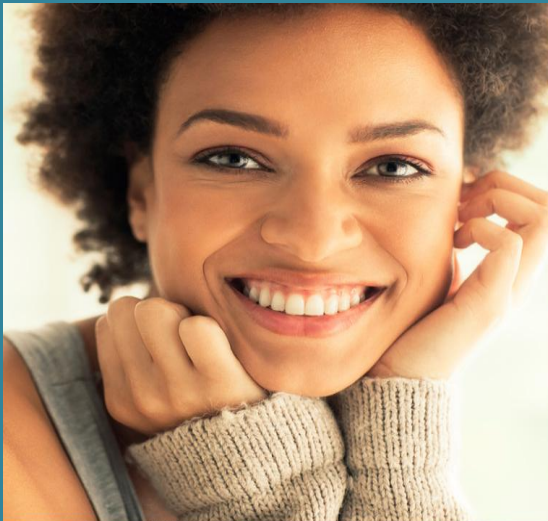
CONTINUOUS TRAINING

We will endeavour to offer our members continuous training through our stakeholders like the UNDP sponsored country and regional training workshops.

WOMEN PARTICIPATION

The Association will seek to spearhead and formulate strategies that foster gender diversity in the mining industry by looking at the role of Women in the industry and barriers to entry, as well as the Legal and Policy Framework with regards to whether a mining law can unlock potential of women.

By attending mining investment conferences, exhibitions, and events, it will put our women in positions to interact with women in mining and Women's Mining Associations, which will translate to presenting a perfect platform for intellectual discussions with other like-minded individuals to exchange viewpoints and foster new business contacts.



The Association intends to take a strong stance, by boldly putting women at the forefront of advocating for ambitious beneficiation policies, that will enable them to participate in the Diamond Jewellery Manufacturing and retail, as we believe that these downstream segments should be dominated by women as “they have an understanding of the finer things in life.”

RENEWABLE ENERGY

The Small Scale Miners Association (SSMAB) intends to be a clean energy focused Association. We plan to develop a solar power station to produce an initial 100MW, with a potential to produce up to 200MW.

The project will include an initial installation of 400 000 PV panels within an area of 200 hectares. The solar power station is expected to supply firstly our planned cement & quicklime project in Gasita, in the southern part of Botswana.

Alongside the growing renewable energy market, as a result of development platforms like such as South Africa's REIPPPP, the market place for energy efficiency has been just as active.

This market is driven by the ever rising electricity costs and the financial returns arising from implementation of energy efficiency technologies.

BENEFITS TO OUR MEMBERS

- ❖ We will endeavour to systematically provide training and develop young up-and-coming entrepreneurs in the Jewellery industry through our partners.
- ❖ We will focus specifically on the areas of Training & Skills Development, Business Creation and Advisory Services and the promotion of Business Links to name a few.
- ❖ The Association has applied for several industrial minerals around Botswana, which will be mined by the Association thus creating income to sustain our existence.
- ❖ By engaging in mining activities, we will be able to empower our women members, who will be able to attend international workshops on women in artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM), and firsthand experience of the industry.
- ❖ By attending Mining Investment Events, Conferences & Exhibitions our members will be exposed to new technologies, strong participation of mining companies, financiers & Investors in the Small Scale Mining Industry.
- ❖ The Association will endeavour to explore policy and legislative changes that would optimize the current ASM legislative framework in Botswana in line with the aspirations of the Association to deliver on our objectives in line with the National Development Plan.

CONCLUSION

Regarding, Development Minerals, we would like foster women participation, with the hope to shed the stigma of the term “low-value minerals”. Many others are joining the conversation and recognizing the potential of Development Minerals for structural transformation in the SADC Region.

The ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme, has a range of specialised mining institutions in Africa. These include, the African Minerals Development Centre, the African Minerals and Geosciences Centre and the Pacific Community. These institutions need to be fully utilised in order to create the much need employment in African countries.

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