

Ghana's Artisanal Small-Scale Mining

The Politics, Illegal Activities and Struggling Reforms

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In mineral-endowed African countries, while artisanal small-scale mining (ASM) provides employment avenues to many young people, the sector is also challenged by illegal activities with adverse environmental impacts. Several people have been killed through illegal mining operations. Lately, the ASM sector is also influenced by emerging foreign investments, particularly from China; unclear regulatory framework and mining laws; and compromised local and national political leadership. Consequently, attempts by relevant institutions to regulate and sanitise the local mining industry are not yielding the needed results. Very often, unclear mandates, duplicating and conflicting roles of institutions impede the enforcement of mining regulations and

environmental protection laws. Hence, the sector is a major threat to local security, social cohesion and environmental sustainability. In this presentation I explore the politics and nuances of Ghana's Artisanal Small-Scale Mining Sector, with three main areas of attention. Firstly, I explore the contours of existing socio-political power relations and institutional arrangements that have produced and continue to shape the local small-scale [gold] mining industry, and which seems to create room for illegal activities. Secondly, the impacts and local perceptions of Illegal ASM are also discussed. And finally, I will discuss recent attempts to regulate the small-scale mining sector and why they are not yielding the expected results.

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