

The Project in Action:
The Southern African Process

A Report to the Global Assurance Group

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Milestone Meetings

- Strategic Planning Workshop, Heathrow, May
- Regional Planning Workshop, Johannesburg - Chamber of Mines, August
- Interim Steering Committee Meeting - Witwatersrand University, October
- Multi-Stakeholder Meeting, Parktonian Hotel, November

Potential Outcomes of the Regional Process

- Series of reports
- Guidelines showing how to move towards sustainable development
- Try to find consensus on key aspects
- Right forum and content for taking issues forward
- Network to build capacity to engage and to deal with the real issues – drive change. Platform built, network, ongoing work and engagement

Progress since the Multi-Stakeholder Meeting

- Regional Partners Meeting Uruguay, November 2000
- Appointment of regional working group
- Joint venture between the CSIR and the University of the Witwatersrand
- Project leader: Alex Weaver
- Project Manager: Daniel Limpitlaw
- Project Coordinator: Marie Hoadley



Project Plan

- Scoping - 20 % of funding, commencing end January
- Situation analysis - 60% of funding, commencing April
- Integration - 20% of funding, commencing end July

Scoping

The purpose of this phase will be to develop a common vision for transition to sustainable development in the mining and minerals sector in South Africa

Situation analysis

This is where the bulk of the work will occur (approximately 60%) and involves using readily available information required to meet the goal of the project.

Integration

This final phase of the project will entail the development of a framework which will guide the transition to sustainable development in the minerals and mining sector in the region. Integration will also include a commitment to the process by the key stakeholders in the region.

Multi-Stakeholder Meeting - Some Recurring Themes

- Small scale mining
- dialogue across sectors and geographic boundaries (regional synergy) - sharing information
- poverty and jobs
- human resource development - training
- downstream industrial development
- best practice environmental management
- monitoring systems and environmental accounting
- women in mining

Research Component

- Small-Scale Mining
- Mining and Society
- Mining and HIV/AIDS
- Mining and the Environment
- Management of Mineral Wealth
- Baseline Study

Structure of Research Component

- Appointment of Research Coordinator
- Structure of Research:
 - Nature and Extent in Southern Africa of sector and associated problems
 - Identify opportunities and constraints for aligning future practice with sustainable development
 - Case Studies
 - Identify potential methods for improving sustainability
 - peer review process

Key Activities

- Sustainable Development Workshop - March
- Specialist Research Workshop - April
- HIV/AIDS Workshop - June
- Review Workshop - July
- Multi-Stakeholder Meeting - November
- Continuing engagement