



Mining & Human Rights Round Table Discussions

Crossroads Hotel, Auditorium

Friday, 20th March, 2015

19:00 to 20:30

Discussion Topic

Mining at exploration stage:



- *How many tonnes of mineral samples are legally acceptable for analysis?*
- *The experiences and expectations of the general public relating to mining exploratory activities.*

Introduction

The third episode of Round Table Discussions have been organised by ActionAid Malawi, Citizens for Justice (CFJ) and Centre for Environmental Policy and Advocacy (CEPA) with funding from Tilitonse Fund.

The round table discussions shall provide a forum for different actors i.e. Malawi Government, Civil Society Organisations, Local communities, mining companies, the media and the general public to discuss the governance elements and practices that needs to be strengthened, revised or adopted into the current governance system in order to enhance responsiveness, inclusiveness, transparency, accountability and respect of human rights in the mining sector.

OBJECTIVES

-  To enhance the understanding of the general public on the myth regarding the right quantities of mineral samples that is legally acceptable for analysis.
-  To discuss the different practices and experiences and the corresponding legal provisions governing the exploratory mining licence.

- ✚ To enhance the relationship and inclusiveness amongst civil society organisations, government, mining companies, local communities and the general public in the mining sector.

MODERATOR

The round table discussions will be moderated by Zodiak Broadcasting Station (ZBS).

PANELISTS

Stakeholder	Name of Organisation	Name of Representative
Civil Society	CEPA & Landnet	Mr.W. Chadza, & Mr. E. Mlaka
Academia	UNIMA	Mr J. Chatupa
Government	Department of Mines	Mr. Kamphwiyo
Local Community	Community Representatives	Inkosi Mabulabo, & GVH Namalima

Question Time: There shall be a question time at the end of the discussions where the audience will be given a chance for questions targeting either of the panellists.

Questions and comments shall also be relayed through an SMSs system. This shall be coordinated by Zodiak Broadcasting Station.

ATTENDANCE

The discussions are to be attended by the following groups:

- ✚ Representatives from Tilitonse Fund,
- ✚ Natural Resources Justice Network members,
- ✚ Representatives from Government
- ✚ Mining companies
- ✚ Representatives from local mining communities
- ✚ The general public.

COVERAGE

- ✚ *Radio & TV (broadcasting):* MBC Radio & TV, Timveni TV, ZBS, Times TV
- ✚ *Print Media:* Nation, Daily Times
- ✚ *Others (Journalists):* Galaxy radio, Matindi FM, Malawi Voice