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Activity reports by co-leaders

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**Outputs for 2015**

AMLA Platform ([www.a-mla.org](http://www.a-mla.org)):
Updated all existing 53 mining codes of Africa available in view and download formats; started the publication of associated and related legislation; launched French and Portuguese versions of the Platform.

AMLA Training:
Second edition delivered in August 2015. Between first and second editions, 54 students from 17 countries representing all sub-regional areas undertook a one week long intense training on mineral law and how to populate AMLA Platform with content.

Local Network of Legal Experts:
Three new Universities (University of Ghana, Ghana; Université Saint Thomas d’Aquin, Burkina Faso; and Makerere University, Uganda) expressed their interest in joining the existing network of collaborating Universities involved in project activities. The network is made of the following Universities: University of Cape Town (South Africa), Universidade Eduardo Mondlane (Mozambique), Université Général Lansana Conté (Conakry, Guinea), Université Cheikh Anta Diop (Senegal), Université de Douala (Cameroon), University of Jos (Nigeria), Facultés Universitaires Privées d'Abidjan (Ivory Coast), University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) and University of Zambia (Zambia).

Guiding Template:
Produced a working draft of the guiding template, a document that gathers 186 sector-related topics that can appear in a mining law, presenting them as a menu of suggested legislative examples inspired by current mining laws as well as sector realities across Africa and beyond. These examples are accompanied by detailed annotations explaining the context, issues, and useful features of each presented sample provision. The guiding template aims to provide users with a comprehensive tool through which they can consider the topical issues with concrete examples of drafting language as they develop, modify or simply assess mining legislative frameworks that fit each country's unique context. The Project produced a zero draft of the guiding template in late August and circulated it to the Guiding Template Review Committee (GTRC), a group of technical experts from the private sector, academia and international organizations who reviewed the draft at a “book-sprint” approach meeting in early October. The Project and its contributors will revise the guiding template on the basis of comments provided by the GTRC.

Dissemination:
Events: AMLA Project was presented at: Mining Indaba, South Africa (February, 2015); World Initiative of Mining Lawyers 2015 Conference, United Kingdom (May, 2015); 2015AFRICA FORUM “Legal Policy and Frameworks Surrounding the Energy and Extractive Industries in Africa with a Focus on East
Africa” organized by ABA Section of International Law, Kenya (June, 2015); and IBA Annual Conference, Vienna (October, 2015).

Press: In September 2015, the African Union Commission (AUC) published a Press Release concerning the active attendance and participation of the AUC in the 2015 AMLA training.