



AFRICAN MINING LEGISLATION ATLAS

Organizer's Summary Report – Strathmore University, Nairobi Kenya (SEIC & EB)

The [Strathmore Extractives Industry Centre \(SEIC\)](#) and the [Extractives Baraza \(EB\)](#) have been proud to host the 2017 African Mining Legislation Atlas (AMLA) Workshop which was held at the Strathmore University Law School (SLS), Nairobi, Kenya from 3rd – 12th December 2017.

The AMLA Workshop, part of the [African Mining Legislation Atlas \(AMLA\) Project](#) which aims to provide customized contextual and legal data on Africa's mining laws through the AMLA website as well as building the capacity of Africa's next generation of legal experts in mining law, is an annual event hosted by different African countries each year and this year, Strathmore University, Nairobi Kenya was the place to be for AMLA.

SEIC and EB welcomed the organizing team of the African Legal Support Facility (ALSF), partnering organizations such as the African Union Commission and the World Bank Group, participating law students from universities all over Africa and esteemed speakers and trainers from across the globe. Just to name a few, participating students came from countries such as Angola, South Africa, Senegal, Nigeria, Morocco, Côte d'Ivoire, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and our very own students from the Strathmore Law School. There were trainers and speakers from USA, Senegal, South Africa, Nigeria, Uganda, United Kingdom, Burkina Faso, Norway, France and once again, from our very own Strathmore University Law School.



The 2017 AMLA Workshop complemented the AMLA Project objective of promoting the development of legal expertise on Africa's mining laws and regulations. It did this by covering a wide array of topics such as:

- Mining License for Large Scale and Small Scale Mining;
- Environmental Protection;
- Human Rights Considerations;
- Fiscal Regimes and Revenue Management;
- Local Content;
- Transparency and Accountability;

- Arbitration and other forms of Dispute Resolution;
- Legislative Drafting; and
- Negotiating Mining Agreements.

The 2017 AMLA Workshop also saw the participants undergo practical exercises in the Strathmore Law School Computer Labs whereby they were taken through the workings of the AMLA online platform.



Providing an Alternative and Effective Learning Experience

As the hosts of the 2017 AMLA Workshop, the EB and SEIC endeavored to use innovative learning methods in addition to the usual classroom and presentation set-up.

i. Engaging High-Level Panel Discussion

Day one of the Workshop kicked off with the keynote speech by Ms. Sheila Khama, Practice Manager for the World Bank Group Energy and Extractive Industries Global Practice and Ms. Dorcas Achapa, Chairperson of the ALSF Management Board. This was followed by a highly engaging panel discussion themed *'Governance and Transparency in the Extractives Sector'* with panelists comprising of Ms. Sheila Khama – World Bank Group, Dr. Fallou Samb – Government Representative, Mr. Moses Njeru – Company Representative (Kenya Chamber of Mines) and Ms. Purity Kagendo – NGO representative.



"Transparency falls short not because our laws in the natural resource sector do not exist in the public domain but because they are not easily understood!"
– Ms. Sheila Khama.

ii. Extractives Baraza Amazing Race Challenge

Thereafter, all AMLA participants, panelists included, changed into their sports gear and headed out for an afternoon of outdoor fun and learning at the Karura Forest for the Extractives Baraza Amazing Race Challenge. The EB Amazing Race Challenge offered an innovative cross-cultural learning experience regarding mining legislation in Africa pairing students in cross cultural groups working together to answer set questions, run the course and complete the challenge!



iii. Energy 4i Forum

The AMLA participants were treated to a showcase of Kenya's innovative minds in energy at the Energy 4i forum which took place at the Fairview Hotel on 7th December, 2017, this time, hosted by the Extractives Baraza and Kipya Africa Limited. The theme for the evening was *'Advancing Local Content Innovations in Energy and Petroleum among Youth in Africa'*. The objective of the

Energy 4i forum is to plug into the four pillars of energy namely: information, innovation, interaction and investment.

During the event, innovators presented their inventions and innovative ideas to a panel of industry professionals and investors dubbed '*Pango la Simba*'¹.



The *Pango la Simba* comprised of Eng. Elizabeth Rogo, Mr. Mwendia Nyaga, Ms. Cindy Oraro and Ms. Lucy Githaiga. Special mention to Mr. Brian Muriuki, Country Manager Kenya at Shell and the Chairman of the Kenya

Oil and Gas Association attending as our Guest of Honour and who delivered the Address of the Chief Guest on behalf of Hon. Andrew Kamau, Principal Secretary in the State Department of Petroleum, Ministry of Energy and Petroleum.



The event was notably attended by representatives from government, private sector, the Kenya Oil & Gas Association (KOGA), civil society organizations, law firms, and academic institutions, and of course AMLA Participants. The successful event saw one of the innovators, Mr. Elijah Kiplimo, impress the Simbas and the entire audience with his innovation dubbed '*Hydro-Link*'² and which saw him proudly walk away with endorsements, prize money and coveted linkages to develop his innovation further.

iv. Mine Visit

The AMLA 2017 learning experience did not end there. To complement the classroom training



and to provide a more practical approach and appreciation to the classroom training, AMLA participants, trainers and organizers took a trip to the Kariandusi for an actual mine visit. The AMLA team took a tour into the diatomite mines and through the diatomite processing factory while receiving briefings on the work at the mine site, the uses of diatomite, the challenges faced during mining and processing and how the mining laws and regulations apply and

affect the mining industry. This was followed by a tour of the neighboring Kariandusi Acheulian pre-historic site, an African Early Stone Age site dating to approximately 1 million years ago.³

Home Stretch: The AMLA 2017 Finale

At the close of the very intensive workshop, AMLA participants attended the presentations of the AMLA Legal Research Team (LRT) who are charged with locating and conducting research on specific topics across different countries' mining legislation under the guidance of a quality review team comprised of senior specialists in the sector.

Thereafter, the AMLA participating students were presented with their certificates of completion at the graduation ceremony held at the Microsoft Auditorium at the Law School. The students'

¹ Swahili term meaning Lion's Den.

² The system monitors the water level in a well at any instance, senses the level of hydrocarbons in a well and sends the data remotely to any location globally via SMS.*

³ "[Kariandusi](#)". *Enzi Museums*. National Museums of Kenya.

graduation ceremony was marked by closing remarks delivered by Mr. Stephen Karangizi, Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Africa Legal Support Facility.

"...don't chase remuneration, concentrate on the goal that has an end to change the way things are done."

– Mr. Stephen Karangizi



All AMLA participants were treated to a finale dinner at the Carnivore Restaurant, Nairobi where the second phase of the graduation ceremony was held: the graduation of the previous year's LRT Members. The evening saw a jubilant close to the 2017 AMLA Workshop with good food and good cheer by all. The success of the AMLA 2017 Workshop is greatly attributed to the combined efforts and tireless work of the SEIC & EB team together with the ALSF team.

For more information on the 2017 AMLA Workshop and other news, information and activities on extractives, kindly visit the Extractives Baraza and Strathmore Extractives Industry Centre websites or contact us on info@extractives-baraza.com or seic@strathmore.edu.

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