



## THE WEEKEND READER

"Your Weekly Read on Debt, Development & Socio-Economic Justice"

# 11TH EDITION OF THE ZIMBABWE ALTERNATIVE MINING INDABA #ZAMI2022

Zimbabwe Coalition on Debt and Development (ZIMCODD), in conjunction with Zimbabwe Environmental Law Association (ZELA) and Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC) will convene the 11th edition of the Zimbabwe Alternative Mining Indaba (ZAMI). The ZAMI is a multi-stakeholder platform created to facilitate engagements between mining host communities, government and industry. ZAMI is a build up from the Village-level Alternative Mining Indabas (VAMIs) or Local-level AMIs (LAMIs), Ward Alternative Mining Indabas, District Alternative Mining Indabas, Provincial Alternative Mining Indabas which are convened across the mineral resource-rich areas in Zimbabwe such as Marange, Mutoko, Hwange, Zvishavane and Gwanda; wrapped up by the Alternative Mining Indaba (AMI), a regional global platform which is also held annually. Over the past 10 years, ZAMI has emerged as an important platform for communities and citizens to engage with stakeholders- government, industry, and Parliament on how natural resources can deliver a sustainable national dividend that benefits every Zimbabwean.

The 11th edition of the ZAMI comes at a time when the global, continental and even national discourse has been more centered on Climate Change and a Just Energy Transition, hence this year's theme: "A Just Energy Transition for Sustainable communities in a climate crisis era". #ZAMI2022 will run from the 4th-9th of September 2022, a hybrid format (physical and virtual) will be applied for optimum participation of all stakeholders.

Some of the discussions to be tabled at this year's ZAMI will include the scourge of illicit financial flows which has for a long time caused the country to lose billions which could have been channeled to benefit a lot of people that remain marginalized and poor. A recent report by the Centre for Natural Resource Governance (CNRG) revealed that Zimbabwe loses at least 3 tonnes of gold worth US\$157 million every month through illicit financial flows<sup>1</sup>. Titled Zimbabwe's Disappearing Gold: The Case of Mazowe and Penhalonga, the report was officially launched on the 8th of July 2022. It claims that Zimbabwe loses 3 tonnes of gold monthly via politicians who are connected to the ruling party, government officials and their close business allies. The artisanal mining sector is largely blamed for the gold leakages which are estimated to be worth billions of dollars necessitated by the black market, these monies are then transferred into offshore accounts. Furthermore, the urgent need for the passing of the Mines and Minerals Bill which is expected to resolve the miner-farmer conflicts as well as to mitigate the human-animal conflicts which are a result of displacements from people's lands which have been happening when foreign investors are awarded mining rights.

1. <https://www.zimetro.co.zw/zimbabwe-losing-us157-million-monthly-to-gold-plunder-cnrg-report/>



Zimbabwe is blessed with vast natural mineral resources but the mining host communities remain poor and marginalized in terms of infrastructure development so the question that still begs urgent attention and to be interrogated at this platform is who is really benefitting from these resources?

Zimbabweans envision that extractives sector benefits should be shared equitably through National Budget financing towards essential service delivery and productive sectors like agriculture.

On the sidelines of the #ZAMI 2022, ZIMCODD will be hosting side-sessions which participants can look forward to, such as the Women's Pre-National Budget Caucus: Towards a climate smart, gender-responsive budget, Policy Dialogue on Taxation and the launching of Research products.

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