

Today's session

An opportunity to learn more about online resources and provide input to their development.

- We will focus on the practical using a case study to demonstrate a broad range of digital platforms and explain how they might be used.
- We will pause before the end of the session to allow time for discussion.
- We are available during the conference, please come and see us. We'd love to hear your views. Alternatively, please send feedback via email or through our site www.extractiveshub.org.



Case study: Part 1

Mineral sector development:

You are the Director of Planning and Research in the Ministry of Mining. A policy objective is to increase the contribution of the gold sector to the economy. Your new Minister is keen to see progress on this objective and has asked for your input.

She is open to new ideas and interested in the experience of your regional rival, which recently signed a major investment deal.

You have come into the office early to spend some time researching online...Where do you start?



User concerns

How can I find relevant information quickly?

What information can I trust?

How do I navigate the digital information overload?

What are your concerns?



Context

Multiple platforms can be confusing....



How do they work together for the benefit of the user?



First, let's frame the relevant questions...

- What is the current contribution of the gold sector to your economy?
- How does this compare with other countries in the region?
- What is required to develop the sector?
- What factors attract/deter investors? How would you balance their needs with those of other stakeholders?



At this stage the investigation is broad:

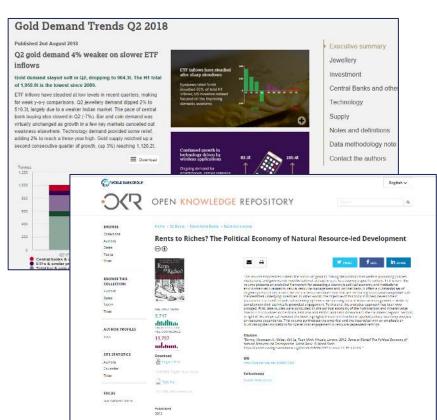
Some recommended resources:

The World Bank's <u>Open Knowledge</u> <u>Repository</u>.

National Statistics websites, for example, global production data from **Statistics Canada**.

Demand information from producer associations, for example the World Gold Council's **Gold Demand Trends**.





Do you prefer video?

We do too.

The RAW Talks website has a range of thought-provoking and informative video interviews with industry experts, for example: What should resource-rich African nations do to attract investment?

We also like data. Actually, we love it.

The Extractives Hub recently made a large selection of data available online by <u>country</u>. It is possible to select data sets, visualise and compare country level data.

ASM sector can be hard to obtain. A World Bank funded project, Delve, is developing an online platform to visualise and share data on the ASM sector, and aims to launch next year.



Case study Part 2

The Minister liked your ideas, she asked you to do some follow up research – comparative analysis of the legislative framework of your country against some of its neighbours...

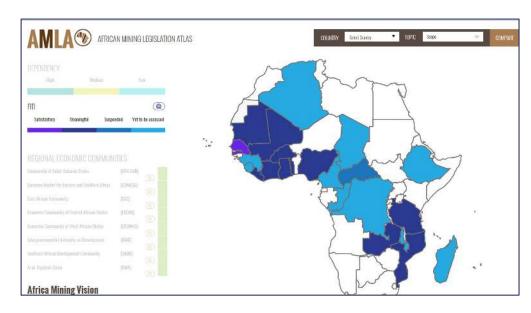


Mineral development:

The question is now more specific. You are looking for sites to help with comparative analysis of legislation.

Some ideas:

AMLA offers the ability to compare clauses in legislation across Africa and is targeting a similar facility for petroleum legislation.





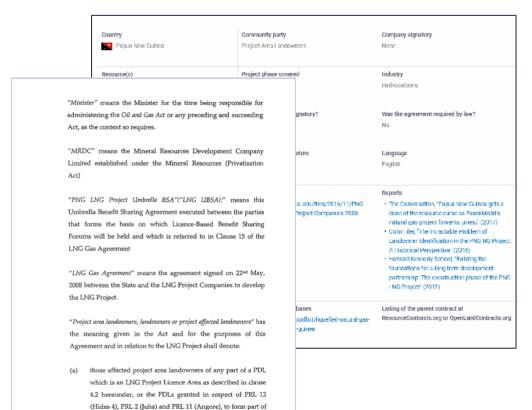
For a global picture, the Extractives Hub library has a comprehensive country information section, collating searchable resources, including legislation and policy for a large number of countries.





is resulting in platforms which enable sector contracts to be reviewed and compared, for example:

A new <u>community-investor contracts</u> repository, curated by CCSI, provides plain language summaries of community agreements and the underlying contracts.









the LNG Project and the Buffer Zones of those licence areas;



Comparative data is available using the Resource Governance Index website.



...or resources such as the Fraser Institute rankings

Case study Part 3

As a result of your research, you concluded that your **guidelines** for ASM gold exports are outdated. The Minister gives you the go ahead to review existing guidelines and propose changes.

You need an **expert** to assist with this work.



Finding expert help...

You could also post an advert on GOXI.

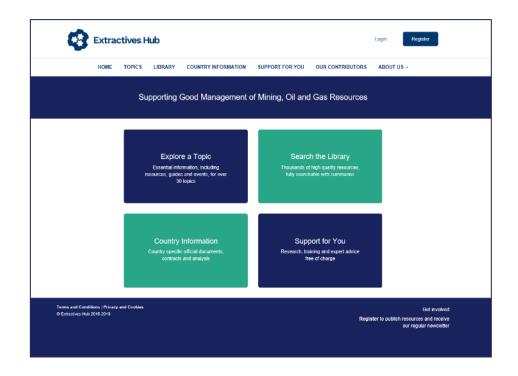
Or use GOXI to connect with a counterpart in another country or with an expert.





Finding expert help...

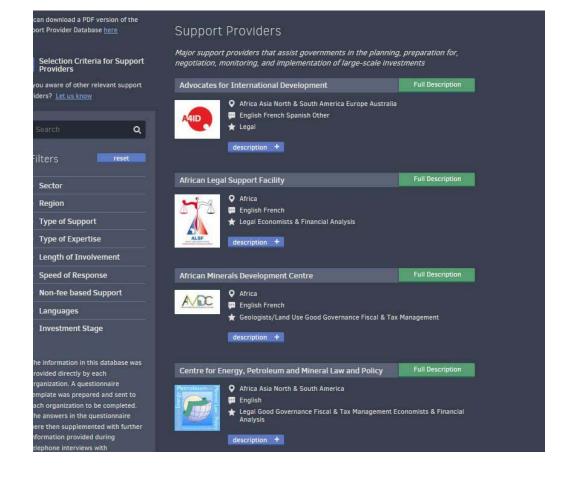
The Extractives Hub has a helpdesk which provides briefing papers and short-term consultancy support. It provides briefing papers and short-term consultancy support.





Other platforms offer specialised legal and contractual support, for example:

The <u>CCSI negotiations portal</u> includes information on contract negotiation and a list of support providers, including, the <u>African Legal Support Facility</u>, <u>CONNEX</u> and others.





Disclaimer

There are many digital sources of information available, we have presented a selection to whet your appetite.



Discussion points

We'd like to know...

- What sites have you found useful in your work?
- What could be improved?
- Where are some of the gaps?
- What are some of the obstacles to making use of digital information?

