



INVITATION TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

Media Advisory

- What:** REGIONAL FORUM ON MINERAL VALUE ADDITION AND CROSS-BORDER TRADE IN ICGLR MEMBER STATES
- Theme:** A Harmonised Regional Approach for Mineral Value Addition and Cross-Border Trade for the Maximisation of Benefits from Mineral Resources and Promotion of Peace and Stability
- When:** 06 – 08 November 2024
- Where:** Pyramid Continental Hotel, Juba, South Sudan
- Who:** This Regional Forum will be hosted and financed by the Republic of South Sudan with the technical support of the ICGLR Secretariat. The implementing partners of the ICGLR regional projects cofounded by the European Union, will provide technical and financial support for the study on the development of the Regional Guidelines on Mineral Value Addition and Cross-Border Trade and the participation of the ICGLR Regional Committee against the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources and the ICGLR Audit Committee.
- Why:** The overall purpose of the Regional Forum on Mineral Value Addition and Cross Border Trade is to engage Member States, the private sector and the civil society in a discussion on national frameworks and/or strategies of mineral value addition and sharing the experience and lessons learned as well as challenges and solutions. The forum will also provide the opportunity for Member States to review and adopt the Regional Guidelines on Mineral Value Addition and Cross-Border Trade. The objectives are:

- Discuss the efforts made by Member States to implement the mineral value addition and beneficiation;
- Discuss the challenges and lessons learned in the implementation of the mineral value addition and beneficiation policies, strategies, or projects/activities;
- Agree on the commitment to promote joint mineral value addition projects and industries based on the Regional Guidelines on Mineral Value Addition and Cross-Border Trade as a complement to the RINR.

Participants:

- Ministers in charge of Mines in ICGLR Member States and their delegation members;
- Members of the ICGLR Regional Committee on Natural Resources;
- Members of the ICGLR Audit Committee;
- Officers of the ICGLR National Coordination Mechanism in the Republic of South Sudan;
- Representatives of the Regional Private Sector Forum;
- Officers of the Republic of South Sudan's Ministry of Mining and other relevant institutions;
- Embassies of ICGLR Member States accredited to the Republic of South Sudan;
- ICGLR Executive Secretariat;
- Partners;
- Private Sector;
- Civil society and artisanal miners.

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