Brief description of the objectives of the panel discussion:

Extractive industries in Africa have contributed to notable economic growth in a number of countries. However, these industries are also associated with a host of problems, including environmental degradation, conflicts, poverty, health problems, and corruption. The overriding question the symposium would grapple with is how African countries can manage their extractive industries so that they become engines for sustainable socioeconomic transformation. We expect panelists to explore a number of interrelated questions, including but not limited to the following:

- Are African countries receiving industry standard in financial and environmental terms from transnational corporations engaged in extractive industries? If not what specific measures can be undertaken to rectify this problem by designing more effective mining codes?

- What steps can be undertaken to control invoice fraud and tax evasion problems?

- What industry codes and regulations would alleviate the environmental disasters and health hazards that characterize much of the industry in Africa?

- What is the impact of the industry on local communities?

- What innovative arrangements can be devised to make the industry instrumental in poverty alleviation?

- What problems are associated with artisanal mining in Africa and what innovative policy
• Does the industry contribute to social unrest and conflicts in Africa and why? What policies would address such problems effectively?

Keynote address by Martin Ndende: “The Modernization of Mining Legislation in Africa: the Challenges Faced by the States”

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Sebastian Gatimu: “Impacts of Extractive Industries on Communities in the East African Community (EAC) Countries”

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Boyowa Anthony Chokor: “Five Decades of Oil and Gas Extraction in the Niger Delta: Impacts on Local Communities and New Directions for Future Policy”

**Jonas Ewald**: “Leveraging Tanzania’s Extractive Sector for Inclusive Development: The Case of Gold Mining in Geita—Tanzania”

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**Kassahun Alemu**: “Ethiopia: Implications of Foreign Investment in Commercial Agriculture for Local Communities”

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