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1.0 INTRODUCTION

In July 2020, the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF) and the African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) launched a joint initiative to re-think how developing countries benefit financially from their mineral resources. The Future of Resource Taxation is a dedicated dialogue for governments, civil society, and industry to exchange ideas on how the current system of mining taxation can be improved, as well as alternative options available to resource-rich countries to maximize the returns from their mineral wealth.

The purpose of this document is to explain why now is the right time to take stock of mining taxation and consider alternative futures, as well as how the dialogue will work practically. In Section 2, we set out how mining is typically taxed. In Section 3, we explore the emerging trends, as well as old and new challenges that have motivated The Future of Resource Taxation. In Section 4, we explain the various steps involved in the dialogue, how stakeholders can participate, and, in Section 5, the values that underpin the process.