



The German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR) invites you to take part in a workshop discussing

**BGR Pilot Certification Project:  
Certified Trading Chains in Mineral Production  
Pre-Conference Workshop, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008, Bonn, Germany**  
BICC, An der Elisabethkirche 25  
53113 Bonn, Germany, 15-17h

### Background

The G8 summit hosted by the German presidency in Heiligendamm 2007 stressed the need for action in the Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining (ASM) sector. They explicitly emphasized their support for a pilot project in cooperation with the World Bank and its initiatives (Communities and Small-Scale Mining, CASM). Consequently, BGR is now beginning a pilot project in Rwanda, which is financed by the German government and addresses the feasibility of a designed certification system for selected raw materials. Certified Trading Chains (CTC) combine traceability of traded mining products with compliance to transparency and ethical standards. Thus, CTC improve responsibility of mining companies and diligence of consumers in selecting the source of raw materials.

In October 2008 we held a first consultation workshop at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual CASM Conference in Brazil where we received considerable feed-back and comments on the CTC concept from various experts and stakeholders.

### Objectives

This workshop is also part of the CTC's consultation-process. Therefore, we would like to receive your feed-back and comments on the CTC concept. Precisely, the workshop seeks to extract from the discussion a suitable set of standards that consider both, minimum ethical requirements and feasibility.

### Procedure and Format

This consultation-workshop of CTC will be held as a workshop. Experts from all stakeholder groups (governance, private sector, civil society, ASM etc.) are very welcome to join and give their feedback. Thematically, the workshop will start with a detailed overview of the CTC project, its background and what has been achieved so far. Afterwards, we will discuss its concept and the proposed set of standards also addressing questions of verification and compliance mechanisms. This would also include challenges of the implementation of CTC.

This workshop is hosted by Fatal Transactions and Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC) as part of their Annual Conference:

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in Zones of Conflict**

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