



A new project funded by the European Commission develops EU-Africa partnerships ensuring responsible sourcing of Critical Raw Materials for the EU industry.

AfricaMaVal kicks off its journey in Windhoek, Namibia.



AfricaMaVal Consortium members in the KOM meeting

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Windhoek, Namibia - The project "Building EU-Africa partnerships on sustainable raw materials value chain", in short AfricaMaVal, is a project funded by the European Commission that started on June 1st, 2022, as part of the Horizon Europe

Programme. The project's coordinator BRGM, gathered 18 partners from 11 countries in a kick-off meeting, on June 23rd and 24th, in Windhoek, Namibia.

The meeting was held in the Avani Windhoek Hotel & Casino located in Windhoek and was organised by [BRGM](#), the project coordinator, and the Namibian partners, Geological Survey of Namibia (GSN) and Association of Women In Mining In Africa (AWIMA). The opening of the meeting received guests and officials such as the Director for Mobility & Energy-Intensive Industries from the European Commission, and the Deputy Director & Head of the Regional Geoscience Division within the Geological Survey of Namibia (GSN).

AfricaMaVal aims to develop **EU-Africa partnerships** ensuring responsible sourcing of minerals for the European industry while providing for a sustainable local co-development in the best **Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG)** conditions and creating a long-term business environment for **European and African companies**.

The mineral potential, financial, environmental, social, institutional, and economic aspects will be studied along all the value chains to achieve the project completion to reach these operational targets:

- Building an **EU and Africa business networking** overall CRM value chains.
- Developing a **strategy for the integration of identified and emerging EU and African raw materials value chains** for the energy and digital transition.
- Assessing **responsible investment opportunities**.

During the project, in-depth case studies will be developed for **ten countries**: DRC, Senegal, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Gabon, Namibia, Tanzania, Madagascar, Morocco, and South Africa. They have been selected based on their mining and refining potential and their existing close links with several EU countries.

AfricaMaVal is a 42-months project gathering **18 partners from 11 countries**. It is coordinated by [BRGM](#), the French Geological Survey, and a worldwide reference for Earth Science Application. The consortium gathers African and European experienced organizations, associations, and networks deeply anchored and involved in the critical raw material domain with specific expertise, and knowledge.

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[BGR - Bundesanstalt Fuer Geowissenschaften Undrohstoffe](#) (Germany)

AWIMA - [Association Of Women In Mining In Africa](#) (Ghana/Africa)

[LGI Sustainable Innovation](#) (France)

INTRAW - [International Raw Materials Observatory Aisbl](#) (Belgium/Europe)

AHK - [Southern African-German Chamber Of Commerce And Industry Npc](#) (South Africa)

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NUST - [Namibia University Of Science And Technology](#) (Namibia)

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CGS- Council of GeoSciences (South AfricaAfrica for the OAGS)

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