



Call for Accreditation of Qualified Auditors in the Framework of the ICGLR Regional Certification Mechanism

Background

The Regional Certification Mechanism (RCM) forms part of the Regional Initiative to fight against the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources as approved by the Declaration of Lusaka of 15 December 2010. Independent third party audits, auditing individual mineral exporters and their supply chains in ICGLR member states form a critical component to verify the compliance of Member State RCM implementation, which has advanced significantly in some Member States.

The ICGLR Secretariat and the ICGLR Audit Committee has established the regional ICGLR third party audit system to ensure the credibility of these implementation steps. Third Party Auditors are to be conducted at each mineral exporter in the region exporting certified minerals, and they shall include a representative sample of associated supply chains up to and including the mine site level.

In this context, the ICGLR Secretariat and the ICGLR Audit Committee are inviting interested parties to apply for accreditation as ICGLR Third Party Auditor according to the RCM standards.

Application Process

Interested entities, under audit firms, are invited to submit an application package demonstrating satisfaction of the foregoing criteria of independence and qualifying

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characteristics, as well as a list of independent audits already performed. In applying for accreditation, the potential auditor agrees to undergo training in ICGLR standards and methodology as deemed appropriate by the ICGLR Audit Committee. He/she further agrees to undergo any other application requirements as specified by the ICGLR Audit Committee. Prospective auditors shall also demonstrate the capacity to ensure the ongoing quality, integrity and independence of their auditing work, including internal controls and professional staff development.

The call for accreditation remains open until further notification by the ICGLR Audit Committee. The accreditation shall be valid for a period of three years

Applications should be submitted as either word or pdf files jobs@icglr.org with copies to ngoy.luhaka@gmail.com and simon.nibizi@icglr.org, or in hard copies at the ICGLR Secretariat Office: Boulevard du Japon, 37, P.O Box 7076 Bujumbura, Burundi.

Applications will be regularly reviewed by the ICGLR Audit Committee and the applicants shall receive feedback regarding the application within 60 days.

Successful applicants will afterwards be included in a list of accredited auditors published on the ICGLR website. Exporting entities, subject to the RCM regulations on Third Party Auditors, may subsequently draw from this list in order to select Third Party Auditors for their triennial audits against RCM standards.