

PART V: A SHARED AGENDA FOR CHANGE THAT BENEFITS ALL

The report concludes by summarizing policies that can unite Africa's people, governments, civil society, foreign investors and the wider international community around a shared agenda for realizing the potential of Africa's resource wealth to lift millions of people out of poverty.

Everyone stands to gain from such a shared agenda. When governments strengthen disclosure standards and improve accountability, they improve their legitimacy in the eyes of their citizens. When foreign investors adopt more stringent disclosure standards and avoid irresponsible practices, including tax evasion, they stand to gain from a more predictable competitive environment, improved standing in the host countries, and from the reduction of risk that could damage shareholder interests. If the international community comes together to tackle tax evasion, rich countries as well as poor will gain as the losses associated with aggressive tax planning diminish.

As well as offering specific **policy recommendations for African governments, regional organizations, the wider international community and international companies**, the report details **recommendations for immediate global action:**

- adopt a global common standard for extractive industries transparency
- realize the Africa Mining Vision
- use the African Peer Review Mechanism
- build a multilateral regime for tax transparency
- boost economic linkages, value addition and diversification
- ensure equity in public spending
- protect artisanal mining