

# MINE CLOSURE TRAINING IS PRESENTED TO THE NATIONAL MINE CLOSURE COMMITTEE.

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Deputy Secretary General of the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, in charge of Energy, Dr. Juliana Pallangyo, (right) and the Head of Development from the Canadian Embassy, Sue Steffen, (left) speaking during mine closure training that was presented to the National Mine Closure Committee. The five days of training was funded by the Government of Canada in Dar Es Salaam.



Deputy Secretary General of the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, in charge of Energy, Dr. Juliana Pallangyo (among the seated ones) in the picture alongside the National Mine Closure Committee members during the five days of mine closure training funded by the Government Canadian in Dar es

Salaam. On her left is the Head of Development from the Canadian Embassy, Sue Steffen, and on her right, the Human Resources Chief Officer from the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, Suzan Kiwelu



Participants in the mine closure training, the National Mine Closure Committee members are following through various topics during the five days of training funded by the government of Canada in Dar es Salaam.



Human Resources Chief Officer from the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, Suzan Kiwelu (right), and Deputy Commissioner for Minerals, Engineer John Shija (left) are listening to topics brought up during the five days training funded by the Government of Canada in Dar es Salaam.

Deputy Secretary General of the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, in charge of Energy, Dr. Juliana Pallangyo, launched the mine closure training conference, which is presented to different specialists who are participating in National Mine Closure Committee.

These professionals are coming from various ministries and government institutions and their goal is to give the specialists the ability to deal with any emerging challenges during mine closures in their respective countries. The five-day training spanning between March 27-31 is taking place in Dar Es -Salaam, and is funded by the Canadian government.

Speaking at the training commencement, Dr. Pallangyo said that the training will enable country's mine experts to have a better understanding of the steps required during and after mine closures to eliminate problems which may occur.

Dr. Pallangyo explained that, because the Canadian Government has been dealing with the mining sector for over 200 years, the training will help local experts to learn and understand from the Canadians' previous experience on closing mines in their country and how to deal with various challenges or avoiding them from showing up in our country altogether.

"Let us not to be among the people who just read [about closing mines] and [proceed to] close down their mines, we should learn through practice and from mistakes that were made before; when they were closing their mines; Canada has had over 200 years of experience in the mining sector, and we should educate ourselves to avoid mistakes that were made by them from happening in our mines," Dr. Pallangyo stressed.

She also urged the Canadian Government to provide regular training for longer periods of time; to educate more people with a better understanding of the mining sector and mine closure in particular, in our country. The training will enable professionals to recognize the actual taxes needed to pay the government as well as the easy ways of preserving land and environment in general.

On her part, The Head of Development in the Canadian Embassy, Sue Steffen, said that her country has had over 200 years of expertise about the mining industry, therefore they thought it would be wise to provide this training to developing countries which mine different minerals.

She said, the goal is to provide education and to develop [a country's] ability to face any possible challenge that has previously occurred during mine closures in Canada, and thus to protect these countries from any disasters that might occur.

One of the training participants is engineer Elizabert Nkini, who said that this training will enhance the awareness of problems during mine closure, and despite the existence of mine closure benchmarks, the overall understanding has been limited due to the lack of knowledge of practical challenges that may occur.

"Mining in our country is a substantial revenue stream, but also a major source of damage to our environment, therefore if our environment and land will not be protected before and after mining, our country will face serious challenges such as desertification, and our water

will also be contaminated. This training will allow us to set up a systemic environmental protection plan to foster a safe environment for the future", said engineer Nkini.

She also mentioned, that the education obtained will be conveyed to the professionals involved in the mining industry. This will allow them to have a better understanding of the steps and goals required for a successful mine closure, and this information will benefit both themselves and the nation.