

ACCA: The way forward

- Develop action points in accordance with the draft Strategy Plan

NB - Hiring of Project Coordinator for ACCA

- Will allow an additional month for written comments on the two reports; Will encourage members to not add anything new to reports, but rather focus on information that is there, and verify.

Questions:

1. What should be the thematic focus areas for the ACCA over the next year?

- Illicit Financial Flows; Human rights defenders; Human rights due diligence; Development finance;

Infrastructure; African Mining Vision; Private security; Kimberley Process; Corporate capture;

2. Should we continue with the FPIC and Access to Remedy work-streams? What are the next steps in terms of the reports?

- Continue working; Connect to communities we hope to serve;

3. How does/ should ACCA work with its members?

- (Working Groups; Newsletter; Profile raising; Collaboration with members);

4. Are there any pertinent gatherings or meetings coming up in 2018 that ACCA should take note of, that present potential meeting opportunities for members?

- BRICS summit; G20 Summit in Argentina; Alternative Mining Indaba; Revision of the AfDB Safeguards;

5. How should ACCA/ its members engage with governments and companies; and

6. How can we bridge/ compliment work between ACCA members and the coalition.

Short-term commitments:

- Joint submission on State Reporting Guidelines on Extractive Industries;
- ACCA gathering at the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights;



- Declaration/ press statement condemning the violations of mining companies in East Africa;
- Mapping of existing pro-bono lawyer groups within the ACCA membership (perhaps advocacy, research, community engagement etc.);
- Partner with other coalitions (Coalition for Human Rights in Development, OECD Watch etc.) to lead capacity building projects on development finance, grievance mechanisms etc.;
- Strengthening the relationship between ACCA and sub-regional and regional authorities and systems (SADC, EAC, ECOWAS, ACHPR etc.);
- Gathering existing research on issues affecting communities in the context of ACCA's work (dust pollution, community engagement/ consultation etc.); and
- ACCA could facilitate communication between and protection of human rights defenders.

Medium-term commitments (2017 - 2018):

- Webinar series on issues pertinent to business and human rights (eg. Dante Pesce's presentation; Treaty discussions);
- Side-sessions at the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights;
- Raising profile of members through video and other media;
- Advocate for the adoption of National Action Plans (NAPs) on Business and Human Rights;
- Participate in the discussion around the adoption of a Treaty on Business and Human Rights;
- Feed information in to the Human Rights Corporate Benchmark initiative;
- Work closer with institutions like BHRRC to ensure that ACCA members are aware of existing tools and information, to share with communities etc.; and
- Create a platform for lessons learned in experiences around ex: access to remedy and FPIC implementation.



Long-term commitments (over 3/4 year period):

- Human rights due diligence.

