



## MINING AND MINERALS TRAINING

# Artisanal and Small Scale Mining: Formalisation and Support

3 day course

Classroom, online or in-house

## Course overview

Artisanal and small scale mining employs far more people across Africa than the formal sector and produces a large share of some minerals, under conditions that are dangerous, environmentally damaging and largely outside the tax net. This course covers working with it rather than around it. Delegates work through the sector's structure and economics, the legal and licensing pathways to formalisation and why they are so often not taken, and mercury use in gold recovery with the alternatives available. Occupational health and safety improvement at a realistic level is covered. Finance, market access and fair pricing follow. The course closes on the relationship between artisanal miners and large scale operations sharing ground.

## What you will learn

- Describe the structure and economics of the artisanal sector
- Map the legal and licensing pathways to formalisation
- Explain why formalisation is often not taken up, and what changes that
- Address mercury use in gold recovery and the alternatives
- Improve occupational health and safety at a realistic level
- Improve access to finance, markets and fair pricing
- Manage the relationship between artisanal miners and large scale operations

## Who should attend

- Government and regulatory staff working with the sector
- Development agency and donor programme staff
- Mining company community and social performance teams
- Cooperative leaders and small scale mine operators
- Researchers and consultants working on the sector

## Course outline

- 01 A sector larger than the formal one
- 02 Structure and economics
- 03 Legal and licensing pathways
- 04 Why formalisation is not taken up
- 05 Mercury use and its alternatives
- 06 Practical health and safety improvement
- 07 Finance, markets and fair pricing
- 08 Coexistence with large scale operations

## Upcoming dates

| Dates                  | Venue                      | Format    | Fee per delegate |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 21 to 23 December 2026 | Durban, South Africa       | Classroom | R14,950          |
| 11 to 13 January 2027  | Johannesburg, South Africa | Classroom | R14,950          |
| 24 to 26 March 2027    | Online                     | Online    | R6,500           |



## Fees and how to register

This 3 day course is **R6,500** per delegate online, **R14,950** in the classroom in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho and Eswatini, and **USD 995** in the classroom elsewhere in Africa. In-house training is quotation on request. Book 2 or more delegates on this course and save 10%.

To register or request an in-house proposal, visit [www.afrisciencegroup.com](http://www.afrisciencegroup.com), email [info@afiscience.co.za](mailto:info@afiscience.co.za), or WhatsApp us on **+27 63 479 1136**.

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