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Minerals Africa Development Institution (MADI) in partnership with the **Calestous Juma Legacy Foundation (CJLF)** is proud to present the inaugural **MADI-Prof. Calestous Juma Essay Competition**. We seek to bring together great young African minds to deliberate on solutions to persisting problems that plague Africa's mineral resource sector, both at a national, sub-regional and continental level. We are inviting essays from all over Africa on relevant thematic areas affecting the mineral resource sector along the value chain as we position ourselves for Africa's social and economic structural transformation, inclusive growth and sustainable development.

The central idea behind the MADI-Prof. Calestous Juma Essay Competition is the need to change African mindset. Africa has long been stunted in regards to socio-economic transformation and growth due to the application of timeworn and non-workable systems and ideologies that are ill-fitted to our unique society. Spanning from the colonial period, Africa has inherit-

ed foreign systems and socio-economic ideologies that have hindered us from framing our own narrative and finding home-grown solutions to Africa's problems. MADI is dedicated to the development of home-grown African solutions to Africa's challenges and the creation of original ideas and innovations to boost Africa's development. Like the proverbial new wine in old wineskins, we believe that Africa cannot achieve all-round structural transformation and development in this new age without a corresponding move from these obsolete traditional perceptions. Key among these, is the narrative that Africa's mineral resource sector is limited only to 'mining' and mineral resource commodity trade that is, dealing in raw materials without any reasonable value addition. This has long prevented Africa's mineral resource sector from achieving its full potential in contributing to structural transformation, inclusive growth and sustainable development across the board. We are here to change that narrative!





Theme

**Changing Mindset: Transforming
Africa's Mineral Resource Sector for
Sustainable Development**

**Submit By: 30th November 2021
(11:59pm EAT / 8:59pm GMT)**

Essay Questions (Choose ONE question)

1.) "For Africa's mineral resources to be beneficial and valuable for all people, policy makers need to address not only the governance and sustainability of the extractives sector, but also to stimulate value addition and promote linkages with other sectors in the economy."

Do you agree? Suggest ways through which this goal can be achieved on a national, regional and continental level.

2.) An estimated third of the world's known mineral resource reserves are located in just a third of the explored parts

of Africa. Nevertheless, Africa has not benefited substantially from its mineral wealth for the past 6 or so centuries. Even the remarkable resource commodity-driven economic growth of the last few decades across the continent failed to trickle down. With the aid of research, critically assess the possible reasons behind this unfortunate state of events.

3.) By 2030, Young Africans are expected to make up 42% of the world's youth and account for 75% of those under age 35 in Africa. Increasingly, there is an opportunity for the mineral resource sector to play a role in bridging the unemployment gap and repositioning itself as an employer of choice as well as a key job creator on the continent. Suggest ways through which the youth in Africa can harness the mineral resource sector to create opportunities for sustainable economic development.

Submission Guidelines:

Language: English (UK)

Length of Essay: Between 800-1000





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Attachments: Brief Bio with contact information

Abstract: Not required

Format for submission: Word Document (read-only)

Prizes

We would be awarding the top 3 essays: Gold for 1st place, Silver for 2nd place and Bronze for 3rd place.

Proposed prizes:

Gold: 700 USD

Silver: 350 USD

Bronze: 175 USD

The top 20 essays would also be featured on our website and in our publications (newsletter, magazine, journal etc.)

Panel of Judges

All submissions will be assessed by a highly qualified panel of judges selected from our robust network of professionals from all over the world. Essays will be assessed against set criteria to select the 3 top winners.

Partnerships

We have had an opportunity to partner with a number of youth-led organisations from across Africa.

- 1.) Makerere Law Society
- 2.) Federation of African Law Students
- 3.) The Economic Misfit
- 4.) Youth Advocacy Program Africa
- 5.) Model Peace Forum
- 6.) Goals Afrika



About CJLF

The Calestous Juma Legacy Foundation (CJLF) is a non-profit foundation founded in 2019 to foster policies, programs and projects to develop and utilize technological innovation in education, public health and in advancing the application of science and



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About MADI

Our vision is “An African-led transparent, strong, responsible and sustainable Africa’s mineral resources sector that creates wealth and opportunity for all Africans”.



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