

Panorama of Emerging Mining Countries in Africa

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The mining landscape in Africa is undergoing significant transformation with several countries playing a strategic and crucial role in the global mining industry. In this article, we delve into these emerging mining nations.

SAMYA is a youth organization committed to advancing in the mining sector, recognizing that the continent's mineral wealth holds immense potential for transformation.

The Democratic Republic of Congo was the world's largest cobalt nearly 41% of the world's cobalt in 2020 placing the Republic in a strategic position for the energy transition as cobalt is one of the key metals to produce electric vehicles.

DRC's copper belt in the southern part of the country is attraction for high quality copper for international mining companies. DRC's gold and diamond mining sector is also witnessing ever-growing interest from foreign investors.



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The Gakara Rare Earth Project located in the Bujumbura province of Burundi is a flagship project producing one of the world's highest-grade rare earth deposits in the north Easting Kibaran Fold Belt in the Burundi Supergroup. Mixed rare-earth carbonates consisting of neodymium and praseodymium elements used in electric vehicles and wind turbines are important as the globe transitions into sustainable energy sources.

The Belinga iron ore deposit, believed to be among the largest iron ore deposits in the world and with the country being the third largest producer of manganese making Gabon a critical component of the global steel industry

Zambia is renowned for its copper resources as they play a significant role in the global quest for clean energy. The GoviEx Uranium Muntanga uranium project in the Southern province of Zambia is noteworthy project consisting of large quantities of uranium which makes Zambia critical for the transition into clean renewable energy

Recent economical gold has been found in the Alibori region in Benin as small scale gold mine was done by artisanal miners in the Atakora Mountains. The mining of carbonates, sand and gravel in the country play a crucial role in cement production. Low grade iron ore deposits are found in the Loumbou-Loumbou and Madekali areas in the Borgou district. As we explore emerging mining countries in Africa, SAMYA's insights provide a roadmap for harnessing the continents mineral wealth while uplifting the community and empowering the youth.

