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# Programme: Colloquium on Mining Sector Governance in Namibia





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**Date:** Wednesday, 11 October 2023  
**Venue:** Room 2, HTTPS Building, NUST Lower Campus  
**Time:** 14:30-16:30

**Facilitator: Ms Cathrine Marenga**  
*Focal Person: Youth Initiative for Land in Africa (Yilaa), Namibia*

**Hybrid link:** <https://lse.zoom.us/j/87034245682>

### Programme

Time	Activity	Facilitator(s)
14:30	Welcome	<b>Prof Harmony Musiyarira</b> <i>Executive Dean: Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment, NUST</i>
14:45	Introduction of the Guest Speaker	<b>Prof Mallikarjun Pillalamarry</b> <i>Head of Department: Department of Civil, Mining and Process Engineering, NUST</i>
15:00	<b>Lecture:</b> Mining for Critical Raw Materials in Namibia: Preliminary findings on multi-stakeholder governance and policy for local economic development	<b>Mr Adil Sait</b> <i>PhD Candidate in Economic Geography, LSE and Visiting Research Fellow, NUST</i>
15:45	<b>Questions and Discussions</b>	
16:15	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<b>Mr Issa Amin</b> <i>Acting Deputy HOD: Department of Land and Spatial Sciences</i>

## Profile

**Adil Sait** is a PhD Candidate in Economic Geography at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). He is a Visiting Research Fellow in the Department of Civil, Mining and Process Engineering, at the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST, 2023-24).

Sait's doctoral research focuses on mining for critical and conflict minerals and its implications for African development. He holds a BSc. in Urban Planning from UCL (First Class Honours, 2015-18), and MSc. in Local Economic Development from LSE (Distinction, 2018-19). His masters' field research in Monrovia, Liberia was funded by LSE's Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa and hosted by the National Housing Authority and Habitat for Humanity International.

Prior to his PhD studies, Sait was an analyst with BuroHappold (London/Riyadh), and research assistant for the LSE Kuwait Programme. Sait has also been involved in projects with UN ECLAC, the World Bank, Technical University of Munich, UN-Habitat/GLTN, and acted as rapporteur for the GIZ-funded Network of Excellence in Land Governance in Africa (NELGA). He has also been high-level panel speaker and rapporteur at the World Urban Forums in Abu Dhabi and Katowice.

Sait has published widely and also presented at the World Ecocities Summit (UK), EU-SPRI Innovation Studies Conference (INGENIO, Spain), Second International Conference on Land Governance and Societal Development (NUST and Hanns Seidel Foundation, China/Namibia), UN-Habitat Assembly (Kenya), World Bank (Washington DC), and Beyond Oil Conference (University of Bergen, Norway), among others. Sait's Op-Ed, [Critical Raw Materials for African Development](#), was published in Namibia's New Era newspaper (28 September 2023).



## Abstract

### **Mining for Critical Raw Materials in Namibia: Preliminary findings on multi-stakeholder governance and policy for local economic development**

Recent developments have highlighted the strategic significance of Namibia's critical mineral resources. A significant factor in the relative success of Namibia's mining sector in attracting inward investment has been a strong, stable, and clear mining policy regime. Yet, there remain gaps to be addressed. Largely missing is an understanding of how different stakeholder groups perceive, co-create, shape mining policies and outcomes. For example, research highlights the role of government and industry in shaping policy, investment, and development patterns. However, less is known about how other actors from academia, civil society, professionals, and communities can provide vital inputs that influence future policy success.

Through 60 semi-structured interviews with key informants – including academics, government and policymakers, industry, civil society, professionals, and communities – this research explores multi-stakeholder governance and policy for fostering sustainable local economic development outcomes. The preliminary findings highlight opportunities and challenges for Namibia going forward in realising the developmental potential of its natural resource wealth, but also the necessity of creating strategic alignment between different groups.

The purpose of this colloquium is to present preliminary findings and receive further feedback from representatives from key stakeholders involved in the mining sector particularly in relation to the discussion on Critical Raw Materials for African Development.



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