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**THIRD EDITION OF ECOWAS MINING & PETROLEUM FORUM (ECOMOF 2021)  
NIAMEY – NIGER, 14-16 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Dear Distinguished Participant,

On behalf of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the President of ECOWAS Commission, we would like to express the Community's profound gratitude to **His Excellency, Mr Issoufou MAHAMADOU**, the Government and People of the Republic of Niger for accepting to host the third edition of *ECOWAS Mining & Petroleum Forum (ECOMOF) 2021* in Niamey, Niger from **14-16 September 2021**, and for the courtesies extended towards the preparation of this Event.

The *main objective* of ECOWAS is to create conditions for regional integration and thereby ensure the socio-economic development of West Africa. To this end, to harness the opportunities and create a permanent framework for collaboration, cooperation and partnership within the mineral and the petroleum sectors, the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government established ECOMOF.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of ECOMOF was organized in 2015 in Accra, Ghana with the theme: "*Harnessing West Africa's Mineral and Petroleum Resources through regional cooperation*" had 500 participants from 23 countries, 49 exhibitors, and 83 speakers. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition was held in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire under the theme: "*Strategies to promote the development of West Africa's mining and petroleum industries*", had 800 participants from 29 countries, 59 Exhibitors, and 51 speakers.

ECOWAS Commission is thus inviting and welcoming you on behalf of the Community for your active participation at ECOMOF 2021. It's an opportunity to freely share your thoughts on the development process for the regional geo-extractives sector and to harness partnerships. The ECOMOF events feature workshops, technical training sessions, conference and exhibition over a three (3) days period. It is also intended to be an ideal One-stop Platform to meet all key stakeholders from ECOWAS Member States who are responsible for the development of the mineral and petroleum sectors and the other external partners.

This third edition of ECOMOF which is under the theme: **Integrating the Mining and Petroleum Industries in the development of Regional Value Chains** – will discuss among others, the potential of regional supply chains and the prospect of harmonizing the core elements of fiscal policy frameworks as relates to the geo-extractives sector in the region. We are confident that the theme provides a suitable backdrop for fruitful discussions within the key-industry stakeholders.

Please visit the Event website [www.ecomof.com](http://www.ecomof.com) or you may wish to email [ecomof@ametrade.org](mailto:ecomof@ametrade.org) for further information on ECOMOF 2021.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

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