



Key lessons learned in formalization approaches based on experiences in Latin America, Africa and Asia.

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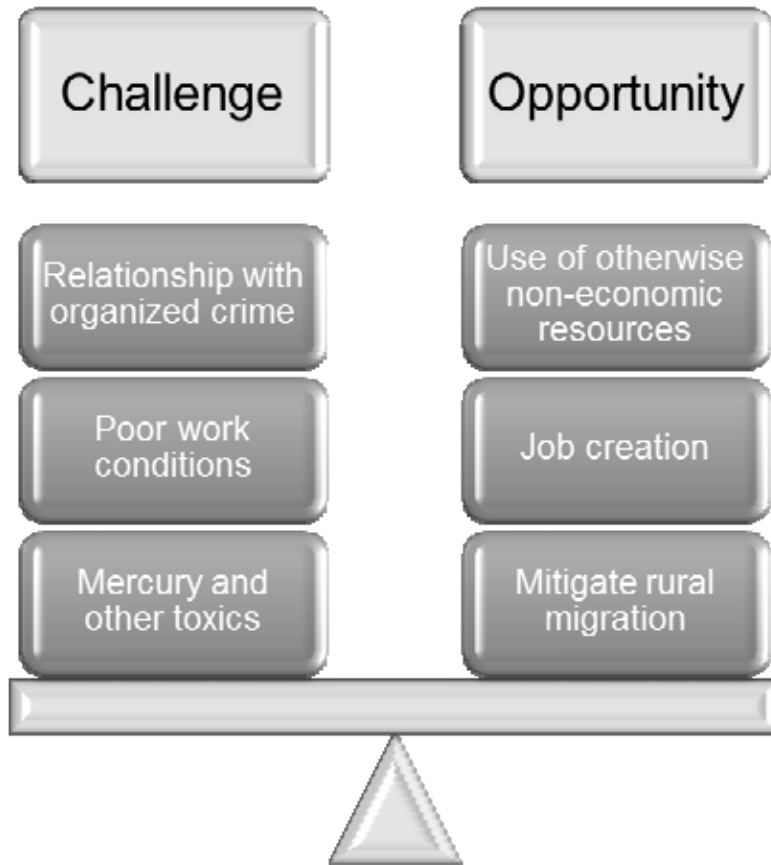
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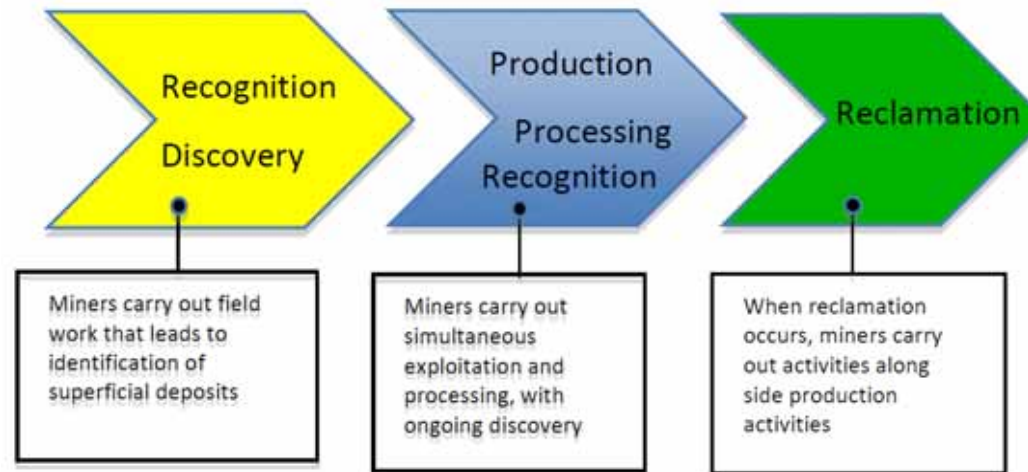
The levels and causes of informality are highly complex and interrelated.



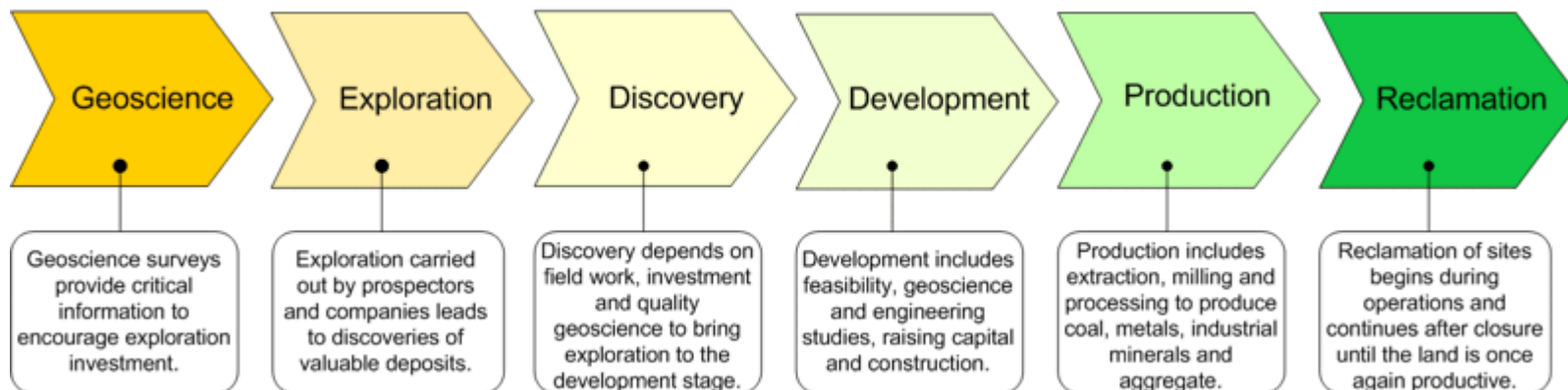
- Although cyclical, nothing indicates that ASM will disappear in the short term.
- Deep open access situation.
- Particular social, economic and technical realities.


The type of mineral deposits that ASM extracts allows for a simplification of a mining cycle. ASM can be undertaken by almost anyone who is willing to work heavily and in difficult conditions with relatively low costs, minimal technology and immediate returns.

Small Scale Mining Cycle Diagram



Large Scale Mining Cycle Diagram.



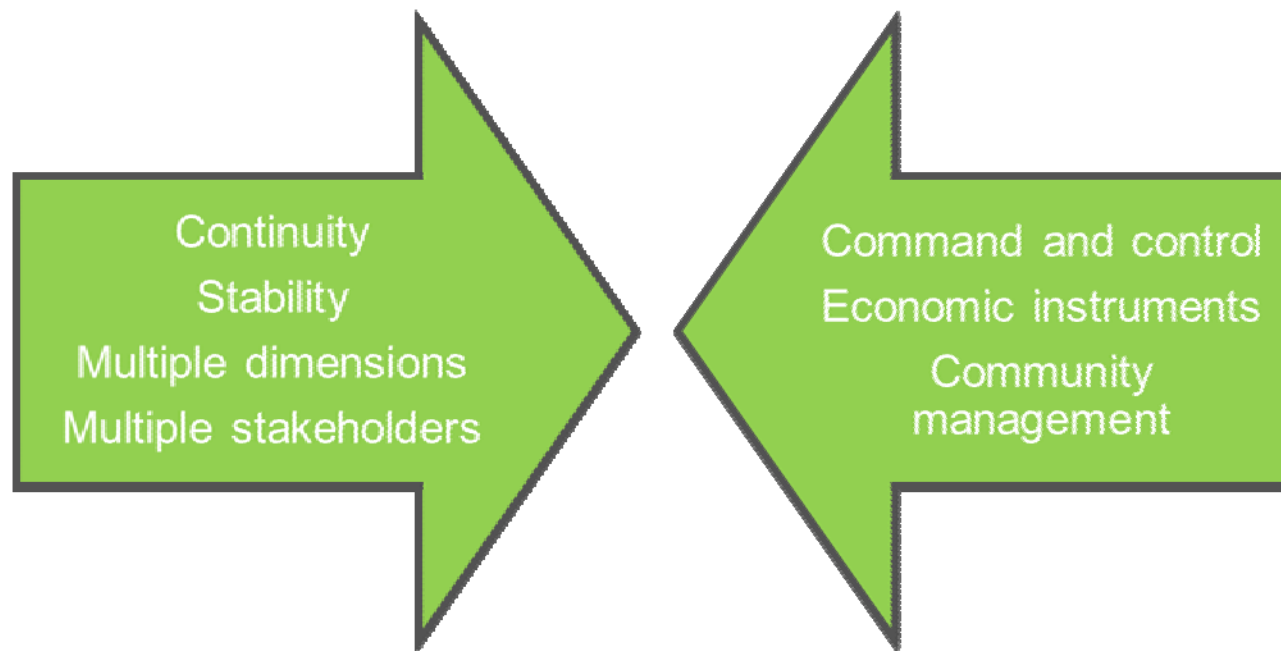


ASM must be understood as an economic manifestation of a country's geological reality.

**Social
Problem**

**Mineral
Opportunity**

Formalization, as a process that brings ASM into the formal economy, can only be achieved if programs and public policy deal with the different dimension of ASM activities simultaneously and in an integrated way.



The heart of realistic public policy in this sector is the recognition of different categories of ASM.



- Simplification without compromising standards.
- Use of titles and licenses as policy instruments. (e.g., the duration of title, removal and transfer of rights, environmental instruments for impact evaluation and management, closure obligations, etc.)
- Long term vision of the sector... stability.

Ethical market initiatives in the sector have emerged as potential drivers of positive change.



For those initiatives targeting ASM it is fundamental that they promote genuine understanding of the sector to avoid the risk of creating more problems than solutions.



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Rosa Reyes, President of AURELSA, Peru, leads her 86 member cooperative artisanally mined gold into the skilled pioneering US jewelers for the first time jewelers, organized by non-profit organ (EM), are using this premium gold to a jewelry.

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By Maria Doultou



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It may have looked like yet another celebrity on the red carpet at the [Cannes Film Festival](#), grabbing three minutes of prime time in the full glare of the world's media.

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French actress Marion Cotillard stepped out of her gleaming black to tread the red carpet for the premiere of *Blood Ties*, she was making a big statement; and it was not about herself.

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