

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

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

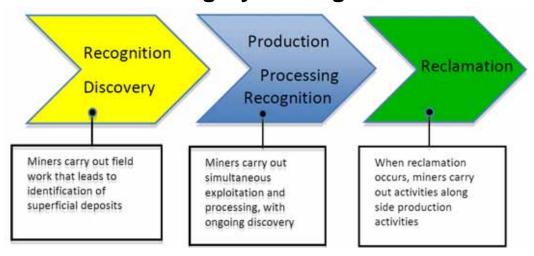




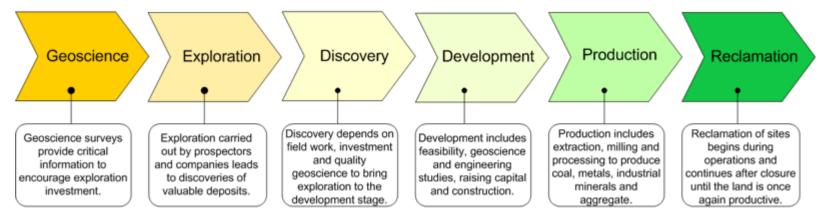
- Although cyclical, nothing indicates that ASM will disappear in the short term.
- Deep open access situation.
- Particular social, economic and technical realities.

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**



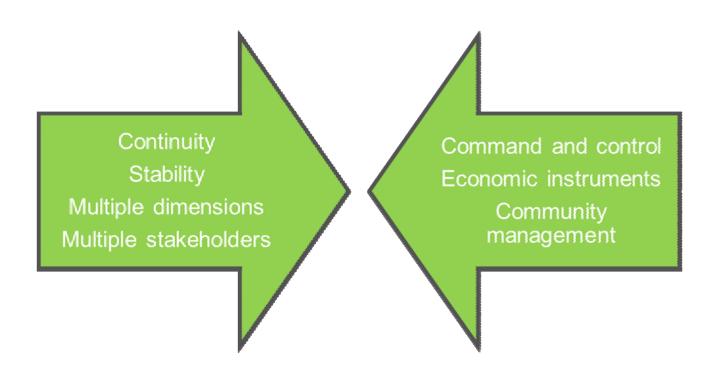
#### Large Scale Mining Cycle Diagram.







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.

