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ActionAid Zimbabwe at the 13th Zimbabwe Alternative Mining Indaba (ZAMI) 2024

ActionAid Zimbabwe (AAZ) participated in the 13th edition of the Zimbabwe Alternative Mining Indaba (ZAMI) 2024, held from October 27 to the 1st of November in Bulawayo. This important event brought together stakeholders from civil society, government, the private sector, and local communities to address critical issues affecting the mining sector.

The theme of this year's Indaba, "Energy Transition Minerals: Putting Communities First for Community Development," emphasised the need for equitable solutions that prioritise the rights and needs of local communities.

ZAMI is co-hosted by Zimbabwe Coalition on Debt and Development (ZIMCODD), Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC) and AAZ partner the Zimbabwe Environmental Law Association (ZELA). AAZ has supported the ZAMI from its inception and its participation demonstrates its commitment to promoting human rights, social justice, and sustainable mining practices in Zimbabwe.

AAZ, advocates for inclusive and responsible mining approaches that not only protect the environment but also empower affected communities particularly women and youth.

AAZ made a significant impact at the Youth Symposium, where it steered a conversation on Building Youth Collective Power for an Inclusive Future represented by Ellaine Manyere, AAZ Movement Building Project Assistant.



Ellaine Manyere AAZ Movement Building Project Assistant presenting during the Youth Symposium

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Supported by the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), AAZ hosted a session on Sustainable Environmental Governance during the opening session of the Environment Social Governance (ESG) conference.

On day 4 of the ZAMI, AAZ delivered an impactful side session on the just transition from a business and human rights perspective. Darlington Chidarara, AAZ Projects Coordinator for Civic Participation & Accountability noted, "We center our advocacy on active community participation, empowering individuals to understand and claim their rights." AAZ also shared its compensatory framework proposal for mining induced displacements. The framework emphasises community-centered, feminist-friendly approaches guided by the ActionAid Human Rights-Based Approach.



Darlington Chidarara, AAZ Projects Coordinator for Civic Participation & Accountability speaking during the Business and Human Rights session.



Rumbidzayi Makoni, ActionAid International's Feminist Alternatives to Neoliberalism Policy Advisor, speaking during the Business and Human Rights session

During the session, Rumbidzayi Makoni, ActionAid International's Feminist Alternatives to Neoliberalism Policy Advisor, highlighted the importance of including women in decision-making processes related to mining. "If we want to ensure that our compensatory frameworks cater to everyone in the community, we must consider intersectionalities such as race, gender, disability, and religious beliefs," she stated.

The Indaba concluded with key declarations and commitments aimed at enhancing community engagement and increasing the participation of marginalised groups in mining decision-making processes.

ActionAid Zimbabwe remains dedicated to empowering women, promoting human rights, and amplifying the voices of marginalized communities affected by mining activities. As we continue this vital work, we invite you to stay informed and engaged with our initiatives.

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