

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-58405

Title: Legislating Corporate Social Responsibility in the Tanzanian Mining Sector: A Legal Pathway to Community Protection, Accountability and Sustainable Development

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality			x	
Techn. Quality		x		
Clarity		x		
Significance		x		

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

This article examines the justification for legislating corporate social responsibility in Tanzania's mining sector, arguing that legal compulsion is necessary for community protection, accountability, and sustainable development. The topic is timely and important, and the analysis draws on constitutional principles, recent regulatory amendments, and interview data.

However, several significant issues require revision. First, the methodology is inadequately described: the interviews are purposive, but the selection criteria for the 32 respondents are not fully specified, and the basis for achieving "interpretive convergence" is unclear. The claim that "81%" of respondents supported legislation is presented as if it carries statistical weight, but without a clear sampling frame or margin of error, this figure is misleading and should be framed as qualitative convergence rather than quantitative generalisation. Second, the distinction between mandatory and voluntary responsibility is well articulated, but the discussion of voluntarism is somewhat one-sided; the paper would benefit from a more balanced treatment of the conditions under which voluntary initiatives have been effective, drawing on empirical examples. Third, the policy recommendations are broad and would benefit from more specific guidance on implementation challenges, particularly around institutional coordination and financing. Fourth, the writing is dense and repetitive in places; careful editing would improve clarity.

The authors should reframe the empirical claims, clarify the methodology, and strengthen the practical recommendations. A major revision is required.