

Insight into AfricaMaVal country case studies **SENEGAL**

Senegal, a West African nation, is emerging as a pivotal player in the global mining sector, focusing on critical raw materials. The country has rich geological formations that harbor an array of valuable minerals, crucial for various industries and technological advancements including for the digital and energy transitions.



phosphates (P₂O₅), titanium (Ti),
tin (Sn), copper (Cu), nickel (Ni)
and manganese (Mn).



The sedimentary basin in the west and the
Paleoproterozoic basement in the east.

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In 2020, the mining sector contributed about 4% to Senegal's GDP, 6% of state revenue, and accounted for approximately 38% of exports.

COUNTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL INITIATIVES

Transparency and governance improvement:

Senegal has joined the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) to improve governance and transparency in the mining sector, demonstrating a commitment to sustainable mining practices.

Business climate reforms:

The government is actively enhancing the business climate through reforms that simplify business creation, digitize customs procedures, and provide tax incentives, especially in Special Economic Zones (ZES).

Infrastructure development projects

Infrastructure projects, such as the regional express train and the development of a deep-water port, are part of the "Emerging Senegal Plan," aiming to boost economic development and support the mining sector's growth.

CHALLENGES AND BARRIERS

• Infrastructure deficiencies:

The development of the ECRM value chain is hampered by limited processing facilities and inadequate infrastructure, which constrains the full exploitation of mineral resources.

• Environmental and Social Governance issues:

Environmental and social governance (ESG) challenges persist, with issues such as pollution, transparency in revenue collection, land-use conflicts and child labor issues.

• Skill and data gaps:

The lack of skilled labor and the quality of the geological database are critical barriers that need to be addressed to boost the mining sector's growth.