

Biography

Speaker: Ketema Tadesse

Position: Director General

Company: Southern and Eastern African Mineral centre

Country: Tanzania

Ketema Tadesse is the Director General of the Southern and Eastern African Mineral Centre (SEAMIC) located in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Mr. Tadesse has a B. Sc in Geology & an M. Sc in hydrogeology from Addis Ababa University graduating in 1976 and 1981 respectively from Ethiopia. He worked as a geologist in the Ministry of Mines and Energy and later as a hydrogeologist, Head of Planning, Chief Geologist and Director General in the Geological Survey of Ethiopia from 1976-2006. Since 2006 he is the Director General of SEAMIC, an ISO 9001:2000 certified, intergovernmental, regional mineral services provider with member states of Angola, Comoros, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Tanzania and Uganda.

Mr Tadesse manages SEAMIC activities which are to facilitate sustainable mineral resources development in southern and eastern Africa and to promote mineral based industrialisation in the sub-region through providing laboratory services such as chemical and environmental analysis; mineral processing & beneficiation; mineralogy, petrography & gemmology and industrial mineral applications. Furthermore he oversees trainings, research and development activities are carried out in the above fields and provides geo-informatics data processing, archiving and dissemination of same to its clients. He also ensures that the Centre offers many specialised services, training courses, applied research and development (R & D) in mineral related fields with focus in mining. Clients of SEAMIC include Governments organisations, the private sector such as mining companies, research institutions and small scale miners.