Harnessing Market Forces: Global Demand for Environmentally-Sound Gold

- Demand greater than supply
- 2010, First Standards and Labelling for Fairtrade, Fairmined Gold: Alliance for Responsible Mining and Fairtrade Labelling Organizations International
- Based on work of ARM and Corporation Oro Verde
- Now open to mining organizations in Latin America, later to African and Asian organizations
Goals of Standards

• Simultaneously reduce poverty and environmental impacts of ASGM
• 3rd party independent certification and mark – attractive to consumers, miners get better and more direct access to markets, earn a better price
• Guaranteed minimum price, social premium, ecological premium
• Standards include economic, social, labor, and environmental provisions
National and Regional Action Plans

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• SAICM projects in Asia and Latin America, managed by UNEP

• USEPA-supported projects in Francophone and Anglophone West Africa, with co-financing from UNIDO and Government of Finland, organized by UNIDO and UNEP