

# International Mining for Development Centre

## eNews

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### Message from the Director

Sydney hosted the largest-ever international gatherings on extractives, development and revenue transparency in late May. The Mining for Development Conference 2013 attracted more than 600 people from 69 countries, while 1,200 people from 96 countries attended the EITI conference.

Discussions within sessions and outside were vigorous and constructive, helping to chart a course for further progress in achieving sustainable and inclusive economic growth from extractive industry development.

My thanks go to the AusAID, EITI and IM4DC teams for the hard work that delivered such successful conferences.

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Photo: Ian Satchwell, Director, IM4DC.

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### Mining for Development Conference 2013, Sydney Australia

Six hundred international delegates gathered together in Sydney last month to hear from global experts and industry and community leaders, to share their experiences, discuss critical issues and build important networks in mining for development - with the intention of maximising the benefits of mining for people in developing nations.

With the spotlight firmly on building good governance, presenters were fearless in their discussions on the enormous challenges and immense opportunities for resource-rich developing nations to take their people out of poverty and towards a more prosperous future.

Presentations focused squarely on six key topics: inclusive development; conflict resolution; effective agreement making; building sustainable local enterprise and employment; and developing human capacity and leadership to generate positive change.

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Photo: Ms Ume Wainetti, Program Coordinator, Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee, PNG speaks at the M4D Conference 2013 about women's roles in decision making and community development agreements.

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### IM4DC Alumni Forum

It was an exciting day with 70 IM4DC and AusAID alumni gathered in Sydney to share their experiences, review the current IM4DC program and activities, and consider the challenges and opportunities ahead.

The enthusiastic group engaged in a range of discussions, including a participants' roundtable, and gave their feedback to IM4DC on its program.

The forum included a presentation from James Gilling, First Assistant Director General of AusAID, who reminded the group that they were an important part of the Australian aid program that represents a force for considerable change within the countries they worked in.

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Photo: Mr Samuel Abanga, Assistant Programme Officer, Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana interacts with fellow alumni.

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### IM4DC Highlights Report

IM4DC has published its first Highlights Report, available on our website. The report summarises the Centre's mining for development capability and achievements to date.

It also showcases the broad range of programs, activities and initiatives delivered by IM4DC and its

partners.

The report features our alumni, and tells the stories of their countries' journey to use their resource wealth to deliver long-term economic and social benefits to their people.

We are keen to hear your feedback on the report.

The IM4DC Highlights 2013 report is available for download at [www.im4dc.org](http://www.im4dc.org).

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### **Myanmar Government and Civil Society Study Tour**

IM4DC recently worked with the AusAID Myanmar team in Yangon and Canberra to deliver a two-week study tour for a multi-stakeholder group from Myanmar.

The group included the Minister for Mines, senior public officials from a number of ministries, and representatives of several civil society organisations.

The group attended both the Mining for Development and EITI Conferences in Sydney, visited a range of mining locations in New South Wales and Queensland, and heard presentations from government, community and industry on various aspects relating to the governance of Australia's resources sector.



Photo: The Myanmar study tour group at Warmbo Coal Mine in the Hunter Valley, New South Wales, Australia.

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### **Masterclasses held on Mineral Economics and Resource Governance**

IM4DC conducted two masterclasses in May for representatives from governments, think tanks and academic institutions.

A Mineral Economics Masterclass was held at The University of Western Australia in Perth with 15 participants from 12 countries. The masterclass provided an understanding of the fundamental principles and concepts of mineral economics, finance and project evaluation as applied to investment decisions in the resources sector.

A Resource Governance Masterclass was held in Brisbane at the University of Queensland, and was attended by 16 participants from 11 countries. Participants were provided with an understanding of the fundamental principles and concepts of governance in the mining sector.



Photo: Professor David Brereton, Deputy Director - Research Integration, Sustainable Minerals Institute, The University of Queensland, and Ms Massa Jallabah, Legal Assistant, The Ministry of Lands, Mines and Energy, Liberia.

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### Data gathering for new regional geodata system

I M4DC-funded CET Research Fellow, Dr Vaclav Metelka recently visited geological surveys and universities in Nigeria, Gabon, Cameroon and Congo to gather data for the new IM4DC West Central Africa Geodata Information System and to establish frameworks for future collaboration.

The Geodata Information System will enable anyone with access to the internet to download map-based information about geology, natural resources, geography and infrastructure.

It will provide governments and communities with a tool to enhance management of natural resources. The system will also provide greater transparency of information to all stakeholders, enabling better informed discussion and decision-making about resources management

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### ICMM workshop on human rights

Following the Conference week in Sydney, two IM4DC personnel attended a workshop on human rights and mining in Perth on 27 May.

Hosted by the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM) and the Institute for Human Rights and Business (IHRB), the workshop theme was *From Good Practice Guidance to Good Practice on the Ground*.

The workshop examined key questions regarding the challenges in implementing human rights due diligence, the challenges in implementing effective grievance mechanisms, and what should be priority areas of focus around respecting human rights and access to remedy.

ICMM and IHRB will utilise the outputs of this and similar workshops to review policies and guidance on human rights impacts of mining operations.

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### Oxfam Mining Symposium 2013

Some 80 representatives of indigenous peoples, civil society organisations, universities, mining and mining services companies, government and IM4DC participated in the 2013 Oxfam Mining Symposium in

Melbourne on 17 May.

The theme was *Sustainable mining – indigenous peoples, community rights and mining: free, prior and informed consent*.

Participants heard about why land rights matter, various global and regional standards on free, prior and informed consent (FPIC), and the perspectives of mining companies and investors.

The presentations of indigenous representatives and company case studies underlined the challenges as well as highlighting successful approaches to engagement of communities.

### **International Mining for Development Centre**

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