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Message from the Director

During April, IM4DC has worked with several countries in Africa and Asia on resources development policy as practiced in Australia to assist them to improve their systems and devise new approaches.

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Lao Government Officials Study Tour to Australia

On 23 April, IM4DC welcomed 23 Lao Government Officials to The University of Western Australia who took part in a one day workshop hosted by IM4DC as part of a study tour to Western Australia.

The delegation was also briefed by state government officials before visiting mining and processing operations and the Port of Bunbury.

The one day visit was designed to stimulate discussion and enable the exchange of information and experiences, as well as aim to improve the knowledge of participants about the key priorities and approaches for bauxite mining, processing, social and environmental impact and mining governance.

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Uganda Extractives Industries Study Tour to Australia

A delegation of 21 Ugandan parliamentarians, parliamentary committee members and government officials attended a three day workshop at The University of Western Australia from 11 to 13 April, as part of a study tour to Australia.

Hosted by IM4DC in conjunction with AusAID's Australia-Africa Partnership Facility (AAPF), the three day workshop offered the Ugandan delegation an opportunity to review governance and other issues in Australia that relate to extractive industries (mining, oil and gas), including legislative framework for sustainable sector development and stakeholder support.

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Research visit to Sierra Leone delivers immediate benefits

An IM4DC-sponsored visit to Sierra Leone by two

researchers from the Centre for Mined Land Rehabilitation of the Sustainable Mining Institute at The University of Queensland has delivered immediate payoff for environmental management of mines in that country.

IM4DC received very positive feedback from both the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and the Environment Protection Agency, Sierra Leone (EPA-SL).

Dr Daniel Franks and Dr Peter Erskine went to the West African nation to examine mine closure plans and mined land rehabilitation to prepare a paper on practices and needs.

During the week-long visit they did mine closure and land rehabilitation 'audits' of five of the largest mine sites in Sierra Leone as well as three artisanal areas.

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Call for Papers - Sustainable Prosperity: New Challenges for Natural Resource Governance Theory in Africa

The South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) invites interested researchers to submit abstracts under the theme "Sustainable Prosperity: New challenges for natural resource governance theory in Africa".

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Upcoming events

What: Practical and Effective Integration of Cadastral, Geoscience and Geographical Data in GIS Systems for Exploration and Mining Projects

When: 31 May to July 7 2012

Where: Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, West Africa

Details: Facilitated by IM4DC, this new course will focus on the integration of cadastral, geoscience and satellite data for exploration and mining.

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IM4DC website translations

The IM4DC website has gone live with a number of languages. Visitors to the website now have the option of viewing the website in four languages: English, French, Portuguese and Spanish. Additional language translations will be dependent on demand.

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