

International Mining for Development Centre

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Message from the Director

Welcome to the second edition of IM4DC e-news. It is just five months since the Prime Minister of Australia, Julia Gillard launched the Mining for Development Initiative and the International Mining for Development Centre (IM4DC). [\[Read more\]](#)

First Australia-Africa Local Supplier Development in Mining, Oil and Gas Forum a success

More than 100 participants from Africa and Australia attended the first Australia-Africa Local Supplier Development Forum that was held in Perth on 21 March.

Hosted by IM4DC in conjunction with AusAID's Australia-Africa Partnership Facility (AAPF), the one day Forum was designed to share and promote leading industry practice in building capability and competitiveness of SME's operating in resource regions in both Africa and Australia. [\[Read more\]](#)



Development of mines inspector training program in Indonesia

The Training Agency of the Indonesian Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources and IM4DC have kicked off a program to develop a new training program for mines inspectors in Indonesia.

Robin Evans, IM4DC's Deputy Director – Education and Australian Capability and David Cliff, Director of the SMI Minerals Industry Safety and Health Centre at The University of Queensland, visited Bandung in Java on 26 and 27 March to participate in planning workshops for the training program. [\[Read more\]](#)

Scoping mission to Peru finds keen stakeholder interest in mining for development

An IM4DC-led scoping mission to Peru has identified keen interest in Australia's Mining for Development Initiative.

IM4DC Interim Director, Ian Satchwell and Interim Deputy

Director – Education and Australian Capability, Robin Evans spent a week in February interviewing vice ministers, senior ministry and government agency personnel, NGO's, universities, professional and industry bodies and companies on Peru's mining issues and how Australia might provide support for sector development and generation of sustainable benefits.

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IM4DC hosts International Study Tours to Australia

Preparations are underway for IM4DC to host two study tours to Australia in April: *The Lao Government Officials Study Tour* and the *Uganda Extractives Industries Study Tour*.

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IM4DC launches GIS course in West Africa

IM4DC is pleased to present a new course which focuses on the integration of cadastral, geoscience and satellite data for exploration and mining.

The *Practical and Effective Integration of Cadastral, Geoscience and Geographical Data in GIS Systems for Exploration and Mining Projects* course will be presented by a diverse group of practising and academic scientists who are experienced in exploration in West Africa.

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Australian Practice Guides available for download

The series of three Australian practice guides produced by IM4DC have now all been released and are available for download on the IM4DC website.

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IM4DC website and publication translations

IM4DC is currently in the process of having its website translated into French, Portuguese and Spanish versions. All of IM4DC's publications will also be available in four languages, with additional language translations dependant on demand.

Mining for Development Conference 2012

Due to ministerial changes, the Mining for Development Conference initially scheduled to be held in May, has been postponed to a later date in 2012.

IM4DC will provide updated information as soon as possible.

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