

# International Mining for Development Centre

## eNews

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### Message from the Director

During March, IM4DC was privileged to interact with more than 50 people from government, universities and NGO's representing 22 countries and three multilateral organisations. They were participating in the Mining and Regional Development course in Western Australia, the Infrastructure Study Tour of Queensland (organised by the Australia-Africa Partnerships Facility) and the Afghanistan Development Fellows program. In addition, IM4DC has had representatives visiting Mozambique, Nigeria, Cameroon, Congo, Gabon and Mongolia to conduct scoping and design activities and undertake research.

A common theme emerging from IM4DC courses and workshops is 'do it right the first time', learning from Australia's and other countries' experiences good and bad, and applying established leading practice in ways that suit a nation's and a sub-region's context. Course participants consistently express their appreciation at the openness of Australian mining for development practitioners, who are prepared to share what they have learned over the past three decades or more, sometimes ruefully.

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### Mining for Development Conference 2013: Maximising Benefits for Communities

**Due to overwhelming demand, the Mining for Development Conference has moved venues and will now accommodate up to 500 participants. The Conference will now be held at the SMC Conference and Function Centre at 66 Goulburn Street, Sydney. The Conference dinner will still be held at Doltone House, Darling Harbour.**

More than 300 delegates have now registered for the 2013 Mining for Development Conference on 20 and 21 May 2013 in Sydney, Australia.

The annual conference is hosted by the International Mining for Development Centre (IM4DC).

Focused on how to maximise net benefits from mining to national, subnational and community stakeholders, the Conference will provide an opportunity for representatives of developing country governments, civil society, the private sector and the international donor community to discuss the challenges and opportunities that developing countries face as they develop their resources sectors.

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### IM4DC shares infrastructure experience with African visitors

Meeting the demand for key infrastructure is a critical goal for Africa to achieve if it is to reach its full mining-related economic growth potential.

IM4DC hosted a one-day forum for stakeholders from nine resource-rich African countries in Brisbane on 20 March to discuss Australian experience in infrastructure planning and delivery.

The forum was part of the Mining for Development Infrastructure Study Tour organised by the AusAID-

funded Australia Africa Partnerships Facility (AAPF).

The visiting delegates, from ministries of mines, transport, energy and planning, civil society organisations and regional agencies involved in infrastructure development, represented Botswana, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania and Zambia. A number of multilateral African organisations were also represented, including the East African Community (EAC), Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (AGAD).

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### **IM4DC hosts Uruguay delegation**

On 1 March, IM4DC hosted a delegation from The Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy of Uruguay (MIEM) during its visit to Australia.

The visit was a component of the AusAID funded Australia Leadership Awards Fellowship (ALAF) Program.

The goal of the program is to improve the organisation's overall performance and viability by improving administrative and management functions, increasing the effectiveness of service provision, enhancing the organisations structure and culture, and furthering its sustainability.

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Photo - Uruguay delegation from The Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy during their visit to SMI (UQ).

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### **Masterclass on Resource Governance**

In May, IM4DC will deliver a two week resource governance program in Australia, which includes a masterclass.

The one week masterclass will take place in Brisbane and involve a group of 16 high level representatives from governments, think tanks and academic institutions from various countries, whom are engaged in various aspects of the governance and analysis of resource sectors.

The masterclass, delivered by a team from the Sustainable Minerals Institute at The University of Queensland, will provide an understanding of the fundamental principles and concepts of governance in the resources sector. It will address principles of policy and regulatory frameworks in key areas across the life cycle of mining operations from exploration through to closure, and also the role of various stakeholder groups in governance arrangements in local and regional contexts. The program will allow participants to share experiences with their peers and a range of expert presenters.

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### **Masterclass on Mineral Economics**

A masterclass on mineral economics will be presented in Perth in May and involve a group of 16 senior representatives from governments, think tanks and academic institutions from various countries, who wish to gain a better understanding of the fundamentals of investment decisions, project economics and

evaluation of exploration and mining projects.

The masterclass will cover the fundamental principles and concepts of mineral economics, finance and project evaluation as applied to investment decisions in the resources sector. It progresses from simple discounted cash flow (DCF) models constructed under assumed certainty, to basic consideration of the related project and financial risk, and factors that shape investment decisions under uncertainty.

The final session will provide familiarisation with risk analysis and recent developments in project evaluation including an introduction to the concept of real option valuation (ROV).

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### **Philippines and Australian universities Mining for Development Roundtable**

IM4DC is supporting a Philippines Universities Roundtable to develop the education, research and training agenda for a sustainable mining industry in the Philippines.

The Roundtable will involve the University of the Philippines (UP), Mindanao State University – Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), Mindanao State University – General Santos Campus (MSU-GSC), University of South Eastern Philippines (USEP), The University of Queensland – Sustainable Minerals Institute (SMI), plus a number of other stakeholders from government, civil society and the mining industry.

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### **Mining for Development Design Mission to Mongolia**

Robin Evans, Deputy Director IM4DC, recently travelled to Mongolia as part of an AusAID Design Mission which focused on defining AusAID sponsored mining for development activities for the next three years.

Robin and the design team participated in a series of meetings and workshops involving stakeholders from various government ministries and agencies, civil society organisations, donor agencies and educational institutions.

The process provided an excellent opportunity to build on initial IM4DC activity in Mongolia, which has included delivery of three courses in occupational health and safety and participation of a significant number of Mongolians in courses in Australia on a range of topics.

Several Mongolian IM4DC alumni assisted with scheduling meetings in Ulaanbaatar and also participated in the discussions. The visit provided an excellent opportunity to establish further linkages, and to focus the IM4DC work program for the coming year.

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### **WAXI 2 concluding and WAXI 3 program being developed**

Stage 2 of the Australian sponsored West African Exploration Initiative (WAXI 2) will be coming to an end in May 2013 with a week-long major sponsors meeting and reception in Accra, Ghana.

WAXI 2 involves government agencies and universities from nine countries in West Africa, universities and research institutes in Australia, France, Czech Republic and South Africa, and mining companies. It was coordinated by AMIRA International Ltd, an Australian based independent association of minerals companies which develops, brokers and facilitates collaborative research projects. Funding is provided by the Australian Research Council and mining companies. AusAID financially supports the capacity development elements of WAXI 2.

The WAXI project is providing West African countries with a modern geological dataset and is building capacity of geological surveys and universities to undertake ongoing research, data collection and dissemination. Countries covered are Burkina Faso, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Ghana, The Gambia, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal, Niger, Sierra Leone and Togo.

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### **Mining for Development articles, presentations and videos**

Two video presentations on aspects of mining for development have been released and are available via the IM4DC website.

In 2012, IM4DC supported Dr Daniel Franks and Dr Peter Erskine to undertake a small research project

on mined land rehabilitation in Sierra Leone. The report is available at <http://www.csr.uq.edu.au/Portals/0/docs/mine-site-rehabilitation-sierra-leone.pdf>

The team has also produced a short documentary, which was entered into the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative video competition and it has now made the finals. The winning video will be announced at the EITI Conference in Sydney.

The video can be viewed at [https://www.socialappshq.com/fb/video\\_contest/?website\\_id=eiti-182289264273-263241163769223&from\\_id=438354](https://www.socialappshq.com/fb/video_contest/?website_id=eiti-182289264273-263241163769223&from_id=438354)

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