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Mining for
Development
Conference 2013
Sydney, Australia

International experts headline Mining for Development Conference program

Sustainable development and mining governance experts from academia, government, community groups, the private sector and development agencies will feature at the 2013 Mining for Development Conference (M4DC) being held in Sydney on 20 and 21 May.

More than 500 delegates from 69 developing and developed countries will attend M4DC to discuss best practice in achieving inclusive and sustainable development from mining and address the issues that confront many resource-rich developing nations.

Australia is recognised globally as having one of the world's most successful resources sectors. It is an acknowledged leader in its approach to regulation, compliance, community engagement and sustainability, and is in a position to share this expertise with developing nations with the aim of helping them to build their mining industries to accelerate economic growth with the objective of rapidly reducing their long-term poverty rates.

M4DC will be hosted by the International Mining for Development Centre (IM4DC), an AusAID funded partnership between The University of Western Australia and The University of Queensland.

IM4DC Director Ian Satchwell said the Conference will offer an unparalleled opportunity to conduct a global conversation with people from every field of interest in mining sector governance, and in particular practitioners working in developing countries.

“Too often mining is linked to negative impacts in developing nations but through Mining for Development our partner countries can become better equipped to do well from mining and for their communities to reap benefits. The conference will address both the positive and negative issues in an open discussion that we hope will define pathways to help make mining a better contributor to economic development and social progress,” said Mr Satchwell.

Keynote speakers include Ministers from Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Mozambique, Germany and Australia, along with senior academics from UCLA, Oxford and Australian universities, and representatives from the World Bank, the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative and the OECD, plus NGOs such as Building Markets, Revenue Watch Institute and Transparency International.

The program will address the key themes of governance; conflict prevention; subnational governance; building local capacity and skills; gender and building sustainable enterprises.

See following pages for full program or visit www.im4dc.org for further details.

Media are invited to attend the two-day conference.

Visit <http://im4dc.org/m4d-conference-2013/media/media-registration/> to register.

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PROGRAM OUTLINE

MONDAY 20 MAY 2013

07.30 - 08.30	REGISTRATION	
08.30 - 10.30	Conference welcome	Conference welcome Indigenous welcome to country Conference vision and objectives
	OPENING KEYNOTE Opening address	The Hon Gary Gray AO MP , Minister for Resources and Energy, Small Business and Tourism, Australia
	KEYNOTE ONE Mining for Development: a priority for Australian Aid	The Australian Government has made a major financial and institutional commitment to support mining for development. What is the rationale for this? What are Australia's strategies? Mr Peter Baxter , Director General, Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)
	KEYNOTE TWO Mining for Development: an international perspective	Donors are increasingly engaging in the extractives sector, recognising its importance for sustainable development. How does mining link to development? What are the challenges and opportunities for donors? Mr Mark Lowcock , Permanent Secretary, Department for International Development, United Kingdom
	KEYNOTE THREE Success factors for inclusive development from mining	Mining should lead to improved economic and social outcomes in nations and regions that are resource rich, but the record of achieving sustainable benefits is inconsistent. What is the potential of mining for development? What are the factors needed to achieve success? Professor Paul Collier CBE , Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Blavatnik School of Government, Professorial Fellow of St Antony's College, University of Oxford
	KEYNOTE FOUR Responding to fast changing community aspirations	The mining industry must meet national and community expectations and aspirations if it is to maintain its licence to operate. What are the main challenges and what must be done to meet them? Ms Ume Wainetti , Program Coordinator, Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee, PNG
10.30 - 11.00 MORNING TEA		
11.00 - 12.30	PLENARY TWO Realising the opportunities and meeting the challenges	The potential benefits of mining, such as employment, community and local level development and increased revenues are high, but there are many challenges to be addressed. What is needed to improve engagement and capacity to achieve inclusive and sustainable outcomes?
12.30 - 14.00	LUNCH AND KEYNOTE Mining and equitable development	Many developing countries are richly endowed with mineral and energy resources. How are those resources being used to leverage equitable and sustainable development? HE Dr Esperança Bias , Minister of Mineral Resources, Republic of Mozambique
14.00 - 15.00	PLENARY THREE Addressing gender issues in mining for development	Mining can have different impacts on men and women. How should women be engaged in all aspects of mining for development in order to ensure that the benefits and impacts are managed well?
15.00 - 15.30 AFTERNOON TEA		
15.30 - 16.30	PLENARY FOUR Developing human capacity and leadership for change	What are the approaches to developing the human capacity and leadership necessary to achieve innovative and sustainable mining for development practices?
16.30 - 17.00	PLENARY FIVE Summary and wrap up of day one	Summary of key messages and facilitated discussion.
19.00	CONFERENCE DINNER AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS Inspiring change	Professor Michael L Ross , Professor of Political Science and Director, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Dinner venue: Doltone House, Darling Island Wharf, Sydney

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TUESDAY 21 MAY 2013

09.00 - 10.30	PLENARY SIX Building good governance for mining for development	In order to achieve inclusive and sustainable development of resource-rich economies, high standards of governance are needed at national, subnational, community and industry levels. What are the necessary components of good governance?	
10.30 - 11.00	MORNING TEA		
11.00 - 12.30	CONCURRENT 1A Strengthening subnational governance	Exploring the policy settings, practices, engagement mechanisms and capacity needed to underpin an effective approach to subnational development arising from mining.	
		CONCURRENT 1B Frameworks for negotiation and agreement making	Effective frameworks are needed to facilitate negotiation and agreement between communities, companies and governments that deliver broad-based and sustainable development outcomes. What are the leading practices in achieving effective agreement making? How do we build capacity in this area, and how can we ensure that agreement making practices are collaborative and achieve collective impact?
12.30 - 14.00	LUNCH AND DONOR PANEL Achieving inclusive development through collective impact	Donors: Australia, Canada, Norway, World Bank	
14.00 - 15.30	CONCURRENT 2A Preventing conflict through positive stakeholder relationships	Preventing conflict and ensuring that all stakeholders communicate to agree on positive outcomes is key to ensuring broad-based development benefits. What are the key strategies for working with other stakeholders towards effective conflict prevention?	
		CONCURRENT 2B Building sustainable local enterprise and employment	What are the effective policies and practices that facilitate sustainable local, regional and national level enterprise and employment for the benefit of communities, businesses and the wider economy?
15.30 - 16.00	AFTERNOON TEA		
16.00 - 17.00	PLENARY SEVEN Maximising the benefits: the way forward	Panel summaries and facilitated discussion	

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