

CASE STUDY



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Artisanal (traditional) mining brings many challenges in Sudan, which must be addressed in order to support a sustainable future for the many that rely on it for their livelihood. Sabig is working on these challenges with colleagues in the Ministry of Minerals and stakeholders in the sector, including the artisanal miners, mining companies and other government departments.



The Emerging Leaders in Africa Mining course included presentations on Stakeholder Engagement and Relationship Building, Collaboration, Dialogue, and Complex and Wicked Problems, along with networking opportunities with other participants to discuss challenges including artisanal mining.

I think this course led me to thinking strategically by working with stakeholders to solve the 'wicked problems'. For example, in addressing artisanal mining challenges each of the stakeholders is participating (Ministry of Minerals, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Environment, Central Bank of the Sudan, the mining companies, artisanal miners), all of them working together to develop artisanal mining.

By participating in the course, Sabig also learned how to maximise the benefits from social networks, obtaining new knowledge and also improving his language capability.

I guess the networking is responsible for success in my work first, particularly the IM4DC Alumni, and second the stakeholders.



Sabig found the presentation 'Influence without Authority' has assisted him to empower others to influence change and is looking forward to measuring the impact of the regulation of artisanal mining in his home country, particularly in reducing poverty, improving livelihoods and measuring the impact on the environment (water and air).

I think I need more training in some areas and scholarship for a master's degree in my fieldwork. For example, in my community we need innovative solutions in technical processing in the extractive sector (gold processing) and in how to effectively lead this sector through the spreading of knowledge.