

# International Mining for Development Centre

## eNews

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### Message from the Director

The annual Africa Down Under conference in Perth is being attended by a record number of delegates. More than a dozen African mining ministers will be engaging with both investors and Australian Government representatives during the conference week.

IM4DC is participating in briefings of ministers and officials on the Mining for Development initiative and IM4DC courses, research and institutional partnerships aimed at helping African nations to improve mining governance.

Three pre-conference AusAID-funded study tours for vice ministers and senior officials are supported by IM4DC. The Africa Australia Research Forum, being co-presented by the Crawford Fund, is also supported by IM4DC. The forum focuses on the interaction of mining and agriculture – a key issue for Africa.

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Photo: Ian Satchwell, Director, IM4DC.

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### Australian short course on Occupational Health and Safety

Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Management in the resource sector is the focus of a November 2013 short course presented by IM4DC.

Aimed at mid to senior level professionals working in a role related to OHS governance in the mining sector, the four-week course will be held in November 2013 and involve up to 20 representatives from governments and academic institutions from around the world.

The course will provide an overview of the nature and management of OHS in the resources sector. Focusing on the technical and regulatory aspects of OHS as well as driving cultural change within industry and organisations, it will address OHS systems, hazards and risks, emergency responses, regulatory frameworks, ergonomics, environmental management, and safety leadership and culture.

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### Ghana Regional Development and Mining Course

In August 2013, IM4DC delivered a two-week Regional Development and Mining course in Accra, Ghana, in conjunction with the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Affairs (GIMPA).

The course was taught by Professor Veronica Huddleston, Professor Paul Huddleston and Professor Matthew Tonts from the School of Earth and Environment at The University of Western Australia.

GIMPA hosted the course on its campus in Northern Accra, the first such collaboration between IM4DC and GIMPA for the delivery of education and training activities.

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Photo: Ghana Regional Development and Mining course participants. Class of 2013.

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### Agriculture and Mining study tour to Australia

A Mining Governance and Africa Down Under study tour to Australia, organised by the Australia-Africa Partnerships Facility (AAPF), with support from IM4DC is taking place during late August 2013.

The study tour aims to assist government officials to strengthen their understanding of the frameworks governing the mining industry in Australia, and to apply as appropriate lessons and learning in their home countries.

Participating countries are Botswana, Djibouti, Gabon, Ghana, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Nigeria, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

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Photo: Mining and Governance study tour to Australia course participants. Mining and Agriculture group in Esperance at the DAFWA (Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia) research station.

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### **Australian short course on Community Aspects of Resource Developments**

Managing the impacts on community from resource projects can be challenging for all those involved in leveraging development outcomes from mining. Governments in resource rich countries are faced with dual and sometimes contradictory imperatives of attracting powerful companies to invest and operate while also protecting the interests of their own people. They may lack institutional capacity to regulate mining activities effectively. Similarly, civil society and academe can be unaware of the global standards, which such companies must adhere to. The Community Aspects of Resource Developments short course organised by IM4DC in July 2013, was designed to address some of these issues.

The four-week course was held in Brisbane and was hosted by The University of Queensland's SMI Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining.

A total of 20 representatives from nine countries, Ghana, Liberia, Zambia, Nigeria, The Solomon's, PNG, Indonesia, the Philippines and Mozambique participated. They included representatives from government, academia and civil society.

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Photo: Community Aspects of Resource Developments course participants at BMA Coal Mine for a site visit.

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### **US engagement in the Asia-Pacific Region**

The University of Western Australia's Perth US Asia Centre and In the Zone initiative hosted visiting speaker Brad Glosserman, Executive Director, Pacific Forum Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) at a high-level roundtable on 15 August 2013 and a masterclass with the University's Fogarty Foundation scholars the following day.

Mr Glosserman spoke extensively about the US rebalance to Asia, a foreign policy initiative designed to capitalise on the increasing vitality, energy and centrality of the Asian region to world affairs and to underpin a reconfiguration of US power that reflects the changing power dynamics of the world today.

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Photo: (from left to right) Cynthia Griffin, US General Consul shaking hands with Ian Satchwell, IM4DC Director.

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### Upcoming events

This section highlights events presented by other organisations that may be of interest to mining for development practitioners.

#### **Mining, agriculture and development: bread from stones?**

**What:** The Crawford Fund Parliamentary Conference on Food Security, which has been held annually for more than 20 years in Parliament House Canberra, will for the first time be held in Perth, preceding the Africa Down Under conference. The conference will explore how to achieve positive, sustainable outcomes from mining and agriculture for food security and development.

**When:** 26 and 27 August 2013

**Where:** Novotel Perth Langley Hotel, Perth, Western Australia

**How:** Registration at <http://www.africadownunderconference.com/aarf>

**Go to:** [www.crawfordfund.org](http://www.crawfordfund.org) for conference information

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