

Message from the Director

Mining governance links between Indonesia and Australia are being strengthened though close collaboration between the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources and IM4DC. In the past month, we have hosted two study tours: on value chains for coal and aluminium; and on education and training for public officials involved in mining governance.

Indonesia is seeking to expand its mining sector and to improve returns to government and communities, in terms of both revenue and economic development. To do this, Indonesia needs to enhance its policies for explorations, investment and regional development, improve mining governance and on-the-ground oversight, and lift the standard and volume of training of mining technical personnel, professionals and government officials.

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Photo: Ian Satchwell, Director, IM4DC.

Accident and Incident Investigation Training for Zambian Mines Safety Department

In early 2013, IM4DC conducted a scoping mission in Kitwe, Zambia where the Mines Safety Department (MSD) had been identified as a key institution for IM4DC to engage with. The training needs analysis completed by IM4DC at the time for the MSD identified improved accident and incident investigation skills as a priority theme.

In light of these findings, IM4DC has adapted an existing short course in accident and incident investigation and analysis processes and practices for delivery in the Zambian context.

The five-day short course, taking place between 28 October and 1 November 2013, will provide training for MSD, UNZA and CBU personnel, and will be presented in collaboration with The University of Zambia (UNZA) and Copperbelt University (CBU).

Australia Africa Universities Network looks at mining research opportunities

The challenges faced by the mining industry in African countries can only be dealt with in a coordinated, structured approach with all stakeholders committed to finding solutions.

This was part of the message by Professor Ronny Webber-Youngman, Head of the Department of Mining Engineering at the University of Pretoria, to academics and representatives at the Australia-Africa Universities Network (AAUN) Forum on Mining that was held in September 2013 in Pretoria, South Africa.

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Photo: (left to right) His Excellence the Australian High Commissioner to South Africa, Mr Graeme Wilson with IM4DC Alumni, Dr Bunda Besa from Zambia at the AAUN Forum.

Occupational Health and Safety Leadership Program

In October and November, IM4DC will host a four-week program focused on Occupational Health and Safety Leadership.

To be held in Perth, Western Australia, the aim of this program is to provide an overview of the nature and management of occupational health and safety in the resources sector.

Involving 20 representatives from governments and academic institutions from around the world, the program will address OHS systems, hazards and risks, emergency planning and responses, regulatory frameworks, ergonomics, teamwork and communication, environmental management, and safety leadership and culture.

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Indonesian Government Education and Training Study Tour

A delegation from education and training institutions within the Indonesian Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources has visited Western Australia to look at leading practice in training.

Nine representatives from the Education and Training Center for Geology, the Indonesian Education and Training Center for Mineral and Coal, and the Education and Training Agency of the Indonesian Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (ETAEMR) participated in the tour. They examined practices in technical, university and professional development education and training in geology and mining.

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Photo: The Indonesian Delegation start their week-long tour at the IM4DC Perth Headquarters, including a presentation by Director, Ian Satchwell.

Connecting Mining Activities to Human Development Goals

Most recent thinking about the social consequences of mining has moved beyond solely reporting economic and fiscal impacts to capturing and analysing human development outcomes for local people.

The upcoming IM4DC Connecting Mining Activities to Human Development Goals short course in November is designed to build capacity in this new area for representatives from government, civil society and academic institutions, along with policy makers, community leaders, and researchers who want to improve their professional performance to enhance outcomes for communities.

The course will also be of interest to company directors, corporate social responsibility executives and practitioners in the industry wishing to build a new value proposition that enables mining to contribute significantly to human development, poverty reduction and social conditions in developing countries.

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Call to IM4DC Alumni - Case Studies

IM4DC is always interested in receiving case studies from alumni who have attended our programs either in-country or in Australia, and who have had the opportunity to use the skills learnt from the program in their home contexts.

Case studies can be a good showcase of the achievements that individuals and institutions build on their IM4DC learning experience.

The case studies are also a great tool to encourage other alumni as they apply in their own country contexts – the skills, knowledge and networks that they have developed through IM4DC.

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Photo: IM4DC Alumni at the Alumni Forum 2013, Sydney Australia.

Upcoming events

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

Sustainable Development Conference 2013: Collaboration and Consolidation for a Shared Future

What: The inaugural Minerals Council of Australia's (MCA's) Sustainable Development Conference 'Putting Principles into Practice' took place in 2002 in Newcastle, New South Wales. Now over a decade later the SD Conference is widely recognised as the leading minerals industry forum for communicating sustainable development and its practical implementation.

This year's conference 'Collaboration and Consolidation for a Shared Future' will be held in Brisbane from 28 – 30 October 2013. With a new look format, SD2013 will provide a unique forum for senior business leaders, corporate affairs professionals, industry stakeholders, and environmental and social practitioners to build capacity across key social and environmental issues for the mining and minerals processing sector. The program will combine a mix of both high level strategic presentations as well as practitioner based training.

When: 28 to 30 October 2013

Where: Sofitel Brisbane, Queensland

How: Registration at www.sdconference.com.au

Go to: www.sdconference.com.au_for conference information

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