Regional Development and Mining

2 to 13 March 2015
Manila, the Philippines

The International Mining for Development Centre (IM4DC) invites applications for its 2015 Regional Development and Mining short course. The course will engage up to 20 representatives of governments, civil society organisations, and academic institutions from Asia and the Pacific. It will include opportunities to interact with other IM4DC participants and participate in a field trip to a mining area.

The program will be held in Manila, the Philippines and will run from Monday 2 March to 13 March 2015 inclusive.

Program

The program focuses on regional development and regional governance and how communities can enhance the economic and social aspects of mining.

Objectives

The program will provide participants with the skills to:

- Review the global, national and regional framework of mining and its relationship to development
- Examine aspects of macroeconomics and economic diversification
- Explore political and governance complexities of mining sector activities
- Assess employment generation, skills development and labour migration
- Investigate business development fostered by co-operation between mining companies and local private businesses
- Analyse social and economic aspects of sustainable mining activities
- Appraise the environmental impacts of mining and the consequences for sustainable regional development
- Consider the challenges facing mining-led development with respect to regional development, poverty reduction and the development of indigenous communities.
- Explore different practical approaches to managing health and safety
- Provide opportunities to build ongoing relationships and support networks.
Core topics

- The framework of mining and development
- The macroeconomic context of mining
- The political context of mining and the need for governance
- Mining, employment generation and labour migration
- Business formation and linkages; mining companies participation in regional development
- The social dimensions of mining and regional development
- The environmental dimensions of mining and regional development
- Economic and social infrastructure
- Mining and uneven regional development.

Program structure

Participants will attend lectures, conduct interactive exercises and participate in open forum discussions. Participants will take part in a field trip to a mine site.

Who should attend?

The program is designed for mid-level to senior personnel in government, civil society organisations and academic institutions in Asia and the Pacific with a responsibility for, or focus on regional development and governance.

Faculty

The program will be led by Professor Matthew Tonts, Head of the School of Earth and Environment, The University of Western Australia and involve other UWA staff. Representatives from regional institutions will present case studies on key issues of regional significance.

Sponsorship

IM4DC will fund the costs for eligible participants from government agencies, civil society organisations and the university sector including tuition fees, return economy airfares, transport costs in Manila, conference fees, accommodation and meals for the duration of the course. Further details regarding precise travel dates and arrangements will be provided, once participants are selected and details confirmed.

Selection

To be eligible for acceptance to this program, candidates must meet the following criteria:
• Mid to senior level professional working in a role related to regional development in the resource sector
• Employment in either a university, training agency, mining institution, ministry, government agency, or civil society
• At least five years-experience working in the sector
• Bachelor’s degree or equivalent
• Citizenship of an Asia or Pacific country
• Satisfactory English language proficiency.

Applications that meet these criteria will be assessed against these and a range of other factors, including the quality of the submission on expectations and implementation, and alignment with the Australian Aid program priorities. Final selection will allow for the need to achieve diversity amongst participants.

How to apply

Applications must be submitted using the online form. You will be required to attach a copy of your passport and a signed endorsement from your employer. Click here to submit an application. Applications may be started and saved so that you can complete them at a later time.

About IM4DC

IM4DC was established in late 2011 as a key element in the Australian government’s increased focus within the Australian Aid program on development outcomes from resources and energy. IM4DC provides practical advisory, education and training services to developing nations across mining-related issues.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: Sunday January 11, 2015

Further information: applications@im4dc.org