The International Mining for Development Centre is proud to present the second Minerals Policy and Economics short course. IM4DC is supported by the Australian Government through a Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade initiative.

Minerals Policy and Economics Short Course

20 April to 15 May 2015, Perth, Western Australia

Program

The Minerals Policy and Economics short course provides an unique opportunity for professionals from government, civil society and academic institutions to gain an understanding of the fundamental principles and concepts of minerals policy and economics that inform investment and regulatory frameworks in the resource sector.

Objectives

The program will provide participants with:

- An overview of mineral regulation, including international and domestic laws and structures
- An enhanced understanding of minerals policy as it informs mining law and mineral economics
- Deeper knowledge of mineral economics and mineral economies
- A clear understanding of the drivers of public and private sector economic returns across the minerals sector.

Program structure

The short course will run over four weeks from Monday 20 April to Friday 15 May 2015. Participants will attend lectures, conduct interactive exercises and participate in open forum discussions. Lectures will be held at The University of Western Australia, Perth. Participants will visit mine sites and local government authorities during a study tour to the regional mining centre of Kalgoorlie. They will also participate in the Mining for Development Conference and the IM4DC Alumni Forum during the second week of the course.

Core topics

- Aims, components and practice of mineral policy
- Mining regulation (international and domestic)
- Mineral rights and allocations
- Regulating large projects
- Environmental, social and public policy issues
- Administration of mining law and taxation
- Models for economic growth via mineral resources development
- Understanding mineral economies
- Mineral commodity analysis and resource sector strategy
- Mineral royalties as a parameter of minerals policy
- Attraction of mineral sector private investment
- Optimisation of government geoscience programs to attract exploration
- Transfer pricing controls.
Who should attend?
The course is designed for mid-level to senior personnel in government, civil society organisations and universities engaged in resource sector policy analysis, design and implementation. A high level of English proficiency is required. The program will be conducted in English, and will include group exercises and interaction with various stakeholders during presentations and field trips. Given the range of nationalities involved, it is not feasible to provide interpretation services.

Faculty
The program will be delivered by academics from the Centre for Exploration Targeting (The University of Western Australia and Curtin University), and from the Faculty of Law, The University of Western Australia. Senior industry and government professionals and community representatives will participate as guest lecturers and members of panels.

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

Selection
To be eligible for selection as participants in the short course, candidates must meet the following criteria:
- Mid to senior level professional working in a role related to minerals policy and/or economics in the mining sector
- Employment in either a university, training agency, not-for-profit mining institution, ministry, government agency, or civil society organisation
- At least five years of experience working in the sector
- Bachelor’s degree or equivalent
- Not married to/or a de facto of, or engaged to be married to, a person who holds or is eligible to hold Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency
- Satisfactory English language proficiency.
Applications which meet these criteria, will be assessed against a range of other criteria, 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. Women working in relevant roles in the resources sector are particularly encouraged to apply.

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.
Closing date for applications: Sunday 15 February 2015

For further information email applications@im4dc.org

About IM4DC
IM4DC was established in 2011 as a key element of the Australian government’s program to improve economic and social outcomes from development of minerals and energy resources. IM4DC supports developing countries to transform their resource endowments to inclusive and sustainable economic growth and social development. It provides practical advisory, education and training services to developing nations across mining-related issues.

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