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Mining for
Development
Conference 2015
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Shared goals - realising benefits

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GLOBAL GOAL SHARING TO MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Perth, Australia – The Mining for Development Conference 2015 will task participants with an ambitious challenge – to work together, across sectors, geographic and cultural boundaries, using the development of minerals and energy resources to improve people’s lives.

This is a bold agenda, given the sometimes seemingly differing objectives and policies of governments, industry, NGOs and communities.

The Conference, to be held on 29 and 30 April, and hosted by the International Mining for Development Centre (IM4DC), has the theme of ‘**Shared goals – realising benefits**’. It will explore strategies and approaches to achieve sustainable economic and social benefits from minerals and energy development, and to realise goals of all stakeholders.

Joanne Farrell, Global Head of Health, Environment Safety and Communities, Rio Tinto, and one of the ‘100 Global Inspirational Women in Mining’ according to Women in Mining UK, is part of the impressive roll call of speakers that include Ugandan Minister of Energy and Mineral Development, the Hon. Irene Muloni; Indonesian based, Natural Resource Governance Institute Asia Pacific Director, Jelson Garcia; Executive General Manager, Stakeholder Relations, MMG Limited, Troy Hey; Founder of Women in Mining and Resources WA and National Lead, Mining Performance, KPMG, Sabina Shugg; President Alcoa Refining and Australia Region, Alcoa of Australia, Alan Cransberg; and Chair of Australian Indigenous Studies, The University of Melbourne, Professor Marcia Langton.

IM4DC Director, Ian Satchwell said that all have ‘walked the talk’ when it comes to empowering individuals to make change in their organisations and achieve positive outcomes working with other stakeholders.

“Speakers also include leading experts from universities and our IM4DC alumni from around the world, who are the leaders and future leaders of mining and development in their nations.

“They will share their experiences and expertise on a range of topics including implementing leading practice and new ideas, developing networks and building capacity, empowering individuals and organisations, advocating for change, and exerting influence over legislation, policy and practice to achieve lasting benefits”, Mr Satchwell said.

The Conference will be hosted by the International Mining for Development Centre, a joint venture between The University of Western Australia and The University of Queensland and funded by the Australian Government through an Australian Aid initiative. The IM4DC program, now in its fourth and final year, has engaged with 65 resource-rich developing countries delivering more 90 short courses and commissioning some 60 research projects to build capacity, skills and knowledge in mining and development amongst some 2,300 participants.

Registration is now open for the Conference www.m4dconference.im4dc.org, which has limited places, for both corporate and subsidised delegates.

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