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Mining for
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Conference 2015

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INTERNATIONAL MINING FOR DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY IN PERTH

Perth, Australia – The Mining for Development Conference 2015 opened this morning in Perth to discuss how to best use minerals and energy resources in resource-rich developing countries to accelerate economic growth, reduce poverty and improve people’s lives. The Conference, hosted by the International Mining for Development Centre (IM4DC), has the theme of ‘Shared goals – realising benefits’.

Working together across sectors and geographic and cultural boundaries, delegates are exploring strategies to achieve sustainable economic and social benefits for nations and communities in developing nations. Participants from developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America have joined international and Australian experts to share experiences and learn from each other.

The Conference features international speakers from governments, NGOs, industry and the private sector. Presenters include: ministers and senior government representatives from Australia, Uganda, Papua New Guinea, and Peru; global humanitarian and civil society experts; and academia from prominent universities. Keynote speaker, Joanne Farrell, Global Head of Health, Safety, Security Environment and Communities for the Rio Tinto Group, will discuss how to identify and achieve shared goals and priorities between mining companies, communities and governments.

Early this morning the event kicked off with the Empowered Women in Mining Breakfast, where the audience was challenged to consider how they could improve and advocate for gender equality with their organisations and communities. Dr Vanessa Guthrie Managing Director and CEO of Toro Energy led an expert panel of women from across the resources sector, chaired by Nicole Roocke, Deputy Chief Executive of The Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia.

The IM4DC Alumni Forum preceded the conference on Wednesday. There, current and future leaders examined case studies and developed strategies to engage, develop, empower and influence their colleagues and stakeholders.

Ian Satchwell, Director of IM4DC said of the conference: “It is a forum to share experiences and expertise around 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”.

For full details of speakers and the various sessions at the M4DConference 2015 visit www.m4dconference.im4dc.org or follow events live throughout the day on Twitter at @M4DConference and #M4DConference.

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