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Mining for
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Conference 2015
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Shared goals - realising benefits

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MINING FOR DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONERS HEADING TO PERTH

Building knowledge and capacity in to enable sharing of benefits from development of minerals and energy resources is the focus of a global conference in Perth at the end of April.

The Mining for Development Alumni Forum and Conference 2015 will be held at The University of Western Australia on 29 and 30 April.

Hosted by the International Mining for Development Centre (IM4DC), the conference will focus on the key theme of 'Shared goals – realising benefits' and explore strategies to work together across geographical, cultural and sectoral boundaries to maximise benefits to communities in resource-rich developing nations.

The Conference will feature international speakers from governments, NGOs, industry and the private sector including ministerial representatives from Uganda, Papua New Guinea and the Commissioner for Trade and Industry of the African Union.

Participants from resource-rich developing countries will join international and Australian experts to share experiences in implementing strategies for maximising and sharing the benefits that can flow from mining.

Speakers include: Joanne Farrell, Global Head of Health, Environment Safety and Communities, Rio Tinto; Ugandan Minister of Energy and Mineral Development, the Hon. Irene Muloni; the Hon Joe Sungi, Vice Minister for Inter-Government Relations and Member of Parliament for Nuku Open in Papua New Guinea; 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; Michelle Andrews, Deputy Director General, Strategic Policy Department of Mines and Petroleum; and Chair of Australian Indigenous Studies, The University of Melbourne, Professor Marcia Langton.

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 than 90 short courses and commissioning some 60 research projects to build capacity, skills and knowledge in mining and development amongst some 2,300 participants.

For a full list of sessions and speakers at the M4D Conference 2015, visit www.m4dconference.im4dc.org. Media are invited to attend – please register online.

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