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Message from the Director

IM4DC's activities intensify in the coming month with the Mining for Development Conference in Sydney, plus courses, study tours, fellowships and forums. Elsewhere in this newsletter is a summary of all IM4DC events in May and June.

I am delighted that the Mining for Development Conference has attracted 600 delegates and is at capacity. Our new larger venue can't accommodate any more! The Conference will feature some 55 top-flight speakers covering a range of topics around how to maximise the benefits for communities from mining. I am looking forward to intense interaction of people and ideas.

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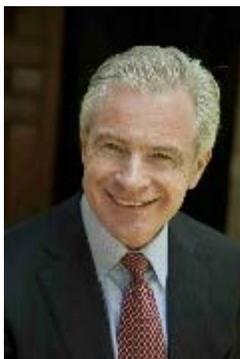


Photo: Ian Satchwell, Director, IM4DC

IM4DC activity snapshot

During May and June 2013, IM4DC will deliver the following activities:

May

- Afghanistan Mining for Development Fellowships (ongoing) – Perth, Brisbane and regional centres
- Mineral Economics Masterclass – Perth
- Resource Governance Masterclass – Brisbane
- Mining for Development Conference – Sydney

- IM4DC Alumni Forum – Sydney
- Myanmar Government and Civil Society Study Tour – NSW and Queensland
- Mining for Development Universities workshop – Sydney
- Occupational Health and Safety Internal Auditing course – Mongolia
- Distinguished Fellowship of Dr Ousmane Wane (University of Bamako, Mali) – Perth

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Manila Roundtable on a research agenda for sustainable mining in the Philippines

In early April, IM4DC partnered with The University of the Philippines to co-host a three day roundtable event in Manila, attended by over 70 participants from government, academia and civil society between 3 and 5 April 2013. Universities from the resources-rich island of Mindanao were well represented.

The objectives were to develop a research and training agenda across all related disciplines in universities and colleges, and to formulate a framework for how academe can engage with other stakeholders in making better informed decisions in the development of a responsible and sustainable mining industry in the Philippines.

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Photo: Roundtable participants in Manila, Philippines

Ghana workshop on micro, small and medium enterprise development

In April 2013, a group of more than 30 participants including government, mining industry and small business representatives were involved in a week-long training course that focused on the development of local business enterprises in resource-rich regions.

IM4DC sponsored government and civil society representatives from Ghana and Liberia to attend the event, which was co-ordinated by the local Sekondi-Takoradi Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry, working collaboratively with UQ's SMI Centre for Social Responsibility and service provider Community Insights.

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Mozambique mining and community development workshop

IM4DC-funded CSRM senior research fellow, Dr Kathryn Sturman and research analyst, Nina Collins delivered a training workshop from 23 to 26 April 2013 on mining and community development in Tete, Mozambique in collaboration with the Sustainable Development Strategies Group (SDSG).

The workshop was part of a training series on sustainable mining funded by AusAID's Australia Africa Partnership Facility (AAPF) in partnership with Mozambique's Ministry of Mineral Resources (MIREM) and delivered by Dr Laura Barreto and Kristi Disney of the SDSG.

There were 40 participants in the workshop, representing a number of national and provincial government departments, as well as civil society organisations.

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Photo: Farming project in Mozambique

University course design for Mozambique

Professor Steve Hall, Director of the WA School of Mines at Curtin University visited universities in Mozambique in late March and early April on a scoping visit for IM4DC about future mining education support.

The purpose was to identify strategies for assistance to the teaching of mining and processing disciplines and strategies for engagement.

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Mozambique and Australia sign MOU on mining for development

The Governments of Australia and Mozambique have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on mining for development to formalise the growing partnership between Australia and Mozambique to support efforts to maximise economic growth from Mozambique's mineral and energy resources.

The partnership aims improve university and technical and vocational education as well as research delivered in response to needs generated by mining growth.

The aim is to increase employment opportunities for local people and improve local business and worker participation in the industry.

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Photo (AusAID): Mosambique President Armando Guebuza meets Australia Award students

Indonesian ministry and IM4DC discuss training and research program

Officials from the Education and Training Agency of the Indonesian Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (ETAEMR) and representatives of IM4DC met in Jakarta and Bandung in mid-April to discuss the IM4DC Indonesia program to the end of 2014. The agreed program is in summary:

Mines inspector training

Continuation of Mines Inspector Master Trainer course program in Indonesia and Australia)

Inspection practices internships/on the job training in Australia for Senior Mines Inspectors and Trainers

Further cooperative development of the Mines Inspector training curriculum and training material – including from 2014, development of material for advanced level inspectors

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Photo: Ian Satchwell presenting at ozmine2013

Mining for Development Conference 2013 - Maximising benefits for communities

The world's leading authorities on mining and sustainable development will gather in Sydney, Australia for the Mining for Development Conference 2013 on 20 and 21 May.

Hosted by IM4DC, the second annual Conference will focus on how to maximise benefits to communities in resource-rich developing nations.

To be officially opened by The Hon Gary Gray AO MP, Minister for Resources and Energy, the Conference will feature prominent international speakers from governments, industry and the private sector including ministerial representatives from Afghanistan, Mozambique, Peru and Germany.

Keynote speakers include the Hon Clare Short, Chair of EITI, Erik Solheim, Chair of the OECD Development Assistance Committee and Professor Paul Collier CBE, Economics and Public Policy Professor at the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford and author of *The Plundered Planet: How to reconcile prosperity with nature* (Oxford University Press) .

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Photo (left to right): Professor Paul Johnson, Vice-Chancellor, UWA; Dr Mamphele A Ramphela, Chairperson, Gold Fields; and Tim Shanahan, Director, EMI at the first annual Mining for Development Roundtable in 2012

Afghani Fellows visit Kalgoorlie mining and education operations

IM4DC's six Fellows from Afghanistan spent part of April receiving mining principles training and gaining field experience and in the Goldfields region of Western Australia. The Curtin University's WA School of Mines presented two short courses in Mining and Surveying, and Open Pit Mine Planning and Design. As part of these courses, the Fellows visited open cut and underground mines, and gold processing plants.

The Fellows also took time out familiarise themselves with the Afghanistan connection with the Goldfields and Australia's development through the Afghan cameleers and their camel trains that provided transport services to the outback. The group visited the historic town of Coolgardie, and paid their respects to the grave of Tagh. Mahomed, a cameleer who died in Coolgardie in 1896, and other Afghans who are buried at the cemetery.

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Photo: Afghanistan Fellows connect with forebears at Coolgardie Cemetery. Left to right: Reza Tawakoli, Ali Jaffari, Mohammad Mahdi, Masomah Nazary, Isshaq Madhyyar, and Nekmal Burhan

Short course on regional development and mining

The March Regional Development and Mining short course attracted 19 participants from nine countries in Asia and Africa. The representatives were from governments, academic institutions and civil society.

The course focused on regional development and regional governance and how communities can enhance the economic and social aspects of mining. Participants examined regional investment, employment generation, enterprise development, local firm integration into resource projects, infrastructure and service development, landholder management and regional governance.

Participants visited Perth, Kalgoorlie and Esperance, where they were able to compare and contrast approaches, successes and shortfalls in Australian regional development, with experience in their home countries. They met with business representatives, academics, state and local government officials, community representatives and infrastructure operators to discuss the issues.

Participants noted that while there has been considerable success in leveraging the economic impacts of mining into regional development, Australian stakeholders were open in sharing how local growth and sustainable benefits could be improved.

Workshop discussions at UWA and in the field linked regional development theory with the practicalities of application.



Photo (left to right): Regional Development short course participants Vitus Tankpa and Wilfredo Moncano

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