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Message from the Director

Welcome to the final edition of the IM4DC e-newsletter for 2013.

Since inception just over two years ago, IM4DC has now delivered 50 courses, workshops and study tours involving 1,211 participants from some 40 countries.

We utilise expertise within the implementing partner universities The University of Western Australia and The University of Queensland, as well as in other institutions in Australia and our partner countries. Thanks go to all partners for their strong support.

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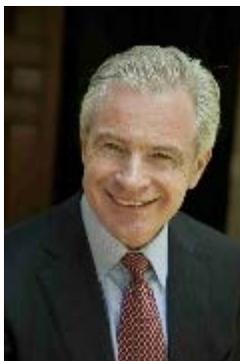


Photo: Ian Satchwell, Director, IM4DC.

Emerging Leaders in African Mining Program

IM4DC in association with the African Minerals Development Centre is proud to present a professional development program for emerging leaders engaged in roles related to the African mining sector.

The Emerging Leaders in African Mining 2014 program will be held in Cape Town, South Africa in late January and early February 2014. It will provide an opportunity for young leaders to learn from international faculty and each other about how to lead effectively in the sector and to contribute meaningfully to mining-based sustainable development.

Applicants who were invited to apply were young professionals, working in government, university, civil society and private sector organisations in Africa who deal with mining and development issues and have been identified as emerging leaders in their areas of expertise.

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IM4DC workshops in Latin America

Connecting Mining Activities to Human Development Goals – short course for Latin America

The Connecting Mining Activities to Human Development Goals short course, held in Santiago Chile in November, was aimed at improving capacity to analyse and understand the connections between mining activity and socio-economic progress in mining regions. The approach is to build a new value proposition that place the people at the centre of the analysis and to contribute significantly to human development, poverty reduction and social conditions in developing countries.

The short course was presented by IM4DC in collaboration with the UQ SMI Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining (CSRMI) and NGO Casa de la Paz (Chile), as part of the SR Mining Conference 2013.

In addition to providing concepts and practical group exercises, the course inspired discussions as well as sharing of knowledge and experience across various contexts and areas of concern.

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Photo: Participants from the Dialogue and Conflict workshop in Lima.

Short course on Environmental Management in Mining

An IM4DC 'flagship' short course focused on Environmental Management in Mining will be presented in early February 2014.

To be held in Queensland, Australia, the course will aim to develop skills in the assessment and management of environmental impacts relevant to minerals and energy extraction and processing industries.

The course will also explore the influence of various stakeholders including government regulators, industry groups and local communities, as well as economic considerations on shaping management strategies.

The four-week course will include workshops and lectures at The University of Queensland, field trips to Queensland mine sites, and discussions with fellow delegates that will equip participants with the skills

required to critically assess mining and refining operations and implement leading practice management approaches to mitigating associated environmental impacts.

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IM4DC Indonesian Mines Inspectors course review

IM4DC is working with the Indonesian Education and Training Centre for Minerals and Coal to review mines inspector competencies, training curriculum and delivery modes.

In November, Robin Evans, Deputy Director – Education and Australian Capability of IM4DC and Charles Singer from the Sustainable Minerals Institute's Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining (SMI-CSR) visited Bandung in Indonesia for an extended workshop with staff of the Education and Training Centre, part of the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources.

Over three days, the group reviewed the current extended training course for Mines Inspectors, and developed a plan for alternatives delivery covering the range of competencies required.

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Photo: Participants from the Indonesian Mines Inspectors course review in Bandung.

Workshop on How to Improve Mining Tax Administration and Collection Frameworks

IM4DC is collaborating with the World Bank to present a series of workshops on How to Improve Mining Tax Administration and Collection Frameworks.

The first workshop will run over four-days from 10 to 13 February 2014 in Pretoria, South Africa, and involve up to 50 representatives from finance and mining ministries in southern Africa.

The workshop will draw on the findings of a World Bank study conducted in 2012-13 by the Centre for Exploration Targeting (CET) at The University of Western Australia (UWA) and Curtin University. It culminated in the publication of a source book on *How to Improve Mining Tax Administration and Collection Frameworks*. Participants will attend lectures, conduct numerical exercises, and participate in an open forum and panel discussions.

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Other IM4DC upcoming courses

Geographical Information Systems course in Zambia

In January 2014, IM4DC will be holding a course focused on practical and effective integration of geoscience, geographical and cadastral data in GIS systems.

Taking place in Lusaka, Zambia, the two-week program will involve a group of up to 25 participants from government and academic institutions in Africa.

The aim of the program is to introduce the geographical information systems (GIS) in the resources sector. It will address the introduction and review of GIS in geology and environmental science, geographic analyses, remote sensing, spatial statistics, GIS data acquisition and storage, and GIS (geology) data standards.

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Photo: Participants from a previous GIS course held in Ghana.

Alumni represent IM4DC at Infrastructure and ASM forums

Two Peruvian alumni from IM4DC programs recently attended international conferences on behalf of the centre.

Alumnus Miguel Santillana, who participated in the Higher Education Study Tour in June 2013, recently attended a workshop on *Leveraging Infrastructure Investments for Development*, presented by Vale Columbia Center on Sustainable International Investment (VCC).

VCC contends that to be beneficial for a country's development, non-renewable resource extraction should be leveraged to build long-term assets, such as infrastructure, that will support sustainable and inclusive growth.

In April 2013, the VCC was awarded a grant from Australian Aid to develop an economically, legally and operationally rational framework to enable shared use of mining-related infrastructure, including rail, ports, power, water, internet and telecommunications.

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