

# International Mining for Development Centre

## eNews

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### Message from the Director

My recent visit to Indonesia for discussions with various agencies within the Indonesian Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources underlined how well mining Australian expertise is viewed amongst Australia's development partners.

Australia is looked to not only for its excellence in mining technology and practice, but also for its expertise in mining education, training and governance.

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Photo: Ian Satchwell, Director, IM4DC.

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### Gold Mining and Fraud Prevention Study Tour to Australia

Fraud associated with gold mining, refining and trading leads to massive revenue loss to governments and mining companies alike in Africa.

The Gold Mining and Fraud Prevention Study Tour to Australia, organised by the Australia-Africa Partnerships Facility, with support from IM4DC, enabled government officials and law enforcement officers to look at Australia's approach to fraud prevention.

The July 2013 study tour arose from discussions with participants of previous study tours and from contact between AusAID and African governments where it was acknowledged that Australia was a benchmark country for gold fraud prevention.

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Photo: Gold Mining and Fraud Prevention Study Tour participants at the Super Pit gold mine in Kalgoorlie.

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### **Ghana Regional Development and Mining Course**

Participants from African countries will take part in a two week course on Regional Development and Mining to be held in Ghana in August.

The course will involve up to 30 representatives from governments, academic institutions and civil society organisations.

The program will focus on how developing areas can enhance the economic and social benefits from mining. It will examine: regional investment, employment generation, enterprise development, local firm integration into resource projects, infrastructure and service development, landholder management and regional governance.

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### **Mining Negotiation Skills Training Roundtable in Cameroon**

The Government of Cameroon and IM4DC hosted a Mining Negotiation Skills Training Roundtable in Yaounde, Cameroon in July.

The roundtable was convened to start development of a negotiation handbook and training manual to strengthen the capacity of African governments to negotiate extractive industry contracts.

The roundtable came about from a scoping mission that took place in December 2012 by Associate Professor Jill Howieson from The University of Western Australia and Ms Leanne Howie from The University of Sydney. The scoping mission investigated the issues and options that should be addressed in the design and implementation of an extractive industries negotiation program in Africa.

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Photo: Professor Fabien Nkot, Senior Advisor, Office of the Prime Minister, Republic of Cameroon speaking at the M4D Conference 2013. Professor Nkot hosted the first Mining Negotiation Skills Training Roundtable in Cameroon.

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### **Africa Development Bank's Open Data Platform operational for entire African continent**

The African Development Bank's (AfDB's) Open Data Platform is now operational for the entire African continent.

Data for all 54 African counties is now available to users. In addition to social and economic statistics, data on key development topics such as climate change, food security, infrastructure, and gender equality can be accessed by researchers, analysts and policymakers worldwide.

By providing quality data aligned to the highest international statistical standards, the initiative will foster evidence-based decision making, good governance and public accountability. It will also allow for the tracking of progress in areas such as the Millennium Development Goals at both national and regional levels.

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### **Mining for Development Conference 2013 Event Summary out now**

The official summary of the Mining for Development Conference 2013 is now available on the IM4DC website.

The conference brought together a diverse group of leaders and experts in mining for development to discuss and answer the big questions about how mining can contribute to positive development outcomes, built on a developing country's sound stewardship of their mineral and energy resources.

Some 600 delegates from 69 countries attended the event. Featuring prominent speakers from around the globe, the conference provided a unique opportunity for developing nations, governments, civil society, the private sector and the international donor community, to discuss the challenges and opportunities that developing countries face as they build their resources sectors.

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Photo: The Rt Hon Clare Short, Chair, EITI International Board speaking at the M4D Conference 2013.

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### Indonesian Ministry and IM4DC discuss collaboration program

The Indonesian Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources and IM4DC are in the final stages of planning a comprehensive collaboration program to improve the skills of officials and capacity of agencies in minerals and energy policy and regulation.

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Photo (left to right): Sri Raharjo, Deputy Secretary of the Education and Training Agency for Energy and Minerals Resources, Indonesia discusses the training plan with Ian Satchwell, Director, IM4DC.

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### Upcoming events

This section highlights events presented by other organisations that may be of interest to mining for development practitioners.

#### **Mining, agriculture and development: bread from stones?**

**What:** The Crawford Fund Parliamentary Conference on Food Security, which has been held annually for more than 20 years in Parliament House Canberra, will for the first time be held in Perth, preceding the Africa Down Under conference. The conference will explore how to achieve positive, sustainable outcomes from mining and agriculture for food security and development.

**When:** 26 and 27 August 2013

**Where:** Novotel Perth Langley Hotel, Perth, Western Australia

**How:** Registration at <http://www.africadownunderconference.com/aarf>

Go to: [www.crawfordfund.org](http://www.crawfordfund.org) for conference information

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