



AAPF ACTIVITY COMPLETION BRIEF (10 March 2013)

Uganda Extractive Industries Study Tour

10 – 21 April 2012



Results

Activity outcomes: The outcomes of the activity included:

- enhanced understanding of the frameworks governing the extractive industries in Australia, particularly of oil and gas;
- strengthened knowledge to help participants identify good practices with regard to extractive industries management, the value addition of extractive industry commodities, and how best to gain government, legislative and public support for extractive industries;
- enhanced knowledge to help participants think about the management and development of extractive industries in their home country, and help them identify appropriate lessons they could apply in their country;
- strengthened relationships/linkages between Australian and Ugandan government agencies/entities; and
- improved ability of the Ugandan Government to clarify its requests for assistance in the extractive sector.

Feedback from participants: Participant Hon. Irene Nafuna-Muloni, the Ugandan Minister of Energy and Mineral Development and leader of the delegation, said her government would “borrow a leaf” from Australia to “use the natural resources in the extractive industries to make Uganda a better place to live”.

Lessons learned: The following lessons resulted from this study tour:

- Themed study tours would enable participants to have comprehensive exposure to issues and to explore their specific interests.
- The AAPF and the International Mining for Development Centre (IM4DC) should collaborate more on study tours and other programs in order to access networks of contacts and experiences.
- The AAPF needs to plan for continued interaction with study tour alumni through the alumni database to promote online discussion forums covering cross-cutting topics.

Background: The study tour was developed in response to a request from the Ugandan Minister of Energy and Mineral Development to learn about governance of the oil and gas sector to promote sustainable development. The objectives of the study tour were closely linked to the Australian Government's Framework for Mining-related Assistance to Africa.

Objective: The objectives of the study tour were to provide an overview of the governance framework applied to Australia's extractive industries, including the oil and gas sector; to help participants investigate the management and development of extractive industries in Uganda; to identify lessons that could be applied in Uganda; and to strengthen relationships between Australian and Ugandan government agencies/entities.

Activity description: The program was designed to incorporate technical presentations and field visits. Thirteen men and seven women participated in the study tour. The tour began with introductory overview sessions in Perth about the legal frameworks in Western Australia, followed by a field trip to Alcoa Pinjarra Refinery. The group then visited Karratha to visit Woodside and meet with Indigenous groups. The study tour ended with a trip to Canberra and Sydney.

The participants were hosted at formal and informal functions by different institutions, including the University of Western Australia, Pilbara Development Commission, Juluwarlu Aboriginal Corporation, Australian Marine Complex, Australian Centre for Energy and Process Training, AusAID, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Geoscience Australia and the University of Sydney. Participants met with community, local council and industry representatives, and were able to interact with presenters.

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