



AAPF ACTIVITY COMPLETION BRIEF (9 March 2013)

Mining Governance Study Tour (2) to Australia

24 September – 5 October 2011



Background: AusAID and the AAPF decided to facilitate this study tour following the success of the first Mining Governance Study Tour and in response to requests from a number of African countries to learn about governance of the mining sector to promote sustainable development.

The Australian Government and African governments are collaborating through a variety of means to share mining governance experiences. The objectives of the study 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 mining sector;
- strengthen relationships/linkages between Australian and partner government agencies/entities; and
- help partner governments clarify their requests for assistance in the mining sector.

Activity description: The study tour touched on key areas related to management and regulation of the mining sector, including: revenue/taxation; mining production/processing; geological surveying; infrastructure planning/support; licensing/contracting/regulation; occupational health and safety; corporate social responsibility; and environmental concerns.

Study tour participants met with a number of key stakeholders including the Western Australian Department of State Development, Western Australia Department of Treasury, Pilbara Cities Initiative and the Environmental Protection Authority). During field visits, participants visited a number of sites including the BHP Billiton mines in Port Hedland and Newman, the Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines (KCGM)-managed Super Pit and the Alcoa Pinjarra Refinery.

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AusAID: AUD 537 297

Activity outcomes: The Facility received participant feedback via the Study Tour Satisfaction Survey Form as well as verbal feedback to facilitators and AusAID representatives. All feedback indicated that the study tour met its objectives. Highlights noted by participants included visits to mine sites (the KCGM Super Pit and Bullant Mine), technical follow-up sessions, presentations by government departments and the hospitality extended to the group by the Australian people.

Participation by country and gender:

Country	M	F	Total
Burkina Faso	4	0	4
Cameroon	2	0	2
Central African Republic	2	0	2
Guinea	4	0	4
Mali	4	0	4
Nigeria	4	0	4
Rwanda	2	0	2
Sierra Leone	4	0	4
Zambia	3	1	4
African Union	1	0	1
TOTAL	30	1	31

Feedback from participants: Alusine Timbo, Government Mining Engineer, Ministry of Mineral Resources, said: "Visiting the underground mine was quite amazing. Mining in Sierra Leone is predominantly carried out via open pit."

Lessons learned:

- The mineral focus of the countries involved should be taken into account when planning a study tour. This study group focused on gold, iron ore and bauxite, in contrast to the first mining governance study group, which focused on gold, coal and uranium.
- The participants were linguistically diverse, requiring a number of changes to the planning of the study tour.
- The second study tour was able to improve on areas identified as gaps by participants in the first study tour.

Next steps: Each country involved was able to reflect on further support the AAPF could provide within the mining sector, and now has a number of contacts in Australian organisations with which they can collaborate closely for further guidance and advice.

The AAPF will now work with individual countries to support follow-on activities and will also establish an alumni network for past and future study tour participants, and short course participants. This online alumni network will provide a means of follow-up and ongoing communication and partnership building between participants and their counterparts in other countries and Australia.