



Activity brief (January 2013)

Mining Development Infrastructure Study Tour to Australia

11 – 23 March 2013



Background: Requests for support in the mining governance area is one of the most common themes in the Australian Government's diplomatic interactions with countries. Under the AAPF, most of the early mining governance study tours to Australia were designed to provide a general overview mining public policy, especially relating to how it is administered in Australia, lessons learned and best practices. Mining governance study tours have also focused on specific topics, as requested by partner countries, and the development of sustainable linkages between relevant Australian and African institutions.

The AAPF proposed a mining development infrastructure study tour to Australia. This proposal arose from discussions with participants from previous study tours, as well as recent scoping missions, which indicated that improving the infrastructure supporting mining development is vital to extracting economic and social benefits from a country's natural resources. The study tour targeted senior officials from mining, transport, energy and planning ministries, as well as other local and regional agencies involved in relevant infrastructure development.

Objectives:

- Provide an overview of the types of physical and human infrastructure that large mining operations require, including energy, water, roads, rail, ports, airports, regional planning and education/training.
- Provide an understanding of the financing models that can support government efforts to develop such infrastructure, including government funding, public-private partnerships and private investment models.
- Appreciate government roles in the development of mining infrastructure, including facilitating private sector investment and providing suitable regulatory, planning and community development frameworks.

Activity description: During the study tour, participants engaged in theoretical discussions and hands-on field trips in Queensland, where they had the opportunity to meet a range

of Australian organisations, from the public and private sectors, involved in mining infrastructure development. They also met with mining companies and community groups. The program included time for participants to present to the group on their country experiences and work together in regional clusters to identify problems and challenges and lessons learned from Australia. The program also included a one-day forum hosted by the International Mining for Development Centre (IM4DC).

Participation:

Country	M	F	Total
Botswana	3	0	3
Ghana	2	0	2
Guinea	2	1	3
Kenya	1	0	1
Liberia	2	1	3
Mozambique	2	2	4
Namibia	0	2	2
Tanzania	2	0	2
Zambia	3	1	4
East African Community (EAC)	1	0	1
Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)	1	0	1
Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)	2	0	2
TOTAL	21	7	28

Participant feedback: Participant feedback, via the Study Tour Participant Survey and verbal feedback to facilitators and the AAPF, indicated that the study tour was successful and generally met its objectives. The survey revealed that participants rated the overall usefulness of the tour at 4.8/5.

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