

The Mining for Development Initiative

Overview of Australian assistance for sustainable mining across the world





Mongolia
Australia provided funding to enable the start-up of a mining sector think-tank in Mongolia to build indigenous policy research and analytical capacity in this critical sector for Mongolia's future.

Philippines
Integration of sustainable development into minerals education at the University of the Philippines, to modernise the mining curriculum.

Nauru
The Nauru-Australia Compact of Settlement (NACOS) supports phosphate mining and land rehabilitation programs. Nauru's phosphate mining operations recommenced in 2007 with the support of NACOS funding.

Global:
The **Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)** is a voluntary scheme aimed primarily at resource-rich developing countries. It sets and manages a global standard for the full verification and publication of company payments and government revenue from mining, oil and gas. Australia is a member of the EITI Management Committee and has to date committed \$12.7 million to the World Bank administered Multi-Donor Trust Fund. EITI compliant countries include: Azerbaijan, Central African Republic, Ghana, Kyrgyz Republic, Liberia, Mali, Mongolia, Niger, Nigeria, Norway and Timor-Leste.
IMF Topical Trust Fund on Managing Natural Resource Wealth focuses on improving macroeconomic management in resource rich countries. It uses a demand driven mechanism to assist extractive industry fiscal regimes, licensing and contracting; revenue administration; macro-fiscal, public financial management and expenditure policy; natural resource asset and liability management; and statistics for managing natural resources. Australia has contributed \$5 million to the fund and is a member of the Steering Committee.

In Africa, AusAID is:
Improving Resource Governance
Three multi-country study tours in 2011 to Australia for senior government officials from 18 African countries on mining regulation and management issues. On-site mine visits were hosted by Rio Tinto, BHP and Newcrest; discussion panels included representatives from Western Australian and Queensland natural resources and regulatory agencies.
Building Capacity in Geosciences
Inviting nominations for up to 90 African participants to attend the 2012 International Geological Congress in Brisbane, Australia and related workshops to be delivered in partnership with Geoscience Australia.
Supporting and enabling the Australian mining industry to build the geosciences research and training capacity of four West African universities. Under the initiative training courses have been held on geochemistry, exploration and geology for participants from Burkina Faso, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Senegal, South Africa, Togo and Zambia.