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EVENTS :

August 2012

- AAMIG members presented at the WASM-AAMIG CSR workshop (15th)
- IM4DC Roundtable (27th)
- Africa Australia Research Forum Day (28th)
- Africa Down Under Conference (29-31st)

Sept 2012

- Celtic Club Seminar (4th)
- APPIA Breakfast (13th)

Oct 2012

- Celtic Club Seminar (10th)
- AAMIG AGM (17th)



Wheelchairs to Zambia

Airland Logistics helps deliver a container of wheelchairs to Salvation Army Hospital in Zambia

Everyone might remember an email the Chairman of AAMIG sent out earlier this year, asking for help to transport a container load of 160 wheelchairs from Perth to the Chikankata Salvation Army Mission Hospital in Zambia.

The hospital had not been successful in raising the required \$20,000 for the estimated cost to transport the wheelchairs they had ordered from **Wheelchairs for Kids (WFK)**, in Wangara. Luckily, Tony Berson, Managing Director of **Airland Logistics**, saw Bill's email and contacted Olly Pickett, the Workshop Manager for Wheelchairs. Airland Logistics stepped up to the mark and offered to pay for the transport costs allowing the hospital's already raised funds to be used for other much needed purposes within the hospital.

WFK was a perfect fit for Airland Logistics as they prefer to deal with organisations which ensure the maximum amount of money goes directly to the aid organisation, thereby increasing the impact on actually 'making a difference' for the people needing it most in these countries !

Airland Logistics has its own expat team of professionals based at its African Headquarters in Johannesburg. Having professionals in a country with a deep knowledge of logistics in remote locations, enabled Airland to provide the right solution to WFK to ensure the wheelchairs were received in a safe and timely manner.

SEPTEMBER EVENT

**ADVANCING YOUR
INTERESTS IN AFRICA**
Tuesday, 4 Sept
Celtic Club

AAMIG will hold a Seminar at the Celtic Club, West Perth on Tuesday, 4 September at 4:30pm, at the beginning of the week immediately following the Africa Downunder Conference.

The guest speaker will be Steven Fox, Managing Partner of Veracity Worldwide, New York. The theme of the Seminar will be "Advancing your interests while protecting your reputation and your business in Africa". Steven will draw on lessons learnt in DRC, Guinea, Liberia, Zambia and other African countries.

To register contact AAMIG on info@aaamig.com or 9226 0175.

AAMIG Booth 74 at the Africa Downunder Conference

AAMIG will be at Booth 74 at the ADU Conference. AAMIG has invited a number of social development groups to be present in the AAMIG booth during the ADU Conference.

They include :

- Wheelchairs for Kids
- Tutu Desk Campaign
- Global Health Alliance
- Australian Doctors for Africa
- Room to Read

Ambassador Jean-Francis Zinsou visit to Perth

AAMIG held a morning tea on Wednesday, 18 July for members interested in meeting with Ambassador Zinsou, Permanent Representative of **Benin** to the United Nations in New York. Deloitte hosted the event at their Perth office.



IM4DC Roundtable Monday, 27 August

Hosted by the International Mining for Development Centre (IM4DC), this one day event will bring together leaders from civil society, government and industry to review the performance of mining in generating economic benefits and facilitating social progress in developing countries, and to identify the themes and principles required to guide future Australian Government policy and practice.

The program has been designed to stimulate discussion and thinking about mining for development, to facilitate networking and to deliver broad consensus on the priorities and approaches.

The Roundtable will complement the Africa Down Under Conference (29-31 August) and the Africa Australia Research Forum (28 August).

www.africadownunderconference.com/africa-australia-research-forum

AusAID (Australian Agency for International Development) Consultative Forum

Bill Turner and Jeff Hart attended the AusAID Forum in Canberra on 21 August at which the Minister for Foreign Affairs reaffirmed the Australian Government's commitment to engaging with business and supporting the development of the private sector in Australia's partner countries.

The Forum provided an opportunity to discuss how value can be maximised through enhanced engagement and collaboration between business and AusAID with the aim of improving outcomes in governance, infrastructure development, economic reform, health, education, financial inclusion and women's economic empowerment.

African Development Bank Member Submission

On 17 July, AAMIG received a request from AusAID for comment on the Australian Government's proposal for Australia to join the African Development Bank Group.

The intention to pursue membership of the African Development Bank Group was signalled in the 2012-13 Federal Budget. AAMIG went out to its members as well as the broader industry for input and provided a submission on 10 August, a copy of which has been posted to the AAMIG website.

AAMIG meeting on Investment Climate Issues in Liberia

AAMIG called a meeting on 2 August for member companies to discuss investment climate concerns for Australian and Australian-based mining, exploration, service and supply companies working in Liberia. The purpose of the meeting was to enable AAMIG to provide AusAID and IM4DC with an industry perspective in order to enhance the Australian Government's capacity building efforts in Liberia.

Liberia is one of four priority countries selected in Africa for Australia's mining-capacity building efforts. Such Australian Government support is designed to enhance the host country's ability to attract and retain a level of mining investment consistent with the country's resource endowment.



Africa Australia Research Forum

Tuesday, 28 August

The Africa Australia Research Forum will be held at the Novotel Hotel during the Africa Down Under Conference week. The forum will bring together African Nationals, Australian and African mining companies, Australian and African academics, NGOs and Government representatives to explore selected aspects of the Africa Mining Vision (2009).

Through a combination of panel discussions and “world café” style small groups, attendees will explore : the Action Plan of the Africa Mining Vision infrastructure needs, the nexus between mining and agriculture, economic development, leading practice in corporate social responsibility in Africa and research priorities for the African extractive industries and civil society.

AAMIG will Chair the **Corporate Social Responsibility Panel** which will include the following panellists :

- Tim Costello, CEO World Vision, Australia
- John Borshoff, CEO Paladin Energy Ltd
- Prof. Mark Jones, Director Global Health Alliance Western Australia
- Elaine Prior, Director & Senior Analyst, Citibank, and
- Rhett Butler AM, Chairman of SkyJuice Foundation.



SEPTEMBER EVENT

APPIA NETWORKING WA
BREAKFAST
Thursday, 13 Sept
The Old Swan Brewery

AAMIG's Program Development Manager, Trish O'Reilly, will be the MC at a Corporate Social Responsibility breakfast to be held at The Old Swan Brewery, Mounts Bay Road, Perth at 7.00 am to 9.00 am on Thursday, 13 September.

AFRICA DOWNUNDER

29 - 31 August 2012 | Perth, Western Australia
Pan Pacific Perth & Novotel Perth Langley



The Africa Down Under Conference will be held at Pan Pacific and Novotel Hotels in Perth from 29-31 August. More than 2,000 delegates are expected to arrive for this major conference including ministerial delegations from 16 African nations. The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Bob Carr, will deliver the opening address. 158 companies will have booths at the conference.

Opportunity for Business Meetings with visiting African Delegations

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has facilitated attendance at the Africa Down Under Conference (ADU) by Mining Ministers from: Botswana, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Madagascar, Republic of Congo, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, South Sudan, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Six of the Australian Ambassadors and High Commissioners accredited to the 40 countries of sub-Saharan Africa will join ADU. Senior government officials from a number of other African Governments will also be attending the conference.

Meet with visiting African Delegations during ADU Conference

Austrade is hosting the Australian Lounge at ADU and has completed their Expression of Interest process of facilitating Australian companies with current or prospective projects in Africa to meet with African Government representatives or Australian Ambassadors and High Commissioners during the conference. Austrade will be located on Booth 66 at the conference. **For more information** - www.africadownunderconference.com

In brief . . .

- AAMIG meeting with Globe, Bannerman and Paladin on **Tutu Desk Campaign** to put together an action plan for distributing Tutu Desks at the companies' operations in Namibia and Malawi - [2 August](#)
- **Investment Climate Issues in Liberia** - [2 August](#)
- The AAMIG Chairman attended a seminar held by the British Consulate in Perth - "**UK Bribery Act**" and **General Corporate Governance affecting companies doing business in and with the United Kingdom**" which featured special guest speaker Gerard Forlin QC of Lincoln's Inn London - [6 August](#)
- **WASM-AAMIG CSR WORKSHOP** – Corporate Social Responsibility : Sharing African Experience - [15 August](#)
- AusAID Consultative Forum - [21 August](#)
- IM4DC Roundtable - [27 August](#)
- Africa Australia Research Forum - [28 August](#)
- AAMIG meeting with **DFAT / AusAID** in Perth during ADU - [30 August](#)
- **Africa Professionals of Australia Gala Ball at Novotel Hotel** - [1 September \(Sat\)](#)
- **AAMIG AGM** is scheduled for [17 October \(Wed\)](#). Further information will be forwarded in due course.

WASM-AAMIG CSR Workshop at WA School of Mines



Senior executives of AAMIG member companies and other industry figures took part in a one-day workshop at this year's Africa Awards Short Course at Western Australian School of Mines (WASM). This capacity building program was organised by WASM and supported by AusAID.

Following some introductory comments by Professor Stephen Hall, Director of the WA School of Mines, AAMIG presenters included Bill Turner - Chairman of AAMIG, Mark Connelly - COO of **Endeavour Mining Corporation**, Greg Hall - Chairman of **Golden Phoenix Resources**, Martin Hardy - Business Development Manager of **International SOS**, Rick Yeates - Managing Director of **Middle Island Resources**, and Philippa Leggat - Director of **Parker Resources**.

This year, there are 16 students (most of whom are senior government officials) from mines ministries in Central African Republic, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Malawi, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, South Sudan, Sudan, Togo and Uganda.

That evening, a number of the students attended the AABC function at Table 78 in West Perth for some networking with industry representatives.

WASM provided a terrific opportunity for member companies to connect with senior government counterparts from Africa and to provide an Australian industry perspective in a receptive learning environment, in addition to developing meaningful relationships.



From the Chairman . . .

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During the last week of August, AAMIG will be involved in a number of significant mining industry events in Perth. These events will attract an international audience and will not only provide an opportunity to showcase the technical achievements of the mining industry but also the developing body of corporate social investment work being undertaken, particularly in the countries of Africa.

Increasingly, companies are viewing corporate social responsibility as a source of opportunity, innovation and competitive advantage, rather than simply a cost or an obligation. AAMIG is at the forefront in helping companies deliver better social development outcomes through greater awareness of available Guiding Documentation and the building of collaborative alliances with Government, NGOs and Academia.

The private sector is the driver of economic growth, but collaboration with Government initiatives in regulatory framework, and capacity building with NGOs and Academia in social development and training, will not only help remove constraints for economic development, but move people out of poverty more quickly while enhancing investment outcomes.

Bill Turner