



August Update 2013

Welcome to AAMIG's E-News.

We are pleased to let you know that our new quarterly newsletter is on track and will be released for Africa Down Under. We are currently pursuing the development of partnerships with key stakeholders and hopefully these will be documented in the newsletter.

Please [click here](#) for our new look brochure that documents the benefits of AAMIG membership. Please feel free to pass it around or let us know if you would like some copies for your office.

We look forward to seeing you at booth 78 at the Africa Down Under Conference.

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1.1.1 Last chance to enroll for the Tuesday session of the "Mining, Agriculture and Development Conference: Bread from Stones?"

Tuesday, 27th August 2013

With the vast majority of exploration and mining activities in Africa occurring in close proximity to rural communities, this year's research program will focus on the interaction between these two major components of African economies and the challenges and opportunities for both mining and agriculture and the communities in which they are located.

[Click here](#) to register for this event

Save the Date - Events not to be missed!

20th August 2013

"Business in Africa without corruption: Myth or ??"

The context of corruption in the emerging African countries is rapidly evolving. Transparency and governance initiatives have been introduced by various governments. What approach should be taken and what possible solutions exist?

Transparency International WA invites you to an expert panel discussion, including Bill Turner, Chairman of the Australia-Africa Mining Industry Group and Gillian Swaby, EGM - Corporate Services and Company Secretary of Paladin Energy.

21st August 2013

AAMIG Celtic Club Seminar

Tim Ofor, Director at Pax Populus will discuss "Navigating Free Prior & Informed Consent" and how to manage the challenges and leverage the opportunities inherent in FPIC through the project life cycle. Rick Yeates, Managing Director of Middle Island Resources will address "Building Political & Social Capital – An Explorer's Perspective".

25-27th August

Africa Australia Research Forum and the Crawford Fund

Why Australian mining companies in Africa should care about agriculture.

28th to 30th August 2013

Africa Down Under Conference

We will be at this year's Africa Down Under Conference in Perth. Remember to visit us at the Pan Pacific Hotel, booth 78. Speak with AAMIG executives and staff and hear how we are actively supporting the Australian mining industry in Africa.

31st August 2013

APA Gala Dinner "Building Bridges for Success"

The African Professionals of Australia Gala dinner is the organisation's preeminent social and networking event of the year attended by members, professionals, entrepreneurs, CEOs, diplomats, community leaders and many more.

2nd September 2013

Effective Stakeholder Engagement and your Social Licence to Operate

Understand the actions your company needs to take to build stakeholder trust, earn community acceptance and reduce socio-political risk.

26th September 2012

AAMIG - Free Prior & Informed Consent for Mining Projects Workshop

Pax Populus is running a three-hour training workshop on meeting IFC (World Bank) requirements for Free Prior & Informed Consent. This interactive workshop will cut through the rhetoric and provide some simple approaches for meeting IFC expectations for financing as well as developers' needs in managing social risk.

11th October 2013

AAMIG Managing Corporate Security and Safety Risk Workshop

Dynamic Alternatives believes that the initial focus of training for employees should be on personal security and safety awareness. The knowledge of how to keep oneself out of trouble and manage such potential risks can then be incorporated into a broader organisational security framework. A session covering the personal side of security risk was presented to AAMIG members in July and a second session focusing on the business side of managing security risk will be presented.

For more information on these events please [email Rebecca Hamersley](mailto:rebecca.hamersley@anu.edu.au)

Opportunities

Maternal Health Project in Northern Uganda

An outstanding young Ugandan, Dr Alex Muhereza, who has just completed a Masters degree in public health at ANU, has come to AAMIG's attention. Dr Muhereza wishes to set up a Maternal Health Emergency and Communications System for Northern Uganda, and has developed a pilot project (centred on Gulu) to trial his envisaged system over two years. We will promote the project with the WA Department of Health and with AusAID, but if there are any members interested in learning more about the proposal, they should contact our Canberra based Special Adviser Jeff Hart, in the first instance.

Nakuru Hope

Nakuru Hope is a Kenyan based charity founded in 2009, by Susan Saleeba. It provides lifesaving skills for women and children living in the slums of Nakuru, Kenya. The project commenced with teaching dressmaking skills to the women so that they are able to send their children to school and feed their families.

Currently through Susan's fundraising efforts, she has been able to build her own school and an orphanage for children. In order to continue this project and also to provide fresh water, solar energy and hospital transport, she is seeking your assistance. You can help Susan to continue to make a difference in Kenya by visiting her website. <http://www.nakuruhope.org>

Recommended Reading

Mining Business Outlook Report 2013-14 by Newport Consulting

The recently released report has noted that while the "2012 Mining Business Outlook" report had identified the mining boom's imminent end, this year's outlook represented a significant negative shift in market sentiment. The report paints an even more sober outlook for the sector than the previous three reports. This year, mining leaders are focused primarily on what they can control, including cost management, operational efficiencies, improved productivity, profitability and cashflow. With sharp falls in commodity prices, reduced investment in CAPEX projects and a contracting labour market, many in the industry are facing conditions they have never experienced before.

Balala stops issuance of mining licences

Kenya has temporarily halted the issuance of new mining licences pending the enactment of a new law to deter holding of mining and exploration permits for speculation.

Five trends to watch in Africa's extractives sector

Despite the push towards economic diversification, natural resources are likely to remain FDI priorities for the region in the near-term according to the analysis by Rolake Akinkugbe, head of Energy, Oil and Gas Research at Ecobank Group, courtesy of Frontier Market Network.

For more information regarding any of these articles please [email Jim Nylander](#).

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