

**Joint Declaration of Intent**  
**between**  
**the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)**  
**and**  
**the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development**  
**(BMZ), Germany**  
**on**  
**a Partnership on Development Cooperation in the Extractive**  
**Industries Sector**

The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

- in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the two sides in Berlin on 9 February 2007;
- reaffirming the Berlin-Canberra Declaration of Intent on a Strategic Partnership signed by Australia and the Federal Republic of Germany on 28 January 2013 and its goal of strengthening the partnership between AusAID and BMZ in the field of international development cooperation;
- recalling and confirming the Australian-German Joint Declaration on Resource and Energy Cooperation signed in Canberra on 1 June 2011; and
- endorsing their commitment to the Millennium Development Goals,

declare their political will to reinforce their partnership in the field of development cooperation in the extractive industries sector.

1. Both sides intend to adhere to the following principles:

- a) They declare their commitment to strengthening the development dividends flowing from the extractive industries sector in developing countries.
- b) They encourage all countries to use the extractive industries sector as a motor for inclusive, sustainable development and poverty reduction, and they affirm the inalienability of human rights standards and principles and the need to protect stakeholders' ecological, social and economic interests.
- c) They underline the vital importance of education and skills development and for using the extractive industries sector to drive inclusive, sustainable growth.
- d) Based on the two sides' development strategies for the extractive industries sector and the sector's potential contribution to sustainable development and the Millennium Development Goals, they encourage their partner countries to strengthen good governance by creating stable and transparent administration, sector policies and regulations based on internationally recognised standards and principles and by engaging with official entities, civil society and the private sector.
- e) The development partnership between Germany and Australia is to be reflected in bilateral projects, regional initiatives, and multi-donor trust funds and consultations in multilateral groups such as the G20.
- f) Both sides welcome relevant regional initiatives, especially the African Mining Vision and its implementation by the African Minerals Development Centre.
- g) The two sides will ensure complementarity between their activities and other initiatives.
- h) Activities will be demand-driven, building on existing experience and expertise, and reflect the two sides' respective capacities and interests.
- i) Both sides noted that activities should be based on realistic goals and implementation capacities and a commitment to enhance the overall cooperation programme.

2. Germany and Australia bring strongly complementary resources and experience to a development partnership on extractive industries. Australia's Mining for Development Initiative established a training program with developing countries through the International

Mining for Development Centre (IM4DC) in 2011. Germany's broad experience in development cooperation, including in private sector development and technical and vocational education and training, is directly relevant for mining for development.

3. Ways in which the two sides envisage working together:

- a) Collaboration on extractives skills development including through coordinated support for education and training initiatives and activities;
- b) Joint and coordinated support of initiatives of the African Minerals Development Centre;
- c) Expansion and deepening of cooperation within the framework of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI);
- d) Participation of AusAID in German development projects through co-financing, the implementation of project components, or delegated cooperation, including facilitation of AusAID's use of German development cooperation infrastructure and networks on the ground;
- e) Participation of BMZ in Australian development projects through co-financing, the implementation of project components through its implementing agencies, or delegated cooperation including facilitation of German agencies' use of Australian development cooperation infrastructure and networks on the ground.

4. To implement the Joint Declaration of Intent, both sides

- a) have assigned focal points;
- b) will consult each other on potential activities within the framework of the Declaration;
- c) have identified Africa as a region of special relevance, with potential to also cooperate in Asia. Specific countries will be identified jointly by the two focal points;
- d) will identify appropriate implementation modalities, partners and time frames;
- e) will exchange and analyze information about relevant projects and programmes that are underway.

5. Both sides share the view that this Joint Declaration of Intent may at any time be amended by mutual written consent.
6. Both sides share the view that this Joint Declaration of Intent does not create legal relations and is not governed by international law.
7. Both sides share the view that cooperation under this Joint Declaration of Intent should commence on the date of signature thereof.

The Joint Declaration of Intent is signed in duplicate in the English language.

Done at Sydney on 23 May 2013

For the Australian Agency for  
International Development

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Baxter'.

Peter Baxter  
Director-General

For the German Federal Ministry for  
Economic Cooperation and  
Development

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Gudrun Kopp  
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Cooperation and Development