


Program of Events
Communities and Small Scale Mining (CASM)
Annual General Meeting and Learning Event
October 12-16, 2004 - Colombo, Sri Lanka

Monday, October 11 **Pre-Conference**

<i>All day</i>		Arrival and shuttle of participants from the airport to the Taj Hotel
17:00-19:00		Pre-Registration
19:00-20:00		Press conference (at Hotel Taj)
20:00		Welcome Reception, On Golden Pond Ballroom, Hotel Taj Samudra (<i>Hon. Minister A H M Fowzi, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources</i>)

Tuesday, October 12 **Conference Starts**

07:30		Conference Registration
09:00-10:00	<i>Opening Plenary Session</i>	
	Welcome and Introduction of Guests of Honor and of Chairpersons (<i>Dr. Jon Hobbs, UK Department for International Development - DFID</i>)	
	CASM Secretariat remarks (<i>Mr. Jeffrey Davidson, CASM Secretariat</i>)	
	Chairperson's remarks (<i>Mr. Asoka Jayawardena, Chairman, National Gem & Jewellery Authority</i>)	
	Address by Guest of Honor (<i>Mr. Mano Tittawell, Advisor to the President of Sri Lanka.</i>)	
	World Bank Country Director's Remark (<i>Mr. Peter Harrold</i>)	
	Address by Chief Guest (<i>Hon. Minister A. H. M. Fowzi, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources</i>)	
10:00-10:30		T E A B R E A K
10:30-10:45		Keynote Address (<i>Mr. Peter van der Veen, Manager, World Bank Mining Policy and Reform Division</i>)

11:00-13:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Gemstones: from Mine to Market <i>Creating an Industry from bottom to top in Sri Lanka</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chairperson: <i>Prof. C B Dissanayake</i> Panelists : <i>Mr. T Piyadasa</i> <i>Mr. Chanaka Ellawela</i></p>
	<p>Legal, Fiscal, Institutional And Infrastructural Development Of The Gem Industry In Sri Lanka (<i>Prof. Dharmaratne, Geological Survey & Mines Bureau</i>)</p>
	<p>Supporting Development With Sound Geo-Scientific Information (<i>Mr. Sarath Weerawarnakula, Geological Survey And Mines Bureau</i>)</p>
	<p>Export Growth Strategy For Gem & Jewellery (<i>Mrs. Indira Malwatte, Sri Lanka Export Development Board, Sri Lanka</i>)</p>
	<p>Care To Be Taken In Sri Lankan Gem Industry From Mine To Market (<i>Mr. Thilak Dharmaratne, Gem And Jewellery Research And Training Institute, Sri Lanka</i>)</p>
	<p>Socio-Economic Aspects Of Artisanal Gemstone Mining (<i>Prof. J Katupotta, University Of Sri Jayawardenapura, Sri Lanka</i>)</p>
	<p>Gem Mining And Environmental Issues (<i>Dr. R. Chandradith, University Of Peradeniya., Sri Lanka</i>)</p>
	<p>Q & A</p>
13:00-14:00	<p>L U N C H</p>
14:00-16:00	<p>Gemstones: from Mine to Market - Continued</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chairperson: <i>Prof. Michael Kats, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia</i> Panelists : <i>Dr. Chandana Udawatte</i> <i>Mr. Asoka Jayawardena</i></p>

	Principles Of Valuation (<i>Mr. Sheriff Rahuman</i> , Former President Of Gem And Jewellery Association And Practicing Gemologist, Sri Lanka)
	Heat Treatment to Enhance Color of Gems (<i>Mr. Sarath Munesinghe</i> , Radiant Gems International Ltd., Sri Lanka)
	Lapidary and Business Presentation (<i>Mr. Anura Wijemanne</i> , Pala Cem and Mineral (Pvt.) Ltd., Sri Lanka)
16:00-16:30	TEA BREAK
16:30-17:30	<i>Other Country Gemstone Experiences</i> (Chair: <i>Mr. Tom Cushman</i>)
17:30-19:00	Madagascar (<i>Mr. Olivier Razafimandimby</i> , Government of Madagascar)
	Namibia (<i>Mr. Veston Malango</i> , Ongopolo Mining & Processing Ltd,)
	Thailand (<i>Dr. Wilawan Atichat</i> , Gem and Jewellery Institute of Thailand)
	Discussion
	PARTICIPANTS DINNER (Galle Face Hotel opposite the Taj) <i>Sponsored by Natural Resources Canada</i>

Wednesday, October 13

Technical Program

8:30-10:30	Plenary Session: Fair Trade and Certification (Chair: <i>Thomas Hentschel</i> , MEDMIN, Bolivia)
	The Oro Verde Experience in Colombia, S.A. (<i>Ms. Catalina Cock</i> , Oro Verde)
	An Integrated Diamond Management Scheme in Sierra Leone (<i>Dr. Alpha T Kpetwama</i> , Peace Diamond Alliance)

	Development Challenges Of Ensuring Integrity In Supply And Demand For Certified Stones (<i>Mr. Thomas Siepelmeyer, Fair Trade In Gems And Jewelry Gmbh, Germany</i>)
	Design and Implementation Challenges (<i>Dr. Ranil Senanayake, Rainforest Rescue International, Ecuador</i>)
	Discussion
	<i>Sri Lankan Miners</i> : Introductions and Question & Answer Period
10:30-11:00	T E A B R E A K
11:00-13:00	Plenary Session: Lessons Learned: Gender and Child Labor in ASM (<i>Chair: Ms. Yamina De Laet, ICEM, Brussels</i>)
	The ILO-IPEC Effort to Eliminate Child Labor (<i>Dr. Michael Priester, Projekt-Consult and Ms. Susan Gunn, International Labor Organization</i>)
	Women and ASM - Issues and Priorities (<i>Dr. Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt, Australian National University</i>)
	Plenary Session: ASM in Asia (Session continued on Thursday Morning)
	Philippines: Traditional Artisanal Gold Mining In Indigenous Communities And Their Current Concerns (<i>Dr. Evelyn Caballero, Ateneo De Manila University, Quezon City</i>)
	Discussion
	L U N C H
13:00-14:00	Concurrent Workshops
14:00-18:00	Conflict Resolution / Consensus Building (Facilitator: <i>Dr. Saleem Ali, University Of Vermont, USA</i>)

	<p>Nuts And Bolts Of Setting Up A Gemstone Cutting Business (Facilitator: <i>Mr. Thomas Cushman, Allerton Cushman, USA</i>)</p> <p>A Local Entrepreneur's Perspective (<i>Mr. Rohitha Perera, Beehive Industries Pvt. Ltd., Sri Lanka</i>)</p> <p>Challenges Of Setting Up A New Cutting And Polishing Business In Uncharted Terrain (<i>Mr. Isadeva Sri Talagune, ISA Trading Company (PVT) Ltd</i>)</p> <p>Training Needs: An International Perspective (<i>Dr. Tobias Haeger, University At Mainz, Germany</i>)</p>
	<p>Women And Child Labor: Where Do We Go From Here?</p> <p>i. Eliminating Child Labor From ASM (Facilitator: <i>Ms. Susan Gunn, International Labor Organisation, Geneva, and Mr. M P Joseph, International Labour Organisation, Hyderabad</i>)</p> <p>ii. Mainstreaming Women Into ASM (Facilitator: <i>Ms. Jennifer Hinton, University Of British Columbia, Canada</i>)</p>
	SMAG Meeting (members only) - 6 th Floor Board Room
18:00-19.30	PARTICIPANT DINNER (Samudra Ballroom - Roof Top, Hotel Taj Samudra)
19:30	

Thursday, October 14	Technical Program (Continued)
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8:00-10:00	<p>Plenary Session : Building Partnerships - Progress Reports (Chair: <i>Mr. Antonio Pedro, United Nations Economic Commission On Africa, Addis Ababa</i>)</p>
	CASM Global Partnership Program (<i>Mr. Jeffrey Davidson, CASM</i>)
	CASM China Network (<i>Dr. Lei Shen, Chinese Academy Of Sciences</i>)
	Zimbabwe Report Out (<i>Ms. Margaret Manyanhai, Gold Mining & Minerals Development Trust, Zimbabwe</i>)

	CASM Global Survey Of ASM Technical Assistance And Donor Perspectives (<i>Dr. Steffen Tebbe, ENTEC,</i>)
	ARM - Association For Responsible Mining Initiative In Latin America (<i>Dr. Elizabeth Wahl, ARM, Peru</i>)
	Mining, sustainable Development and Consensus Building among stakeholders (<i>Dr. Michael Katz, University of New South Wales, Australia</i>)
10:00-10:30	T E A B R E A K
10:30-12:00	Plenary Session: TA Works In Progress and the continuation of ASM in Asia
	Formalization of ASM in the Philippines (<i>Mr. Edmund Bugnosen, UK</i>)
	ASM in Mongolia: Issues & Way Forward (<i>Ms. Delgertsoo Tsevel, Mongolia Business Development Agency</i>)
	Mongolia: Ninja Miners Project (<i>Ms. Chimed Erdene Baatar, Eco-Minex International</i>)
	Mercury and ASM in Mongolia (<i>Mr. Peter Appel, Geological Survey of Denmark</i>)
	Community Perceptions Regarding The Influence Of Mining On The Environment From Sinharaja And Kelaniya (<i>Mr. Robin Lock, Rainforest Rescue, Sri Lanka</i>)
	The PASAD experience: Support project for the artisanal diamond sector in the Central African Republic (<i>Mr. Remy Pelon, BRGM France</i>)
12:00 - 13:00	Workshop Reports (1-3)
13:00	Lunch

14:00-14:30	CASM Annual Report 2003 – 2004 (<i>Mr. Jeffrey Davidson, CASM</i>)
14:30 – 16:00	Plenary Discussion : Where do we go from here (<i>Dr. Jon Hobbs, DFID, UK</i>)
16:00	Gem & Jewellery Exhibition

Friday, October 15

Visit To Gemstone Facility

07:00 Day tour to Ratnapura Artisanal Mine visit, industrial mine visits, 2003 landslides site visit, training center, museum, etc

Visit to Sri Lanka Gem And Jewelry Exchange For A Tea Party.

Saturday, October 16

City Tour & Shopping

10:00 Visit to the National Gem & Jewellery Exchange