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GIS for Mining and Environment Monitoring

October 21—November 05, 2018

MERIT organized a training course for local government officials responsible for mining and environmental monitoring and land use management at the aimag and soum levels. The course provides basic theory, concepts and techniques of software that can be used for map projections, as well as knowledge and tools for participants to be able to use GIS (Geographic Information Systems) in their day-to-day work on mine monitoring and environmental assessment.



Technical Advisor Augusto Ribeiro conducted the GIS training with local government officials of Dornod and Sukhbaatar aimag

Collaborating to Build a Training Program for SMEs

October 24—November 11, 2018

MERIT, together with the Mongolian University of Science and Technology (MUST) and the University of Dornod, has designed a training program for SMEs (small and medium-sized businesses) in Dornod aimag to enable them to develop the business skills required to participate in the local supply chain.

Topics in the training program will include basic business skills such as record keeping, and developing business plans to access financing.



Technical Advisor Eric Karlzen with trainees from MUST

Strengthening Environmental Oversight

October 25—October 26, 2018

In order to strengthen government oversight of the environmental impacts from the extractive sector, MERIT, the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) and the Institute of Geography and Geoecology (IGG) collaborated to deliver training on land degradation and desertification in October in Zuunmod, Tuv aimag. This training will be used to develop a national-level training program facilitated by MET in 2019.



Human Resources Competency Training

October 24—November 11, 2018

MERIT has worked with the Minerals Resources and Petroleum Authority of Mongolia (MRPAM) and the Governor's office in Dornod to implement a Human Resources Competency Framework designed to support the development of a professional, effective and efficient workforce through training and mentoring to develop and revise job descriptions incorporating competencies, SMART goals and Key Performance Indicators (KPI's).

Closing the Gender Gap in STEM at IGG

October 25, 2018

MERIT's long-term advisor, Misha Goforth, who is based at the Institute of Geography and Geoecology (IGG), worked with the Institute's gender focal point to deliver introductory training on gender with the goal of building awareness and core competencies for gender equality and mainstreaming, particularly in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) fields and in the research at IGG.

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After the training I decided to join the gender team. I feel like I understand these issues well and can use my skills and passion to teach others and have positive impact.

- Battulga A., Junior Researcher

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Gender Community Practice Meeting in Dornod aimag

December 07—08, 2018

Leaders and specialists of central and local level partners attended a two-day Community of Practice meeting to discuss and share experiences on the topic of Gender Mainstreaming in the Public Sector.

A study-tour gave participants the opportunity to explore Dornod aimag's best practices on the policy implementation of gender equality, and collaboration between government and civil society organizations.

As a result, it will help to build capacity of government organizations in Mongolia, especially those engaged in extractive sector management, so that both women and men can have access to decision-making processes, have control over resources, and benefit from social and economic growth.



Participants and organizers of the 2018 COP meeting at Choibalsan, Dornod aimag

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