



Participants engaging in a team-building activity during a communication training in Dundgobi, June 2018

Drone training at Sukhbaatar Aimag

July 23—August 9, 2018

MERIT collaborated with Environment and Tourism Agency of Sukhbaatar aimag and organized a hands-on drone training for five trainers from Ulaanbaatar, Dornod, Khentii, and Sukhbaatar.

Participants were provided background information on the basic principles of drone flight and its safety regulations before learning to use a geographic information system called QGIS to create aerial mapping.

A detailed map of the aimag will allow the local government to monitor land use changes over time and create base mapping for land and environmental management.

“ I am now certified to fly drones. Recently, we used the drone to inform decisions regarding the environment. I used my MERIT training to provide training for the environmental specialists and inspectors in the Tuv aimag.”

Participant Otgontugs M., Senior Specialist at MET

Study tour to Khanbogd in Umnugobi

August 5—8, 2018

A study tour was organized for representatives from Aimag and Soum governor offices that work with MERIT (Tuv, Sukhbaatar, Dornod, Dundgobi), community leaders and central level partner agencies (Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Ministry of Mining and Heavy Industry, Mineral Resources and Petroleum Agency of Mongolia). The objective was to learn from the experience of the governor, community members and Oyu Tolgoi LLC staff in Khanbogd soum on effective negotiation, implementation and evaluation of cooperation agreements between local government and extractive industry companies.



Governor of Khanbogd addressing the audience during the study tour, August 2018

ILO Participatory Gender Audit at the Fresh Water Resources and Nature Conservation Center

August 20—September 14, 2018

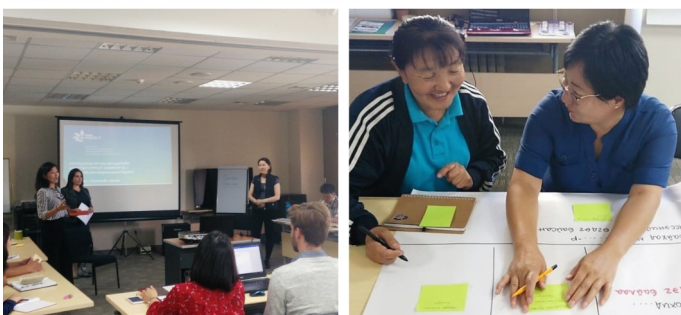
MERIT collaborated with the Fresh Water Resources and Nature Conservation Center, under the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, and conducted the International Labor Organization’s Participatory Gender Audit (ILO-PGA) with the initiation of the director of the center, Ms. Nomin G.

Through MERIT’s support, Ms. Nomin participated in the UN Women training that took place in Vienna last June, and the discussions on gender equality and women’s empowerment led her to initiate the audit at her organization.

A MERIT Technical Advisor, who is a certified ILO-PGA facilitator, conducted the audit through an extensive desk review of the organization, group workshops, and individual interview sessions.

The ILO-PGA enhanced the collective capacity of the organization to examine their activities from a gender perspective, and to identify its strengths and weaknesses in promoting gender equity at all operational levels.

The process initiated a change in attitude and behavior at the agency level through team building, information sharing and reflection.



ILO Participatory Gender Audit at the Fresh Water Resource and Nature Conservation Center, August 2018

2018 IPAC Leadership Symposium

September 10–14, 2018

The Second Public Sector Leadership Symposium was held in September, facilitated by Dr. Robert Taylor, CEO of the Institute of Public Administration Canada (IPAC), and Dr. Andrea Migone, IPAC’s Director of Research and Outreach.

The majority of participants at the Symposium were Directors and Senior Officers representing MERIT partners at central, provincial and district level government. The five-day training provided civil servants with the tools and knowledge to effectively innovate, manage and lead change.

Participants engaged in discussions and role-play on a case study that involved the experience of local governments in negotiating contribution agreements with extractive industry companies.

The value of the training was evident from the positive participant feedback. A participant from the General Department of Taxation said that they were enthusiastic about the value of learning from Canadian Public Sector experience and the opportunity to implement new practices.



Dr. Andrea Migone giving training on change management at the Leadership Symposium, September 2018



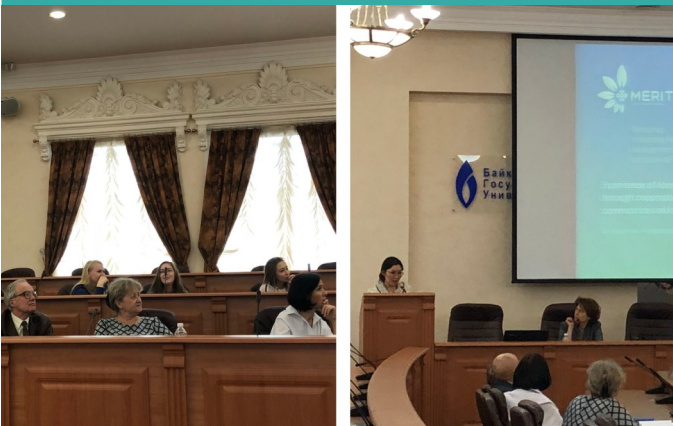
Team-building activity during the Leadership Symposium, September 2018

MERIT at the International Baikal Forum in Irkutsk, Russia

September 20—21, 2018

MERIT's Senior Advisor Sh. Oyuntuya presented her research paper on the topic of "Mongolia's experience on managing joint international projects through cooperation between government, civil society, local communities and industry on the issue of local development" at the International Baikal Forum held on September 20-21st at Baikal State University in Irkutsk, Russia.

The paper highlighted MERIT's many innovative programs at the local level to support responsible and sustainable development of the Mongolian extractive sector. She discussed the introduction of modern management practices in the public service using best practice from Canada and worldwide.



Sh. Oyuntuya presenting her research paper at the International Baikal Forum in Irkutsk, September 2018

Mine-life-cycle: Train the Trainer Workshop in Dornod

September 22—October 13, 2018

A MERIT Technical Advisor from Aurora College in Northwest Territories Canada provided a train-the-trainer workshop on mine-life-cycle training in collaboration with the Dornod University.

The intention of the workshop was to train professors from Dornod University in the Petroleum Engineering Department to deliver mine-life-cycle training in four soums to increase public awareness of the mining industry.

IGG, MERIT, and SESMIM Knowledge Portal is available to the public

October 2, 2018



Dr. Battogtokh D., Director of IGG, giving speech on the opening day of the knowledge portal, October 2018

In collaboration with the Institute of Geography and Geo-ecology (IGG) and within the framework of MERIT and SESMIM projects, the Knowledge Portal is now available to the public through:

www.portal.igg.ac.mn

www.portal.merit.mn

www.portal.sesmim.mn

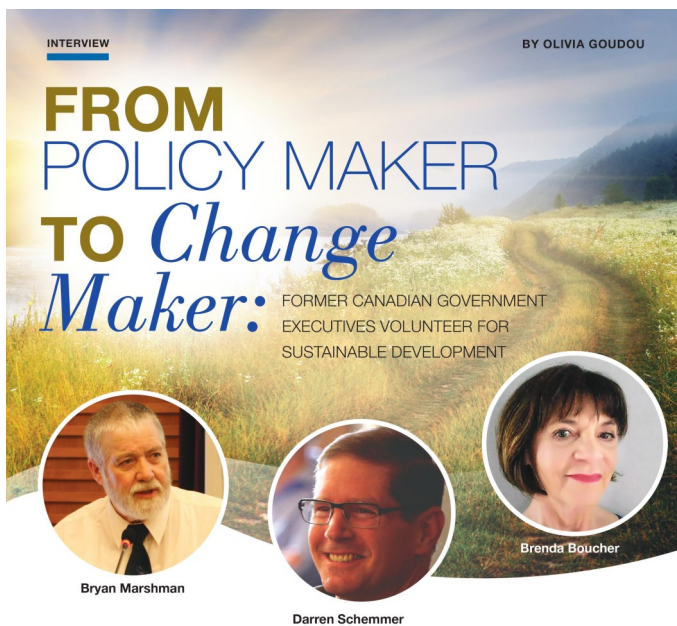
The portal is a digital repository for knowledge sharing and collaboration, which is accessible to project partners, all levels of government agencies, and the public.

It is an integrated source of research documents and reports, as well as knowledge products produced by the two projects, which include all types of training materials, manuals, presentations, and training videos, in both English and Mongolian.

The knowledge portal will enhance the capacity of the users to responsibly manage the extractive sector, learning from international experiences, best practices, and new approaches in the Mongolian language.

“Through this knowledge portal, we are working to support new ideas and innovation. By reading and analyzing new and innovative papers made available through this portal, users will be able to see any perspective to make the researches reality.”

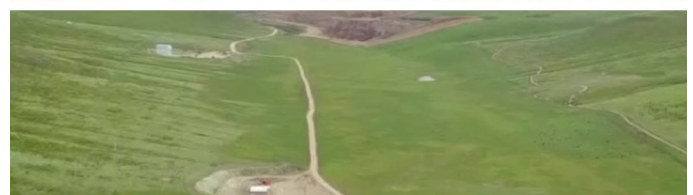
Dr. Battogtokh D., Director of IGG, MAS



Best practice of environmental management in Zaamar Soum

September 18 –19, 2018

A study tour in Zaamar soum provided an example of best practice on environmental reclamation by the Mongolian Mining National Operator, MNO LLC. 45 representatives from MERIT partner ministries, local governor offices, and environmental inspectors joined the tour led by MNO LLC. The participants explored the company’s best practices in environmental reclamation working with local government and community cooperation.



Representatives from MERIT partner ministries, local governor offices, and environmental inspectors at mine reclamation site in Zaamar soum, September 2018

MERIT Technical Advisor highlighted in the Canadian Government Executive magazine

July 27, 2018

The Government of Canada Journal highlighted three former Canadian government executives, who chose to become CESO advisors and find meaningful ways to share their years of experience.

One of the advisors is Brenda Boucher, who visited Mongolia as a MERIT Technical Advisor to deliver Result-based Management training in April. Her experience as a CESO adviser has allowed her to act as a mentor to the local government, and contribute to the sustainable development of Mongolia.

“Volunteering has been part of my personal fabric since I was a young professional. [...] My assignments in Mongolia have been extremely rewarding personally, and have afforded me the opportunity to give back by sharing some of my experiences and knowledge from my many years as a public servant in New Brunswick.”

Brenda Boucher, MERIT Technical Advisor

About MERIT

MERIT is a multi-year initiative (2016-2023), funded by Global Affairs Canada. Its goal is to enhance public sector management of the extractive sector to maximize its contribution to sustainable economic and social development through responsible resource management.


MERIT is a consortium of two Canadian non-governmental organizations, Canadian Executive Service Organization (CESO) and World University Service of Canada (WUSC).

CONTACT US

 MERIT Project
3F, National Times News Tower
Khudaldaanii Gudamj, Khoroo-1
Chingeltei District
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia-15160

 info@merit.mn

 www.merit.mn

 +976 7016 5000



Global Affairs
Canada

Affaires mondiales
Canada

