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6.4 Practical Tools

Much of the content of this Chapter has been concerned with knowledge that is – at least in model or standardised form – available in the public domain. The real challenge for governments lies in identifying the kind of education or training opportunities to ensure that it possesses a cadre of staff that are able to utilize this knowledge to the country's benefit.

To this end, the various kinds of courses offered by Source Book partners offer a way forward.

For example, the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment (CCSI) offers online training, executive development and capacity building programs, and specialist support products like its Tanzania Oil and Gas Capacity-Development Program which is a CCSI partnership with the International Senior Lawyers Project (ISLP) and Tanzania's UONGOZI Institute to provide tailored support to Tanzania's Oil & Gas Negotiation Team¹.

The Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy, University of Dundee, offers a range of practical Masters and CPD courses relating to both mining and petroleum, and covering diverse topics such as mineral economics, stakeholder management, the minerals sector of Latin America, negotiation skills, petroleum regulation and licensing, managing contracts and agreements, arbitration and dispute management skills².

Finally, the Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining, University of Queensland, provides practical training across a range of relevant topics, including: grievance mechanisms; community engagement strategies for the facilitation of genuine participation and the fostering of civil society empowerment; respect for human rights; and mining in post-conflict situations³.

¹ <http://ccsi.columbia.edu/our-focus/investments-in-extractive-industries/> (last accessed 28 March 2016)

² <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/cepmlp/> (last accessed 4 April 2016)

³ <https://www.csr.uq.edu.au> (last accessed 4 April 2016)