



Photo: MERIT project study tour to Yellowknife



Minerals & Metals

Supporting Communities Throughout
the Mining Life Cycle



Implementing Impact Benefit Agreements (IBA)

- In 2016, Catalyste+ worked with CAMECO to support Indigenous communities in northern Saskatchewan who have IBAs with the company. We provided community and business development support in the form of governance improvement, strategic planning creation and tourism asset mapping.
- Our MERIT project in Mongolia carried out an awareness raising campaign on local cooperation agreements (similar to IBAs) for community members through engagement meetings with the Governor, the Oyu Tolgoi mining company, the herder's association and the business community to understand how to negotiate a cooperation agreement with a mining company.

Catalyste+ is an expert in building capacity for local SME owners to participate in extractive industry supply chains.

SME Development to Participate in Extractive Industry Supply Chain

- Catalyste+ trained SMEs in two provinces in Mongolia in business skills, product quality and access to financing.
- In Burkina Faso, we supported SME development (beekeepers and the Groupement Saniya and Gnogondèmè Women's Group entrepreneurs) in partnership with the SEMAFO mining company.
- In Senegal, we worked with IAMGOLD to better structure the chamber of commerce, built an SME database and helped to select SMEs to be trained on IAMGOLD procurement standards.



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Photo: Catalyste+ Advisor
Rajula Atherton and Kugaaruk
EDO Alex Ittimangnaq, 2019

“When I heard about the partnership, I thought it was a really good opportunity to have a mentor. The wealth of information that Catalyste+ Advisors have is priceless. They have decades of experience. To learn from their experiences has helped me in so many different ways.”

– Alex Ittimangnaq, EDO,
Kugaaruk Economic
Development Office

Supporting Community Leadership

- Catalyste+ delivered the National Aboriginal Women for Tomorrow (AWFT) program, funded by what is formerly INAC, Status of Women and Health Canada, to build leadership and business skills and foster the increased participation of women in community leadership roles. A total of 30 Métis, Status and Non-Status women entrepreneurs in Saskatchewan, Ontario and Quebec gained management and leadership skills.

Enhancing Community Financial Management

Catalyste+ has supported many communities to manage their finances:

- The Money Smarts for Aboriginal Families project, funded by the Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada, focused on managing money and making choices about residential school settlements and individual savings.
- In Mongolia, the MERIT project delivered cash-flow management training for SMEs in Dornod province.
- We partnered with the First Nation Financial Management Board (FMB) to support four First Nation communities in finance, human resources and governance for effective community finance management.
- In Ethiopia, Catalyste+ delivered capacity building training on financial education for the Association of Ethiopian Microfinance Institutions (AEMFI).

Economic Development to Support EDOs

- We trained EDOs in Nunavut to help them better perform in their roles.
- In Matawa, Ontario, we are helping to build capacity of the staff and EDOs by providing specialized workshops, preparing them to take on new energy projects.



What Catalyste+ can provide to communities

Catalyste+ can provide value to communities over the life of a mine, offering advice and training focused on:

Pre-Exploration & Exploration

- Geo/Environmental mapping
- Mining life cycle
- Environmental Impact Assessments
- Negotiation skills
- Mining Procurement
- Social Impact Assessments
- Community engagement
- Land claims management
- Post mine planning
- Land-use planning

Development & Operations

- Impact Benefit Agreements
- Impact mitigation strategies
- Product development
- Community engagement
- SME development
- Financial education

Closure and Post-Closure

- Land management strategies
- Land reclamation
- Environmental rehabilitation

Throughout the Life Cycle

- Business development
- Financial management
- Access to finance
- Strategic planning
- Marketing plan
- Change management
- Project management
- Market assessment
- Comprehensive community planning
- EDO training
- Leadership development
- Human resource management
- Governance



Photo: MERIT project mining life cycle training, Mongolia

Catalyste+ specializes in community development globally, providing support to communities throughout the mining life cycle.

Mining Life Cycle Training

Catalyste+'s MERIT project supports mining lifecycle training for communities in several Mongolian provinces through training materials and training of trainers.

Educating on Opportunities in Mining Procurement

The MERIT project in Mongolia delivered an awareness campaign in the community about opportunities in the mining industry.

In Guyana, we helped to increase indigenous leaders' knowledge of Canadian and international best practices in developing indigenous-owned businesses to service the extractive sector procurement.

“Through the training, we were able to understand more about the process of mining and the opportunities to improve our livelihood. Citizens who are given the right information on mining will be able to participate in public consultation concerning local cooperation agreements.”

– P. Ochirbat, Mining Specialist, Mongolia



About Catalyste+

Catalyste+ is a Canadian economic development organization. We help people build better lives by strengthening local economies in Canada and in developing countries around the world.

For over 50 years we have been collaborating with Indigenous businesses, governments and community organizations to strengthen capacity and advance inclusive economic growth. Through a consultative and coaching approach, our Catalyste+ Advisors share knowledge and expertise to assist our Indigenous clients in achieving their immediate and long-term goals.

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