

ICE CMM objectives

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An ICE CMM is a self-supporting, sustainable not-for-profit business.

Its principal aims are:

- To disseminate and implement best practices in gas capture and use in coal mines based on the principles published in the UN guidance document, 2nd edition.
- A repository of knowledge on gas control, gas drainage and gas use.
- Raise awareness of benefits and challenges in the CMM sector.
- Establish links with other ICE CMMs and collaborate on key activities and in research.
- Report to, and support the work of, the GoE.

Encourage implementation of best practice

- Translate the “Best Practice Guidance” in accordance with the GoE procedure.
- Work with the UNECE and GoE to develop suitable training materials and to train trainers. Participants should be charged to cover costs, including travel and subsistence of international experts. Topics to include gas explosion prevention, drainage and drilling techniques, managing gas quality and gas utilisation technologies.
- Organise and deliver training courses and workshops on best practice gas capture and use.
- Prepare case studies with examples of best practices demonstrated in-country for review by the GoE and bilingual publication on the UNECE website.

Raise awareness of benefits and challenges in the CMM sector

- Provide an open and constructive forum for discussion of CMM safety and energy matters, regulatory issues and technical problems
- Promote government, coal mine management and public awareness of CMM in climate change action and clean energy use.
- Participate in international conferences to disseminate the message.

Establish links between ICE CMMs

- Exchange ideas, experience and research results.
- Identify common problems relating to gas capture and use and pool knowledge.
- Collaborative research
- Develop best practices for coal mine closures and AMM exploitation in co-ordination with UNECE and the GoE.