



# Study program gets thumbs up

MEMBERS of a delegation of mining officials from a number of West African nations say they have had an enjoyable week in the Goldfields.

The scholars, representing mining ministries and departments from Togo, Rwanda, Malawi, Morocco, Niger, Gabon, Namibia and Senegal, have been studying at the Western Australian School of Mines as part of a program organised through AusAID and Education and Training International.

After spending a week at WASM's Bentley Campus, getting a thorough background about the inner workings of the Australian political system and mining policies, they travelled to Kalgoorlie-Boulder to experi-

ence the Australian resources industry first-hand.

Na-Allah Mamane, from the Republic of Niger's Ministry of Mining and Energy, said the trip had been very productive so far. "We've had a really enjoyable time, the environment here is great," he said. "We really appreciate the opportunity to come here and study – particularly under the specialists here."

He said education opportunities such as this trip would be of key assistance to the industry in West Africa.

The group visited the Super Pit, Kanowna Bell and Navajo Chief mine sites during the week, and will travel to Granny Smith near Laverton for further field work this weekend.

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**Out of Africa: Dr Rokhaya Samba, Miina Gahutu, Na-Allah Mamane, Secret Ruhaka, Mohammed Belbadaoui, Robert Didier Revandine, James Namalima, Mphatso Ozeeh Ozituosauka, Charles Twayigize and Yauo Essomayo Tchassia look over the scale model of the pit at St Ives in Kambalda during their visit to the WASM campus in Kalgoorlie. Photo: TRAVIS ANDERSON**