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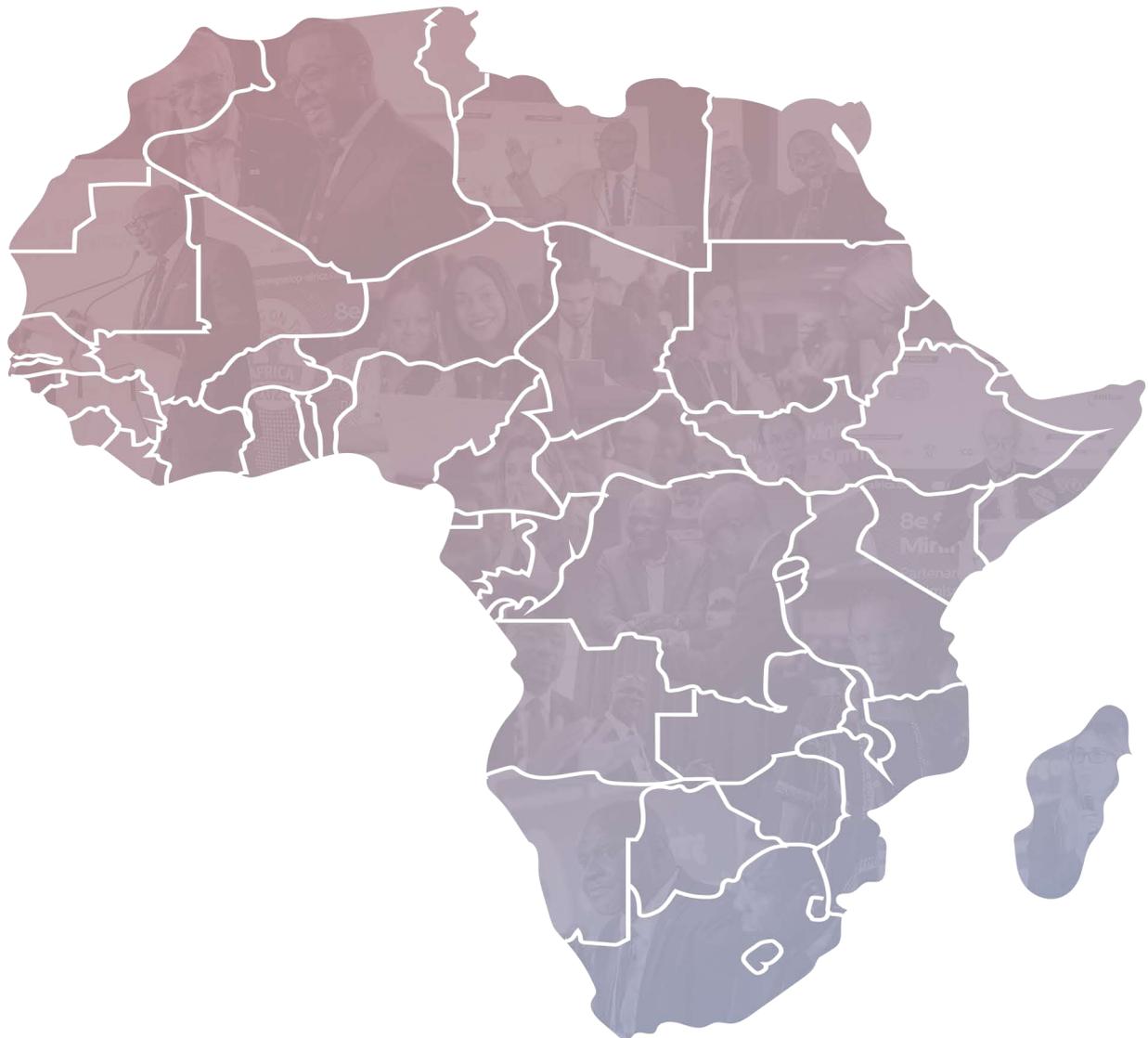


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Statement From The Organising Committee

On behalf of the MOTA team, we extend our sincere gratitude to all who participated in the **8th edition of the Mining on Top Africa Summit (MOTA)**. Your presence, engagement, and contributions were instrumental in making this year's summit a great success.

Held under the theme “**Partnering for Prosperity – Maximising the Benefits of Africa’s Geological Endowments**”, the event was officially opened by **Minister. Jean-Luc Assi**, Chairman of the Board of Directors of SODEMI, alongside a welcome address by **Jean-Claude Gillaneau** of BRGM.

During the high-level Ministerial Roundtable, key representatives including **H.E. Mohamed Lamine Sy Savane**, Minister Director of the Government Cabinet, Prime Minister's Office of the Republic of Guinea; **H.E. Tidjian Thiam**, Minister of Mines and Industry, Mauritania; **Professor Dieudonné Tambwe**, Coordinator, CTCPM, Democratic Republic of Congo; **Dr. Ibrahima Gassama**, Director General of Mines and Geology, Ministry of Energy, Petroleum and Mines, Senegal; and **Mr. Karim Dahou**, Deputy Director, Global Relations and Cooperation Directorate, OECD, articulated a shared vision to position Africa at the forefront of the global energy and industrial transition.

Discussions focused on strengthening national capacities, implementing governance reforms, and forging equitable, long-term partnerships. Regional cooperation and value chain integration were emphasized as essential pathways to unlocking the continent's full mineral potential.

We were honoured to welcome more than **180 attendees** from both public and private sectors across **24 countries**, with thought leadership provided by **54 distinguished speakers** representing diverse facets of the mining and investment ecosystem.

A special thank you goes to our **Gold Sponsor, SODEMI**; **Associate Sponsor, CEEC**; and exhibitor **Magellan Transition**. We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to our institutional and supporting partners: **Affectio Mutandi, AAMEG, CIAN, EBCHAM, ICDA, the International Manganese Institute (IMnI)**,

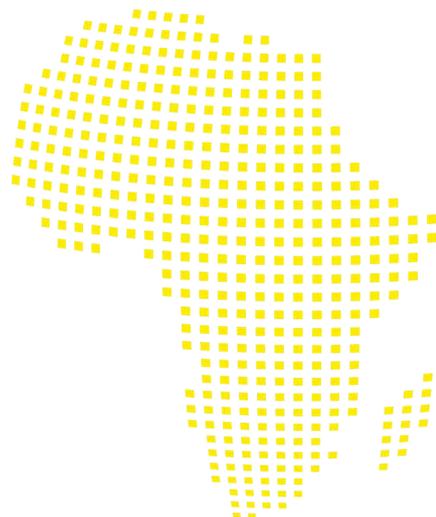
and **MEDEF**. Your unwavering support and collaboration are invaluable.

As we close this edition, we reflect on the evolving landscape of Africa's mining industry. Over the past year, the sector has navigated a complex environment marked by global volatility and rising interest in key commodities such as energy transition minerals and gold. Simultaneously, African governments have intensified policy reforms and contract reviews to enhance national sovereignty, economic returns, and local value addition.

The 8th MOTA Summit reaffirmed that mining is not only vital for economic growth but also plays a central role in infrastructure development, industrialisation, regional trade, skills development, and job creation. It remains a cornerstone of Africa's sustainable and inclusive development agenda.

At **AMETrade**, we remain committed to nurturing strategic partnerships that elevate Africa's mining sector and accelerate its role in the continent's economic transformation.

We look forward to welcoming you once again to the **9th Mining On Top Africa Summit**, scheduled to take place in **Paris, 7–8 July 2026**.



MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE



H.E. Tidjani Thiam
Minister of Mines and Industry, Mauritania



H.E. Mohamed Lamine Sy Savane
Minister Director of the Government Cabinet, Prime Minister's Office of the Republic of Guinea



Professor Dieudonné Tambwe
Coordinator, CTCPM, Democratic Republic of Congo



Dr. Ibrahima Gassama
Director General of Mines and Geology, Ministry of Energy, Petroleum and Mines, Senegal



Minister Jean-Luc Assi
Chairman of the Board of Directors, SODEMI

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Dr. Rokhaya Samba DIENE
General Manager of the National Geological Survey of Senegal

OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY



Talibouya Diagne
General Manager, West Africa, AMETrade



Minister Jean-Luc Assi
Chairman of the Board of Directors, SODEMI



Jean- Claude Guillauneau
Managing Director at Geological and Mining Research Bureau

KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS – CORPORATE



Martino De Ciccio
Chief Executive Officer, Montage Gold



Fred Yao Nkanza
Country Manager, Ivory Coast, Aurum Resources



Abdoul Aziz Diop
General Manager, MIFERSO, Senegal

SODEMI SESSION



Hervé Theveniaut
Area Manager for West Africa, BRGM



Seydou Moussa KONE
Director General, SODEMI



Raoul Kouamé YAO
Director of Mining Research, SODEMI

SESSION 1 – FRAMEWORKS



Stéphane Brabant
Senior Partner, Trinity LLP



Evelien Masschelein
Director of Expertise, ENABEL
Agence Belge du Development



Michael Edem Akafia
President, Ghana Chamber of Mines and
Vice President, External Affairs, Goldfields



Hon. Dele Kelvin Oye
National President NACCIMA and Chairman
Organized Private Sector of Nigeria



Mickaël Daudin
DITSCI Programme Manager,
International Tin Association

SESSION 2 – FUNDING



Molebogeng Mazibuku
Associate Vice President,
Mining Lead, AFC



Anass Joundy
Associate Director, EBRD



James Kenny
Chief Executive Officer, Frontier Rare Earths



James Wallbank
Managing Partner, Ibaera Capital



Martino De Ciccio
Chief Executive Officer, Montage Gold



Ekaterina Autet
Senior Investment Officer, International
Finance Corporation (IFC)

COUNTRY SPOTLIGHT SESSION



Etienne Giros
Chairman of CIAN and EBCAM



Aboubacar Kourouma
Secretary General, Ministry of
Mines and Geology, Guinea



Aboubacar Kagbé Touré
Director General, SOGUIPAMI,
Guinea



Mariame-Yolande Bah
Legal Counsel and Regional Coordinator for North
and Central Africa, African Legal
Support Facility (ALSF), Ivory Coast



Professor Dieudonné Tambwe
Coordinator of CTCPM,
Democratic

SESSION 3 – IMPROVING MINING SUSTAINABILITY



Adrian Mill
Managing Director, ESS (Environmental and Social Sustainability)



Susannah McLaren
Head of Responsible Sourcing & Sustainability, Cobalt Institute



Tidiane Barry
Vice President, West Africa and General Manager of the Essakane Mine in Burkina Faso, IAMGOLD



Pierre Petit-De Pasquale
Standards Director at IRMA – Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance



Pierre-Samuel Guedj
Chairman and CEO, Affectio Mutandi



Mzila I. Mthenjane (“Mzila”)
CEO of the Minerals Council South Africa



Louis Marechal
Senior Adviser: Minerals & Extractives, OECD

SESSION 4 – GEODATA



Jean Félix Mupande
Independent expert and President of the National Order of Geologists of the DRC



Dr Joseph Mankelov
Head of Minerals, British Geological Survey (BSG), UK



Dr. Rokhaya Samba DIENE
General Manager of the National Geological Survey of Senegal



Modou Diouf
Director of Geology, Ministry of Energy, Petroleum and Mines, Senegal



Paul Mabolia Yenga
Director General, Mining Cadastre, DRC



Dr Ash Johnson, directeur
Director, IGS (International Geoscience Services)

SESSION 5 – BUILDING VALUE



Ewa Katarzyna Klimowicz
Senior Strategy and Partnerships Officer, Extractives
Global Programmatic Support, World Bank



Dr Chukwuemeka (Chux) Onaa
Regional Manager, Africa & North America,
Mining & Minerals OEMs, VDMA



Freddy Muamba Kanyinku
Director General of CEEC



Vinay Somera
CEO, Isondo Precious Metals



Isaac Kwesu
Chief Executive Officer, Chamber of
Mines, Zimbabwe

SESSION 6 – INFRASTRUCTURE



Mzila I. Mthenjane (“Mzila”)
CEO of the Minerals Council South Africa



Yocoli Grace-Milca Konan
Legal Counsel, African Legal Support Facility
(ALSF), Ivory Coast



Dr Eng Pépin Tchouate Heteu
Senior Energy Advisor



Pierre Masquart
lawyer at the Paris Bar and former secretary of the
Conference of Avocats aux Conseils



Jerome Soistier
Founder and CEO, C3Medical

SESSION 7 – SUPPLY CHAINS



Thomas Rodriguez
Chief Executive Officer, CLC Solution



Yves Bawa
President and CEO, Kumbuka
Africa, DRC

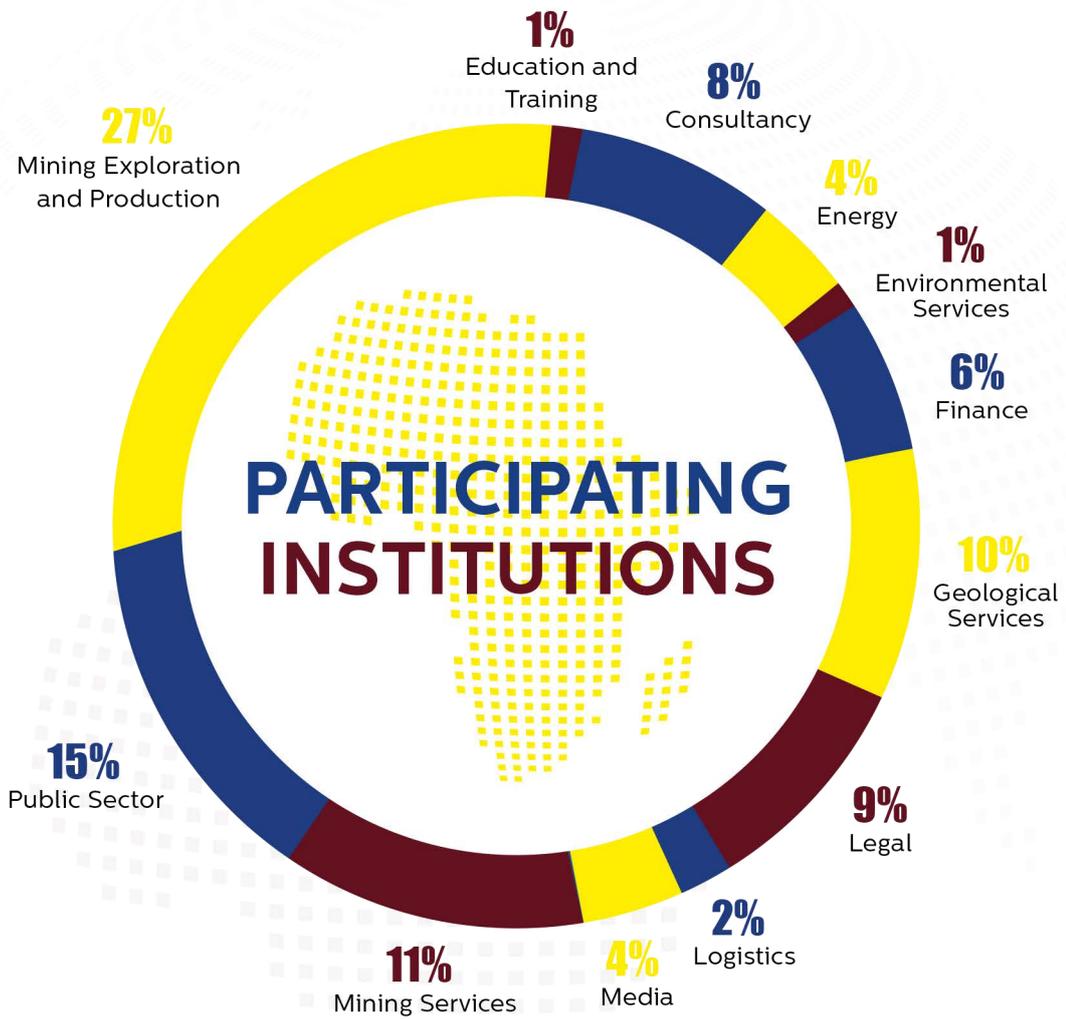


Benitha Tambwe
Expert-Responsable des Partenariats
Stratégiques, Ministère des Mines de la
RDC (CTCPM)



Ngagne Demba TOURE
General Director, SOMISEN SA,
Senegal

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Countries

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| Belgium | GERMANY | MONACO | SWITZERLAND | Ghana |
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	BIRD & BIRD	FRANCE
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DIRECTEUR DU CONTROLE ET DE LA SURVEILLANCE DES OPERATIONS MINIERES	MINISTERE DE L'ÉNERGIE, DU PETROLE ET DES MINES DU SENEGAL	SENEGAL
DIRECTEUR DE LA GEOLOGIE	MINISTERE DE L'ÉNERGIE, DU PETROLE ET DES MINES DU SENEGAL	SENEGAL
DIRECTEUR DES MINES ET CARRIERES	MINISTERE DE L'ÉNERGIE, DU PETROLE ET DES MINES DU SENEGAL	SENEGAL
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CONSEILLER TECHNIQUE,	MINISTERE DES MINES ET DE LA GEOLOGIE, GUINEE	Guinea
SECRETAIRE GENERAL	MINISTERE DES MINES ET DE LA GEOLOGIE, GUINEE	Guinea
Directeur de la Géologie et de la Promotion minière,	MINISTERE DES MINES ET DE L'INDUSTRIE, DA LA MAURITANIE	MAURITANIA
Directeur du Cadastre minier.	MINISTERE DES MINES ET DE L'INDUSTRIE, DA LA MAURITANIE	Mauritania
	MINISTRE DES MINES ET DE L'INDUSTRIE, DA LA MAURITANIE	Mauritania
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	OLA Energy	SENEGAL
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	RAWBANK SA	DRC
	RENAULT TRUCKS	FRANCE
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PROGRAMME / AGENDA

2 JULY 2025 – DAY 1 OF THE CONFERENCE

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"PARTNERING FOR PROSPERITY – MAXIMIZING THE BENEFITS OF AFRICA'S GEOLOGICAL ENDOWMENTS"

07:30 – 08:45 REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING

08:45 – 09:15 MOTA 2025 OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

Welcome Remarks & Master of Ceremony – **Philippe Ngamou**
 AMETrade Welcome Address: **Talibouya Diagne, General Manager, West Africa**
 BRGM welcome address: **Jean-Claude Guillaneau, International Institutional Affairs**
Sponsors welcome messages:
 ▶ **Minister Jean-Luc Assi**, Chairman of the Board of Directors, SODEMI

09:15 -10:30 MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE: AFRICA'S STRATEGIC MINERALS – KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR BALANCING AFRICA'S NEEDS WITH GLOBAL GOALS OF SUPPLY & DEMAND.

This high-level opening roundtable interaction brings together African Ministers to share their country's policies, together with their goals to expand the mining sector through strong partnerships and advanced technologies, while protecting resources for the benefit of the industry, local communities and economic growth. This will include discussions regarding the potential disconnect between strategic national goals and the reality of the market. EU gamechangers will join the discussion to highlight key partnerships and policies shaping the future of Africa's minerals and metals industry.

Moderator: **Jean Claude Guillaneau**, Managing Director at Geological and Mining Research Bureau

Panellists:

- ▶ **Hon. Mohamed Lamine Sy Savane**, Minister Director of the Government Cabinet, Prime Minister's Office of the Republic of Guinea
- ▶ **H.E. Tidjian Thiam**, Minister of Mines and Industry, Mauritania
- ▶ **Professor Dieudonné Tambwe**, Coordinator of CTCPM, Democratic Republic of Congo
- ▶ **Dr. Ibrahima Gassama**, Director General of Mines and Geology, Ministry of Energy, Petroleum and Mines, Republic of Senegal
- ▶ **M. Karim Dahou**, Deputy Director – Global Relations and Cooperation Directorate, OECD

10:30 – 11:00 NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 11:45 KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS – CORPORATE PRESENTATIONS FROM SELECT MINING COMPANIES

- ▶ **Martino De Ciccio**, Chief Executive Officer, Montage Gold
- ▶ **Fred Yao Nkanza**, Country Manager, Ivory Coast, Aurum Resources
- ▶ **Abdoul Aziz Diop**, General Manager, MIFERSO, Senegal

11:45 – 12:30 SODEMI SERVING MINING DEVELOPMENT IN COTE D'IVOIRE



The Ivorian mining industry is experiencing significant growth, with the government actively striving to position the sector as a key driver of the national economy.

Established in 1962, SODEMI has developed solid expertise in mining research and engineering.

This informal discussion will highlight SODEMI's strategic priorities through its Mineral Analysis Laboratory, geological and geophysical research services, as well as investment opportunities in the projects it is currently developing.

Moderator: **Hervé Theveniaut**, Area Manager for West Africa, BRGM

Speakers:

- ▶ **Seydou Moussa KONE**, Director General, SODEMI
- ▶ **Raoul Kouamé YAO**, Director of Mining Research, SODEMI

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12:30 – 13:30

SESSION 1 – IMPLEMENTING FRAMEWORKS FOR THE MINING INDUSTRY TO DRIVE SUSTAINABILITY

Mining frameworks need to adapt to incorporate achievable local content policies, increase infrastructure development and attract investment across the mining value chain, while ensuring transparency and good governance from both a company and country level. What needs to be implemented to enable investment that incorporates ESG and is in alignment with the development needs of the country?

- ▶ How can mining policy makers create investor friendly frameworks while ensuring economic growth and industry development?
- ▶ Insights into new regulatory frameworks across Africa
- ▶ Understanding regulatory frameworks can address infrastructure development, manage the balance between sustainability and economic growth and have a positive effect on the mining sector.
- ▶ Incorporating political crisis protection into regulatory and policy frameworks
- ▶ Long-term strategies with clear, tangible and achievable goals for industrialisation and local content development

Moderator and speaker: Setting the scene: - Critical Minerals: business, geopolitics and rule of law

- ▶ **Stéphane Brabant**, Senior Partner, Trinity LLP

Panellists:

- ▶ **Evelien Masschelein**, Director of Expertise, ENABEL – Agence Belge du Developement
- ▶ **Michael Edem Akafia**, President of the Chamber of Mines, Ghana and Vice President, External Affairs, Goldfields
- ▶ **Hon. Dele Kelvin Oye**, National President NACCIMA and Chairman Organized Private Sector of Nigeria
- ▶ **Mickaël Daudin**, ITSCI Programme Manager, International Tin Association

13:30 – 14:30

NETWORKING LUNCH

14:30 – 15:30

SESSION 2 – FUNDING AFRICA'S MINING SECTOR

Financing new mines is a risky business, especially when factoring in geopolitical and economic aspects, necessary infrastructure build, and compliance with ESG requirements. This pivotal discussion will look at:

- ▶ Investing in more mining projects from commissioning and beyond to keep up with global mineral and metal needs.
- ▶ Emerging funding trends and opportunities for transition finance
- ▶ The implication of global climate goals for investment into Africa's mining sector
- ▶ Understanding the requirements of investors in order to align mining practices
- ▶ Encouraging government to government lending models, attract long term private sector investment
- ▶ Green finance mechanisms and how mining companies can access sustainable financing.
- ▶ An international perspective of investing in Africa's mining industry, not only for critical minerals but across all commodities for the development of Africa

Moderator: Molebogeng Mazibuku, Associate Vice President, Mining Lead, AFC

Panellists:

- ▶ **Anass Joundy**, Associate Director, EBRD
- ▶ **James Kenny**, Chief Executive Officer, Frontier Rare Earths
- ▶ **James Wallbank**, Managing Partner, Ibaera Capital and Board Chair of Azumah Resources Ghana Ltd
- ▶ **Martino De Ciccio**, Chief Executive Officer, Montage Gold
- ▶ **Ekaterina Autet**, Senior Investment Officer, IFC

15:30 – 16:15 COUNTRY SPOTLIGHT SESSION: ROAD MAP FOR INCREASED MINING INVESTMENTS IN DRC, GUINEA AND GHANA

During this key country focus session relevant government and private sector stakeholders will provide in-depth information on current opportunities in-country, updates on key projects and commodities, and highlight ESG and Regulatory frameworks with a view to attracting partnerships and investors to further develop the minerals and metals industry and resources. Plus showcase a successful partnership that has led to the development of the mining sector.

Moderator: Etienne Giros, Chairman of CIAN and EBCAM

- ▶ **Aboubacar Kourouma**, Secretary General, Ministry of Mines and Geology, Guinea
- ▶ **Aboubacar Kagbé Touré**, Director General, SOGUIPAMI, Guinea
- ▶ **Mariame-Yolande Bah**, Legal Counsel and Regional Coordinator for North and Central Africa, African Legal Support Facility (ALSF), Ivory Coast
- ▶ **Professor Dieudonné Tambwe**, Coordinator of CTCPM, Democratic Republic of Congo

16:15 – 16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30 – 17:30 SESSION 3 – IMPROVING MINING SUSTAINABILITY – WORKING TOWARDS EXCELLENCE IN ESG AND IMPLEMENTING ETHICAL MINING PRACTICES

The pressure to incorporate Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) practices into the entire mining value chain is gaining momentum. A question that needs to be asked is “How can governments and mining houses bridge the gap between global expectations and the ability to comply fully with internationally driven ESG principles in the allocated timeframes in Africa?”. Panellists will actively discuss:

- ▶ The importance of showcasing clear and compliant reporting with quantifiable ESG and sustainability outcomes
- ▶ What tools are needed to implement ESG principles and strategies?
- ▶ How can governments and companies include artisanal mining and responsible sourcing of minerals in their ESG strategies?
- ▶ Understanding the need for ESG when it comes to the energy transition and critical minerals – Meeting EU requirements
- ▶ Showcase some ESG best practice projects and frameworks across Africa

Moderator: Adrian Mill, Managing Director, ESS (Environmental and Social Sustainability)

Panellists:

- ▶ **Susannah McLaren**, Head of Responsible Sourcing & Sustainability, Cobalt Institute
- ▶ **Tidiane Barry**, Vice President, West Africa and General Manager of the Essakane Mine in Burkina Faso, IAMGOLD
- ▶ **Pierre Petit-De Pasquale**, Standards Director at IRMA – Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance
- ▶ **Pierre-Samuel Guedj**, Chairman and CEO, Affectio Mutandi
- ▶ **Mzila Mthenjane**, CEO, Minerals Council South Africa
- ▶ **Louis Marechal**, Senior Adviser: Minerals & Extractives, OECD

17:30 END OF DAY 1

3 JULY 2025 – DAY 2 OF THE CONFERENCE

07:30 – 09:00 REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING

09:00 – 10:15 SESSION 4 – GEODATA AND MINING CADASTRE FOR TRANSPARENCY AND INCREASED INVESTMENT

Mining resource management systems and relevant up-to-date geodata are imperative for transparency, good governance and desirability of investing in the mining sector of any particular country. Many African countries have implemented integrated mining cadastres to provide a clear vision of mineral and metal

exploration and mining potential, licenses etc, but the costs of implementation and geological surveys can be high.

- ▶ The short term and long-term positive impacts of good geodata and digital platforms.
- ▶ How can this geodata be further utilised to influence additional collaborative partnerships for inclusive, sustainable growth of Africa's economies and mining industry?
- ▶ What new technologies are available for gathering good geodata?
- ▶ Have mining cadastres encouraged more exploration?
- ▶ Strengthening cooperation in geological surveys and expertise sharing in Africa as part of the Africa Mining Vision key objectives

Moderator: Jean Félix Mupande, Independent expert and President of the National Order of Geologists of the DRC

Panellists:

- ▶ **Dr Rokhaya Samba DIENE**, General Manager of the National Geological Survey of Senegal
- ▶ **Modou Diouf**, Director of Geology, Ministry of Energy, Petroleum and Mines, Senegal
- ▶ **Dr Joseph Mankelaw**, Head of Minerals, British Geological Survey (BSG), UK
- ▶ **Paul Mabolia Yenga**, Director General, Mining Cadastre, DRC
- ▶ **Ash Johnson**, Director, IGS (International Geoscience Services)

10:15 – 10:45

COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING

10:45 – 12:00

SESSION 5 - BUILDING VALUE ADDING MINING CAPACITIES - DEFINING VALUE CHAIN STRATEGIES FOR TRANSFORMATIVE GROWTH

Africa holds 40% of the world's mineral resources, governments are reviewing strategies and frameworks to benefit more from the exploitation of mineral wealth, with a view to incorporating more local participation and industrialization to grow economies.

- ▶ Strategies for beneficiation and industrialization
- ▶ Meeting the investment needs for value chain strategies
- ▶ Partnering with international experts to understand and set realistic value adding goals from mine to market
- ▶ Meeting European standards for exported products – what needs to be done?
- ▶ Building strong linkages between mining and manufacturing
- ▶ Case study examples of implemented value chains and how they are impacting the growth of the mining sector
- ▶ Managing international trade risks such as the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism
- ▶ Working together to develop value chains from regional level

Moderator: Ewa Katarzyna Klimowicz, Senior Strategy and Partnerships Officer, Extractives Global Programmatic Support, World Bank

Panellists:

- ▶ **Dr Chux Onaa**, Regional Manager, Africa & North America, Mining & Minerals OEMs, VDMA
- ▶ **Vinay Somera**, Chief Executive Officer, Isondo Precious Metals
- ▶ **Isaac Kwesu**, Chief Executive Officer, Chamber of Mines, Zimbabwe
- ▶ **Freddy Muamba Kanyinku**, Director General of CEEC

12:00 – 13:00

NETWORKING LUNCH

13:00 – 14:15

SESSION 6 - INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PROGRESSION OF AFRICA'S MINING INDUSTRY

Effective and efficient infrastructure in Africa remains an obstacle which still needs to be crossed for the mining industry to grow, increase production and exports and drive a strong supply chain across the continent.

- ▶ How the mining sector plays a pivotal role in being a catalyst for infrastructure development
- ▶ Incorporating infrastructure development when looking to expand mining projects and accessing minerals and metals.
- ▶ Cross-border projects, ports, rail, road and energy projects currently being developed that will facilitate the sustainable development of the sector and allow for improved trade and stronger economies.
- ▶ What EU partnerships will assist in driving infrastructure build and how can governments and private sector work together for the benefit of all?
- ▶ Water – Energy Nexus for responsible, sustainable mining practices and infrastructure expansion – environmentally friendly practices to benefit ecosystems, communities and economies

Moderator: Pierre Masquart, Pierre Masquart, lawyer at the Paris Bar and former secretary of the Conference of Avocats aux Conseils

Panellists:

- ▶ **Mzila Mthenjane**, CEO, Minerals Council South Africa
- ▶ **Yocoli Grace-Milca Konan**, Legal Counsel, African Legal Support Facility (ALSF), Ivory Coast
- ▶ **Dr Eng Pépin Tchouate Heteu**, Senior Energy Sector Advisor
- ▶ **Jerome Soistier**, Founder and CEO, C3Medical

14:15 – 14:45

COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING

14:45 – 16:00

SESSION 7 – ENHANCING SUPPLY CHAINS THROUGH LOCAL CONTENT DEVELOPMENT ACROSS PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING CHAINS

Creating strong supply chains are vital for keeping operations moving smoothly and for the efficient transfer of goods and services, even in times of disruption. This panel of industry experts will discuss current supply chain trends and the opportunities for further cementing local content development across production and processing chains.

- ▶ Supply chain strategies to help mining companies meet local content requirements set by the government and other stakeholders while streamlining costs and processes
- ▶ Testing the strength of supply chains for times of disruption
- ▶ Ensuring that African countries and communities’ benefit from mining operations through employment and capacity building – advancing commercial and technical skills
- ▶ Examples of best practice local content initiatives in Africa
- ▶ Adopting green supply chain management policies
- ▶ 5 future trends for supply chains

Moderator: Thomas Rodriguez, Chief Executive Officer, CLC Solution

Panellists:

- ▶ **Yves Bawa**, President and CEO, Kumbuka Africa, DRC
- ▶ **Benitha Tambwe**, Expert-Head of Strategic Partnerships, **DRC Ministry of Mines (CTCPM)**
- ▶ **Ngagne Demba TOURE**, General Director, SOMISEN SA, Senegal

16:00

GENERAL REPORT AND CLOSING REMARKS

16:15

CLOSE OF CONFERENCE

Narrative Report of the 8th Annual Mining on Top Africa Summit

2-3 July 2025

Melia Hôtel Paris La Défense



DAY 1

The 8th Annual Mining on Top Africa Summit brought together in Paris from July 2 to 3, 2025, a diverse range of key stakeholders from the African mining sector: public decision-makers, cooperation institutions, mining companies, and international experts. The event positions itself as a strategic platform for dialogue, networking, and co-construction around the challenges and opportunities related to the exploitation of mineral resources in Africa, with a focus on sustainability, sovereignty, and local transformation.

Opening Speech: Towards More Inclusive and Sustainable Mining Governance

In his opening address, **Talibouya Diagne**, West Africa Managing Director at AMETrade, emphasized that Mining on Top Africa is much more than an event: it is a structuring space for meetings and constructive exchanges between stakeholders in the African mining sector.

Jean-Claude Guillaneau, Head of Institutional International Relations at BRGM, praised the quality of the discussions, calling them “frank, direct and useful,” with meetings rich in perspectives for sustainable mining development in Africa. He stressed the need to strengthen cooperation, ensure transparent governance of resources, and promote local processing of raw materials so that added value remains on the continent.

Jean-Luc Assi, Chairman of the Board of Directors of SODEMI, called for a redefinition of African mining governance. He advocated for strong and sustainable partnerships between public and private actors and development agencies, serving the interests of local populations.

MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE: AFRICA'S STRATEGIC MINERALS – KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR BALANCING AFRICA'S NEEDS WITH GLOBAL GOALS OF SUPPLY & DEMAND.

This high-level roundtable brought together ministers and senior representatives from Guinea, Mauritania, the DRC, Senegal, as well as experts from the OECD. It highlighted the

diversity of national strategies and the continental dynamics surrounding critical minerals.

Guinea: Transforming the Economy to Transform Society – H.E. Mohamed Lamine Sy Savane, Minister, Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister

Guinea, rich in bauxite, iron, gold, and diamonds, affirms its ambition for economic diversification and structural transformation of the mining sector through the Simandou programme. Emphasis is placed on digitalisation, the human and territorial impact of investments, and training of local skills. The Minister stressed the country's needs for training and investment.

Mauritania: Modernising and Securing the Legal Framework – H.E. Tidjiani Thiam, Minister of Mines and Industry

With an annual production of 14 million tonnes of iron and 21 tonnes of gold, Mauritania is modernising its mining code to ensure legal and fiscal stability for investments. The country is strengthening its mining mapping and investing in dedicated port infrastructure.

DRC: Building Ethical Value Chains – Prof. Dieudonné Tambwe, Coordinator, CTCPM

The DRC presented its ambitious strategy focused on local value creation (a battery research centre with Zambia, joined by Morocco), strengthening the artisanal sector, traceability, and multilateral agreements (EU, USA, China, Saudi Arabia, Japan). The country called for the creation of a basket fund to finance resource identification and support the global energy transition.

Senegal: Sovereignty and Local Transformation – Ibrahima Gassama, Director General of Mines and Geology

Senegal aims to avoid remaining a mere supplier of raw materials. Its “Senegal 2050” vision is based on national control of mining policies, local value creation particularly in phosphate, critical minerals and the empowerment of the national private sector, alongside strong commitments to environmental and social justice. A mining code reform has been completed, and efforts are underway to strengthen the geological service, especially for critical minerals exploration. A technical committee is actively renegotiating contracts.

**OECD: Resilience, Sustainability, Equity – Karim Dahou,
Deputy Director, Global Relations and Cooperation
Directorate**

The OECD called for better coordination to develop integrated value chains, enabling African countries to better capture local added value amid rising demand and to ensure truly inclusive mining development. This requires more precise taxation especially for critical minerals increased investments in exploration, and attention to local communities. The OECD also advocated for greater diversification of value chains, development of industrialisation and local processing, as well as increased value addition and exploration and extraction investments.

Presentation of Selected Mining Companies

Mining companies presented their high-potential projects, including:

- ▶ **Martino de Ciccio**, CEO of Montage Gold: exploitation of small high-value deposits – the Koné gold project in Côte d'Ivoire.
- ▶ **Fred Yao Nkanza**, Country Director, Aurom Resources Côte d'Ivoire: development of the Boudiali and Napié mining projects in Côte d'Ivoire.
- ▶ **Abdoul Aziz Diop**, CEO, MIFERSO – Mining and Iron Company of Eastern Senegal.

**SODEMI at the Service of Côte d'Ivoire's
Mining Development**

In an exclusive interview led by **Hervé Theveniaut**, West Africa Director at BRGM, **Seydou Moussa Koné**, CEO of SODEMI, and **Raoul Kouamé Yao**, Director of Research, highlighted the strategic role of SODEMI EPIC, acting as the technical arm of the mining administration with a mandate for research, exploration, and exploitation. SODEMI operates a certified laboratory for gold and other micro-element analysis and an integrated western plan combining renewed mining mapping, development of rail transport, mineral ports, and energy infrastructure (with a capacity need of 800 MW). They emphasized the need to approach partnerships from a win-win perspective: minerals are “critical” for the West, but they are strategic for Africa while the West holds control over infrastructure and energy supply coverage.

**Session 1: - IMPLEMENTING FRAMEWORKS FOR
THE MINING INDUSTRY TO DRIVE SUSTAINABILITY**

This panel brought together legal and industry experts to discuss issues of governance, legal security, and local value creation.

- ▶ **Me Stéphane Brabant**, Senior Partner at Trinity LLP, stressed the importance of the rule of law to secure investments and avoid legal imbalances between the North and the South. He noted the trend of the Global South and Africa to legislate more and more in response to the North's backlash on these issues.
- ▶ **Mickaël Daudin**, Head of the ITSCI Programme, International Tin Association, highlighted the need for responsible sourcing, including the recognition of the artisanal sector (10% of supply and 90% of mining workers come from artisanal mining), the definition of shared standards, and accountability of stakeholders.
- ▶ **Evelien Massschelein**, ENABEL (Belgian Development Agency), recalled that geopolitical balances have already shifted and that mine site rehabilitation, social dialogue, and securing infrastructure are now essential.
- ▶ **Michael Edem Akafia**, President of the Ghana Chamber of Mines and Vice President of Goldfields, advocated for value creation throughout the chain, based on strong local partners. He stressed the importance of relying on strong private local partners for the viability of projects.

Conclusion: Towards African Mining Sovereignty

This first morning of Mining on Top Africa highlighted the convergence of African states towards more sovereign, sustainable, and inclusive mining governance, through:

- ▶ Local transformation of resources,
- ▶ Regional cooperation,
- ▶ Improvement of legal and fiscal frameworks,
- ▶ Investment in infrastructure and training.

A strong message emerged from these discussions: Africa no longer wants to be the world's raw material storehouse, but rather a strategic player in the global energy and industrial transition. To achieve this, it must continue to assert its vision, strengthen its capacities, and build fair partnerships..

Session 2 – FUNDING AFRICA'S MINING SECTOR

Understanding the Conditions for Sustainable and Structural Investment

Financing the African mining sector remains a central challenge, particularly in the exploration and development phases of projects. This session, bringing together investors, development institutions, and mining operators, shed light on the obstacles, levers, and innovations to attract capital to the continent's critical resources.

James Kenny, CEO of Frontier Rare Earths, reminded that financing is the number one challenge, especially for high-risk projects. The withdrawal of private investors from the sector has reinforced the need for a coordinated financing approach across the entire value chain, from exploration to processing.

James Wallbank, Managing Partner at Ibaera Capital and Chairman of Azumah Resources Ghana Ltd, highlighted a crucial distinction between risk and uncertainty: "There are excellent deposits in Africa, but it takes technical expertise to identify viable projects within an uncertain environment. There's still money to be made in this sector."

Martino De Ciccio, CEO of Montage Gold, emphasized the difficulty of securing structured financing over the full duration of a mining project: between the long investment timelines and market volatility, the stability of partnerships is crucial.

Ekaterina Autet, Senior Investment Officer at the IFC, stressed the key role of critical infrastructure, especially in Africa, in making projects viable. The IFC supports the most promising projects over the long term, but the quality of relationships with governments remains a determining factor.

Finally, **Anass Joundy** (EBRD) called for an ecosystem-based approach to mining investment: "Each mineral is unique and requires tailored solutions. We need to invest in energy, infrastructure, and support the emergence of more structured players beyond gold."

In summary, the speakers emphasised the need to:

- ▶ Structure projects around a solid ecosystem (infrastructure, energy, government relations),
- ▶ Reduce uncertainty through increased technical and legal expertise,
- ▶ Encourage a diversification of financing (development banks, specialized funds, public-private partnerships).

Country Focus – Roadmap for Mining Investment in DRC and Guinea Strengthening Attractiveness and Mining Governance

This session allowed the DRC and Guinea to present their national roadmaps to stimulate mining investment, strengthen sector governance, and promote local processing. Special attention was given to the importance of a stable legal framework, transparent permit management, and balanced partnerships with private investors.

Guinea: Becoming a Regional Hub for Bauxite and Iron Aboubacar Kourouma,

Secretary General of the Ministry of Mines, presented Guinea as the world's leading producer of bauxite (146 million tonnes exported in 2024). The attractive Mining Code has encouraged a massive influx of investment. However, clean-up measures have been taken in the mining cadastre to address speculation over dormant permits. The Simandou project, considered strategic, combines extraction, steelmaking, railway, and port development. Local processing remains a strong priority.

Aboubacar Kagbé Touré, CEO of SOGUIPAMI, described his public company as a reliable partner, highly knowledgeable about the cadastre, participating from the risk phases in exchange for a non-contributory stake that can later be converted into a carried interest. Guinea intends to develop in-country refineries to maximise added value.

DRC: Securing the Legal Environment and Reassuring

Investors Prof. Dieudonné Tambwe, Coordinator of the CTCPM (advisory body to the Ministry of Mines), recalled that the perception of risk is a major barrier to investment. To address this, the DRC relies on legal monitoring, promotion of the Mining Code (revised in 2018), and better presentation of the business climate. The emergence of local and ethical value chains remains a priority.

African Legal Support Facility (ALSF): Structuring Contracts to Balance Interests Mariame-Yolande Bah,

Legal Counsel at ALSF, an organization created to combat imbalance in the structuring and negotiation of contracts, pointed out that many mining codes are outdated or inconsistent. The ALSF supports contract structuring, negotiation of local content, bankability studies, and the training of national teams. It advocates for state-owned holding companies and well-framed tax incentives.

Shared Key Takeaway: Building Long-Term Partnerships

Etienne Giros delivered a compelling summary on the conditions for success:

move beyond their perception of risk and engage more fully on the continent.

Joint Conclusion from Both Sessions: Aiming for Rooted and Fair African Investment Models

Both panels highlighted an undeniable reality: mining investments in Africa cannot succeed without integrated approaches, tailored to local contexts, and based on balanced partnerships.

Whether in terms of financing or governance, the future of the African mining sector will be shaped at the crossroads of:

- ▶ Legal clarity,
- ▶ Local control over resources,
- ▶ And the collective capacity to build sustainable value chains.

Session 3 – IMPROVING MINING SUSTAINABILITY – WORKING TOWARDS EXCELLENCE IN ESG AND IMPLEMENTING ETHICAL MINING PRACTICES

Building a Responsible Mining Future Rooted in Local Territories

Moderated by Adrian Mill (CEO of ESS – Environmental and Social Sustainability), this session brought together industry experts, international organizations, and labelling initiatives around a shared conviction: integrating ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) criteria is no longer a bonus, but a vital condition for ensuring the viability, social acceptance, and positive impact of mining projects in Africa.

ESG: A Systemic Transformation, Not Just a Label

Adrian Mill opened the discussion by acknowledging that ESG sometimes suffers from image issues, often perceived as greenwashing. However, he emphasized that ESG is a genuine tool for risk management and long-term planning, especially in the context of the energy transition. He underlined the importance of involving communities from the design phase and envisioning the development of these territories beyond the mine itself particularly through; **Benefit Sharing Agreements**. “Communities have the power to make or break a project,” he reminded. Highlighting that ESG, despite its complexity, is also a source of funding, he stressed the need to train the next generation of ESG leaders directly in Africa.

Strong Expectations from Markets... and Local Communities

Louis Maréchal (OECD) pointed out that international buyers increasingly demand concrete ESG guarantees, which determine access to markets and financing. While artisanal mining can pose challenges, it cannot be ignored: it remains

a vital source of income for local populations, especially as climate change weakens agricultural livelihoods. The challenge is to integrate legal artisanal mining into responsible supply chains.

Pierre-Samuel Guedj (Affectio Mutandi) encouraged a clear distinction between CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) and ESG to better activate impact levers. He highlighted the urgency of creating **600 million jobs by 2050** in Africa and noted that mining can contribute if it is designed as a territorial development driver.

Best Practices and Field Experience

Tidiane Barry, VP West Africa at IAMGOLD and Managing Director of the Essakane mine (Burkina Faso), shared the experience of operating in an insecure context. Since 2010, the mine has implemented a sustainable implantation strategy: transparent communication with communities, a hybrid solar/thermal power plant, integrated social investment, and local content development (community businesses turned suppliers). IAMGOLD also partners with the UNDP and NGOs to anchor its initiatives in a shared territorial development vision.

Susannah McLaren (Cobalt Institute) reminded that cobalt, especially in the DRC, has faced intense media and regulatory scrutiny since 2016. However, significant progress has been made, including certifications like **Copper Mark**. She emphasized that ESG transformation is **iterative and gradual**, requiring time, resources, and governmental leadership. She noted a decline in illegal artisanal activity and advocated for **legalised, regulated, and viable artisanal mining sites**.

Toward Robust Standards and Socially Accepted Projects

Pierre Petit-De Pasquale (IRMA – Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance) highlighted that national mining regulations are often still incomplete and that the lack of inspection bodies harms the sector’s credibility. He called for going beyond voluntary standards by integrating human rights and violence prevention measures from the design phase. He identified four keys to successful benefit-sharing agreements:

1. Involve all segments of the population (not just community leaders),
2. Guarantee access to clean water and mitigate environmental risks,
3. Respect fundamental human rights,
4. Design projects with long-term vision.

Conclusion: ESG as a Driver of Competitiveness and Impact

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Conclusion: ESG as a Driver of Competitiveness and Impact

This panel underscored a profound transformation in the mining sector, now assessed based on:

- ▶ Its real territorial impact,
- ▶ Its ability to generate shared value,
- ▶ And its compliance with international expectations.

The message is clear: ESG excellence is no longer optional, it is a market access criterion, a tool for investment security, and a lever for social legitimacy, serving the sustainable development of African communities.

DAY 2

Session 4 – GEODATA AND MINING CADASTRE FOR TRANSPARENCY AND INCREASED INVESTMENT

This panel, moderated by Jean Félix Mupande, expert and President of the National Order of Geologists of the DRC, highlighted the strategic importance of geodata and modernized cadastre systems in building a mining sector that is more transparent, efficient, and attractive to investors.

Over the past two decades, 27 African countries have adopted computerized mining cadastres, marking a significant step toward more rigorous resource management. However, technical, human, and institutional challenges remain substantial.

- ▶ **Dr Rokhaya Samba Diene** (Senegal) emphasized that subsurface knowledge is a sovereign asset and that acquiring it must be state funded. Geoscientific data is essential for showcasing a country's potential and for informed planning of mining development.
- ▶ **Modou Diouf** (Senegal) highlighted the implementation of a large-scale national mineral mapping campaign aimed at centralizing data and improving clarity for investors.
- ▶ **Dr Joseph Mankelov** (British Geological Survey, UK) stressed the importance of the FAIR principles (Find able, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable). According to him, geodata must be accessible and usable in both physical and digital formats. "Geodata attracts investment. The cadastre manages it."

- ▶ **Paul Mabolia Yenga** (DRC Mining Cadastre) underlined the cadastre's role in combating corruption and fraud in the granting of mining titles. He discussed challenges such as inadequate infrastructure, lack of local training, the complexity of integrating various national databases, and the need for localized cadastre offices, especially in remote regions.

- ▶ **Ash Johnson** (IGS) concluded by emphasizing the importance of leveraging existing data: "Young explorers want data that is easy to find and use. It's encouraging to see African-led initiatives emerging." He stressed the link between affordable, accessible data and increased exploration activity.

Key Message:

The quality, availability, and accessibility of geodata have become crucial conditions for transparency, strategic planning, and the mining sector's attractiveness across African countries.

SESSION 5 – BUILDING VALUE ADDING MINING CAPACITIES – DEFINING VALUE CHAIN STRATEGIES FOR TRANSFORMATIVE GROWTH

From extraction to local processing: a strategic imperative

This panel, moderated by **Ewa Katarzyna Klimowicz** (World Bank), offered a clear-eyed assessment: **Africa will not be able to leap directly into large-scale local manufacturing**, but it must progressively build its industrial and human capacities to move up the value chain.

- ▶ **Dr Chux Onaa** (VDMA) presented a robust framework for local content policy, implemented with intention. To foster a sustainable local mining manufacturing industry, it is necessary to develop skills, train in technologies, and establish strategic alliances between governments, development institutions, and mining equipment manufacturers (OEMs), notably to create technical training centres. Universities and research are essential partners.
- ▶ **Vinay Somera** (Isondo Precious Metals) highlighted the role of platinum in the emergence of new value chains linked to green hydrogen. He sees it as a historic opportunity for Africa to position itself now in a nascent industry. However, he warned of market resistance to funding in this area.
- ▶ **Isaac Kwesu** (Chamber of Mines of Zimbabwe) explained that 12 minerals account for the bulk of the country's revenues, out of more than 60 identified. To capture more value, Zimbabwe imposes a punitive tax on the raw export of platinum group metals (PGMs) and requires that 10% of diamonds be cut locally. This is a

proactive strategy to develop downstream processing industries.

- ▶ **Freddy Muamba Kanyinku** (CEEC – DRC) stressed the importance of traceability, through the E-Trace tool, and also on the added value generated by certifying artisanal products (diamonds, gold, coloured stones). He pointed to **a gap in the interpretation of international standards**, as well as a lack of harmonisation between them, which creates complexity and revenue losses for African countries. *“The more complex the standards, the smaller the national margins.”*

Key message: A truly transformative mining policy requires:

- ▶ **Local technical capabilities** (training, research, industrial partnerships),
- ▶ **Strong political will** (taxation, local processing obligations),
- ▶ **Smart harmonisation of standards**,
- ▶ And rigorous traceability management to maximise the value retained on the continent.

Session 6 – INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PROGRESSION OF AFRICA'S MINING INDUSTRY

Aligning mining, public and community interests around sustainable infrastructure

This panel, moderated by **Pierre Masquart**, lawyer at the Paris Bar, explored the possible synergies between **mining investment** and the development of **structural infrastructure** (transport, energy, health, connectivity), in support of inclusive growth across the African continent.

For **Mzila Mthenjane**, CEO of the Minerals Council South Africa, mining can become the **engine of infrastructure development**, through what is known as **mining-enabled infrastructure**. Investments in the extractive sector generate cascading needs and opportunities in water, energy, transport, and connectivity. All of which benefit both local communities and businesses. However, he warned against the blurring of roles between the State and mining companies, stressing that mining firms must not replace public services.

Yocoli Grace-Milca Konan, from the ALSF, emphasised the need for **clear contractual frameworks** to define roles and responsibilities in the construction and management of infrastructure. She called for **tax and customs incentives** that encourage win-win partnerships, especially in public-private partnerships (PPPs). She also highlighted the legal complexity of cross-border projects, which require harmonised legislation and well-defined dispute resolution mechanisms.

Dr. Pépin Tchouate Heteu stressed the potential of **renewable energy**, which is becoming increasingly accessible for self-generation in mining zones. He also mentioned **carbon funds** as financing tools for CSR (corporate social responsibility) initiatives.

Finally, **Jérôme Soistier**, founder of **C3Medical**, illustrated how well-structured mining projects can **transform rural healthcare systems** through **telemedicine**, AI, and remote medical services. These tools ease the burden on medical human resources while meeting the needs of mining employees and local communities.

Session 7 – ENHANCING SUPPLY CHAINS THROUGH LOCAL CONTENT DEVELOPMENT ACROSS PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING CHAINS

Local content as a driver of sustainability, economic sovereignty, and social acceptability

Moderated by **Thomas Rodriguez**, Managing Director of CLC Solution, this session addressed a strategic issue for the future of Africa's mining sector: the development of local content in production, subcontracting, and mineral processing. Speakers emphasised that local content should not be seen as a regulatory constraint, but as a long-term structuring opportunity.

For **Yves Bawa**, CEO of Kumbuka Africa (DRC), local content is the key to the sustainability of mining projects. It allows communities to benefit from extractive activity even after operations have ceased, by strengthening their economic involvement. According to him, local content is the best ally of successful projects, as communities see their interests reflected and recognise themselves as stakeholders, including in matters of project security. This requires a clear legal framework, financial support, and above all, the skills development of local populations to ensure the competitiveness of local players.

Benitha Tambwe, expert at the Ministry of Mines of the DRC, presented concrete advances in local legislation. The law now requires subcontracting with companies that are majority Congolese-owned. She highlighted the efforts of FOGEC (access to financing), ANADEC (SME training), and artisanal cooperatives to strengthen the national economic fabric. She advocated for intra-African cooperation to collectively meet the needs of both the global market and local communities.

Finally, **Ngagne Demba Touré**, CEO of SOMISEN SA (Senegal), shared an ambitious vision of industrialisation through local processing. He detailed structural projects in

the areas of steel and metallurgy, fertiliser production (phosphates), gold refining, and petrochemicals. The aim, according to him, is to maximise the capture of added value at every link in the chain, while ensuring social acceptability of the projects through strong community engagement. He also emphasised the challenge of mass training for local populations.

Key messages from the panel:

- ▶ Local content is a lever for sovereignty, employment, and post-exploitation sustainability.
- ▶ It must be supported by clear laws, financing tools (such as FOGEC), and a structured training policy.
- ▶ Community involvement is a key success and stability factor for mining projects.
- ▶ Industrialisation through local transformation is possible if the State plays its role as facilitator and planner.
- ▶ Africa must pool its efforts to gain influence in global supply chains and build a more equitable economic model.

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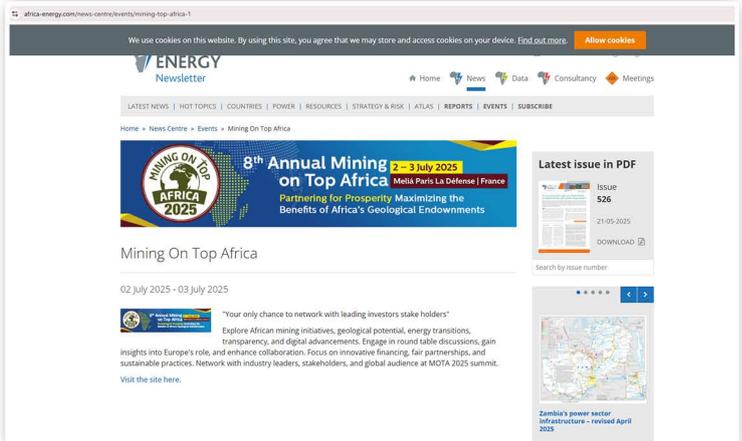
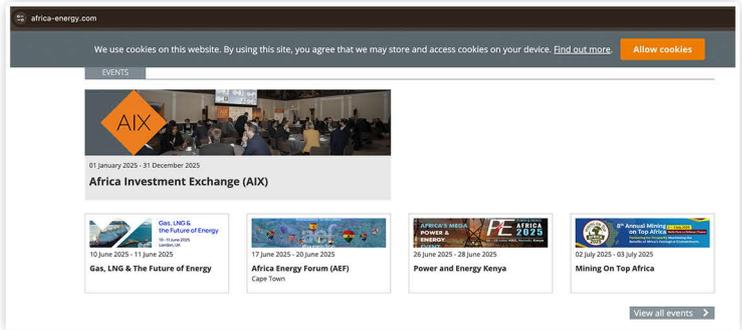
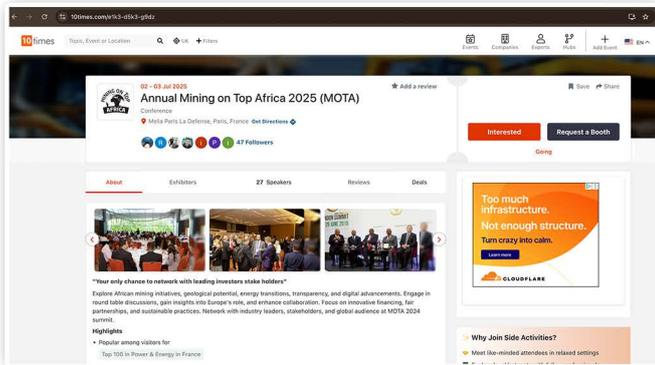
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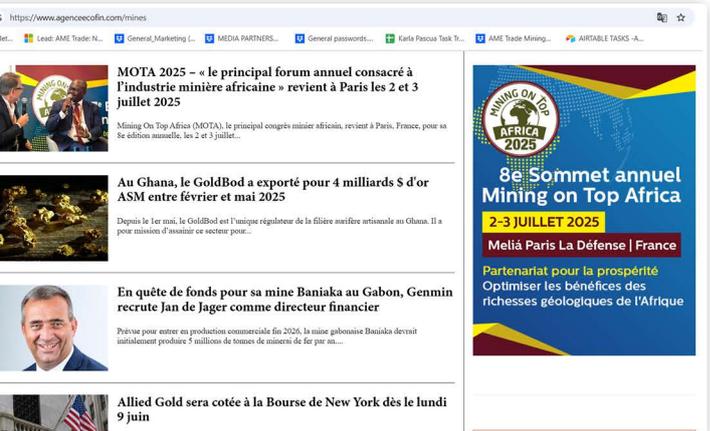


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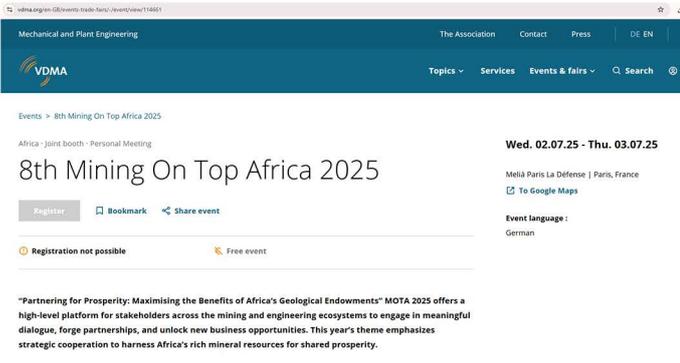
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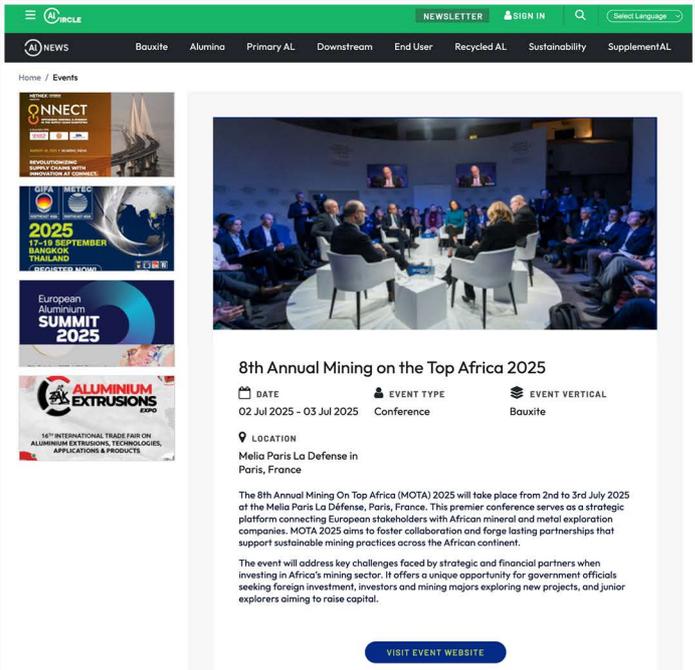


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By Oumar
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La huitième édition de Mining On Top Africa se tiendra à Paris en France les 2 et 3 juillet 2025, selon les organisateurs.

Paris, la capitale de la République française accueillera les 2 et 3 juillet 2025 la huitième édition de Mining On Top Africa (MOTA). Cette édition est placée sous le thème « S'unir pour la prospérité : maximiser les bénéfices des ressources géologiques de l'Afrique ». Elle vise « à dresser un état des



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South Africa invited to help uplift palladium demand by 1.7-million ounces a year

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The visit to South Africa was part of a global roadshow aimed at combining research and business efforts to drive sustainable development.

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"Basically, what we do is we find the prospective project where palladium can give very clear competitive advantages. Then we find the best scientific team who can make this project in the best quality in the shortest time."

"We make the prototype. We arrange the wide industrial testing among the end-users, collect the feedback, improve the product, and then provide licences to the producers of the PGM materials," Izotov outlined.

The aim of the participation at the Johannesburg event was to initiate dialogue with potential partners across the continent – research institutions, industrial firms, and tech startups.

Long-term collaboration with scientists, manufacturers, and end-users to accelerate the adoption of advanced technologies and products is envisaged.

"We focus on identifying applications where palladium delivers a strong competitive edge, bringing together leading scientific teams to

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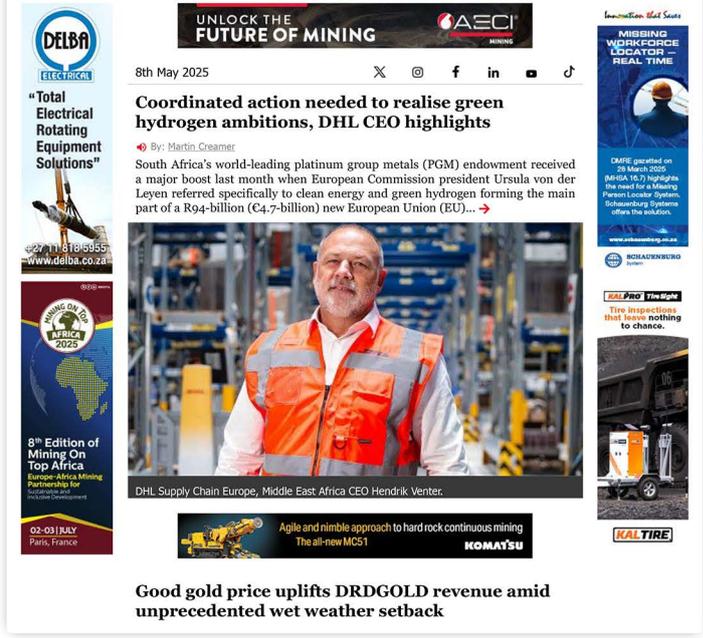
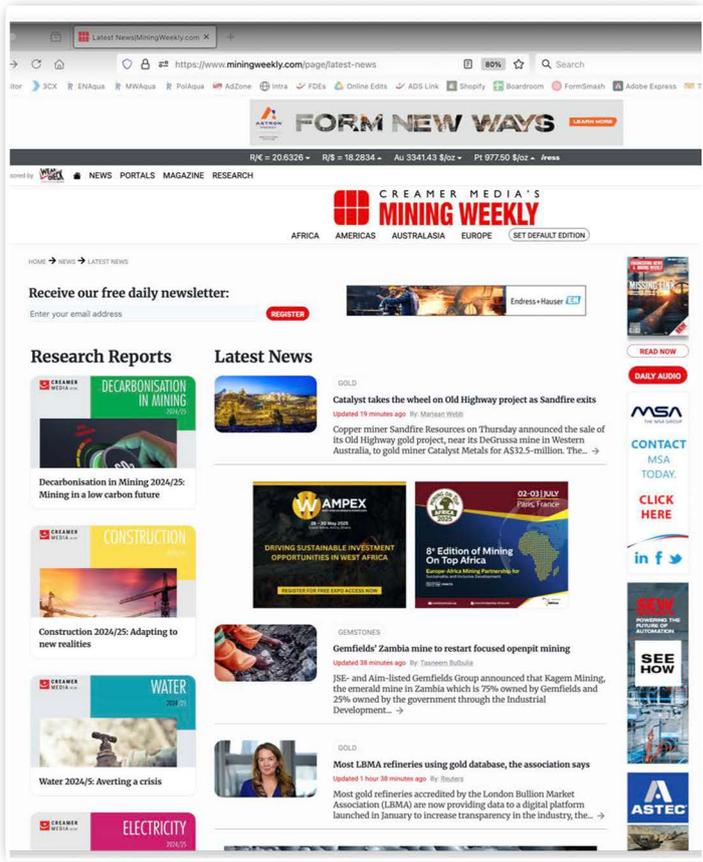
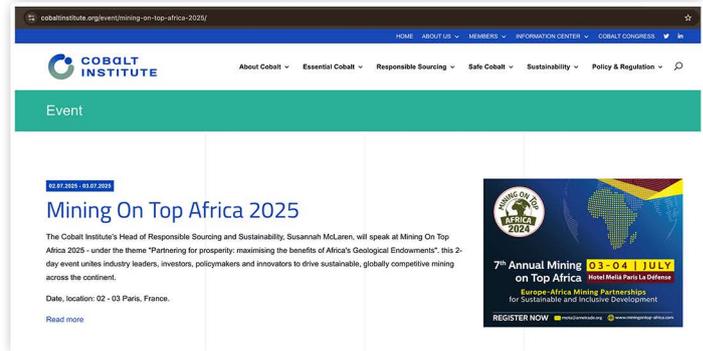


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"Basically, what we do is we find the project where palladium can give very clear competitive advantages. Then we find the best scientific team who can make this project in the best quality in the shortest time."

"We make the prototype. We arrange the wide industrial testing among the end-users, collect the feedback, improve the product, and then provide licences to the producers of the PGM materials," Izotov outlined. The aim of the participation at the Johannesburg event was to initiate dialogue with potential partners across the continent – research institutions, industrial firms, and tech startups.

Long-term collaboration with scientists, manufacturers, and end-users to accelerate the adoption of advanced technologies and products is envisaged.

"We focus on identifying applications where palladium delivers a strong competitive edge, bringing together leading scientific teams to

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Hemlo sale won't diminish Barrick's Canada commitment - Bristow

By: Marisa Webb

Toronto-headquartered Barrick Mining CEO Mark Bristow on Wednesday reaffirmed the miner's long-term commitment to Canada, even as the company launches a sale process for Hemlo – its last operating mine in the country where it was founded. "We have launched a process to test the market for ..."



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By: Reuters



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Barrick's earnings rise on higher gold price; strategic growth objectives on track

By: Sabrina Jardim



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Trump's copper tariff probe is expected soon, industry group says

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US authorities are expected to decide on copper tariffs well before a year-end deadline, according to a trade group. President Donald Trump in February directed the US Commerce Department to open an investigation into potential copper tariffs and submit a report within 270 days. In late March ..."

KoBold Metals to acquire AVZ's interests in DRC lithium deposit

By: Tasneem Bulbulia



Bill Gates-backed US company KoBold Metals and Australia-headquartered AVZ Minerals have agreed on a framework for KoBold to buy AVZ's interests in the Manono lithium deposit, in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The companies highlight that rapid, ethical development of the deposit should ..."

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Paris, carrefour diplomatique du sous-sol africain

Il aura suffi de quarante-huit heures au cours de La Défense pour rappeler que l'avisé industriel de l'Afrique se joue autant dans les salles neutres des conférences internationales que dans les galeries souterraines. Organisé début juillet, le Mining On Top Africa (MOTA) a réuni 180 participants venus de vingt-quatre pays, dont quatre délégations ministérielles, pour débattre d'un thème aussi ambitieux que stratégique : « Partenariat pour la Prospérité ». L'objectif affiché par les organisateurs d'AME Trade était simple : préparer la mutation d'un modèle d'exportation brute vers un modèle de transformation locale créateur de valeur et d'emplois qualifiés.

À la tribune, la diversité des accents – de Conakry à Nouakchott, de Elizabeth à Dakar – traduisait la densité diplomatique du moment. Les ministères présents ont souligné, d'une même voix, l'urgence d'une architecture contractuelle apaisée entre États propriétaires de ressources et compagnies détentrices de capitaux. Comme l'a résumé Tallouay Diagne, directeur Afrique de l'Ouest d'AME Trade, « le MOTA est établi en espace de franchise : il met à nu les attentes, les coopérations et les convergences possibles ».

Vers une nouvelle grammaire contractuelle

La table ronde ministérielle du 2 juillet a cristallisé les enjeux. Le Guizéno Mohamed Lamine Sy Savane a énoncé le constat : « se regarder dans le miroir chinois sans dentelle », réajustant la position du Sénégalais Ibrahim Gassama qui pléde pour que « la valeur ajoutée reste, avant tout, sur le terrain africain ». Sous la modération de Benoît

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Paris, le 4 juillet 2023 – Pendant deux jours, Paris a été le théâtre d'un rendez-vous majeur pour l'avenir du continent : la 8e édition du Mining On Top Africa (MOTA). Organisé à l'Hotel Meliá Paris La Défense, l'événement a rassemblé plus de 180 participants issus de 24 pays, parmi lesquels 54 intervenants, 4 délégations ministérielles africaines, « 18 compagnies minières de renom (Kinross Gold, SOGEM, SOGEM, LANGOLD, Aurus Resources, Togo Gold, Sabex Gold, Nantala Mining, Fossilier Rare Earths, entre autres). Au cœur des débats : comment transformer les ressources géologiques africaines en leviers souverains de développement durable, industriel et social. Sous la tribune « Partenariat pour la Prospérité : Maximiser les bénéfices des richesses géologiques de l'Afrique », MOTA 2023 a affirmé son rôle de plateforme stratégique entre décideurs politiques, investisseurs, institutions, sociétés minières et experts techniques. « Mining On Top Africa est avant tout un plateau de dialogue, d'écoute et de partage. Une plateforme qui réunit les parties prenantes qui, chacune à son niveau, façonnent le présent et l'avenir du secteur minier africain », a déclaré en ouverture M. Tallouay Diagne, Directeur Afrique de l'Ouest chez AME Trade. Moment phare de cette édition, la table ronde ministérielle du 2 juillet a réuni des personnalités gouvernementales clés : - S.E. Mohamed Lamine Sy Savane, Ministre Directeur de Cabinet auprès du Premier ministre, **ABONNEZ-VOUS MAINTENANT à notre offre Premium pour une expérience exclusive et une information de qualité.** **ABONNER** **KIOSQUE** **TELECHARGER NOS REVUELS** **AGENDA** **Surabaya: La 18e édition de l'Exposition International...**

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La société canadienne Montage Gold a le vent en poupe grâce à son giga-projet de mine d'or en Côte d'Ivoire. La découverte de neuf gisements sur le projet Koné dans le nord du pays permet un développement rapide de cette société minière encore très jeune.



Le PDG de Montage Gold, Martino De Cicco et son directeur financier Constant Tia le 3 juillet à Paris lors du Mining on Top Africa. © RFU/Alexis Bédu

Jusqu'à présent, ils sont apparus en mai 2024 aux côtés du président Ouattara. « Aujourd'hui, c'est avec une grande fierté que nous annonçons la découverte du projet Koné », annonce en fanfare l'entreprise Montage Gold. Le projet Koné passe alors de deux à neuf gisements. Il devient le plus gros projet mondial en cours de construction.

Rares pour une entreprise aussi jeune. « Si on devait commencer quelque part de loin, la Côte d'Ivoire, c'était le pays de choix, assure Martino de Cicco le PDG de Montage Gold, nous avons travaillé en Côte d'Ivoire depuis déjà une quinzaine d'années. Déjà beaucoup de succès en ce pays et surtout, on a tout l'appui de l'État, de la population, etc. Pour pouvoir bouger ce projet. Donc, nous, on s'est joint en février de l'année dernière. En avril, on a déjà reçu le permis environnemental, en juillet, le permis d'exploitation et donc grâce à ça, on a pu boucler 950 millions de financements pour lancer la construction en novembre de l'année dernière. »

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Minerais: l'Afrique avance vers ses objectifs de transformation locale



Mella Wthenjane, PDG du Conseil des Mines d'Afrique du Sud s'exprime au MOTA 2023. Crédit photo : Laurence Soustras

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Le continent, de plus en plus courtisé internationalement pour ses minerais critiques, réclame davantage de moyens lui permettant de partager ses ressources.

Un contexte de marché incertain, et pourtant une nouvelle dynamique : le monde des mines africain réuni à Paris la semaine dernière autour de l'événement Mining on Top Africa est apparu plus que jamais regroupé derrière son objectif d'établir de solides bases de transformation des minerais sur le continent et de faire du secteur un nouveau moteur de croissance pour ses économies. « Ce qui est nouveau et que j'ai ressenti dans la session de haut niveau avec les ministres africains que j'ai connus, c'est un optimisme plus fort : le fait de voir les Chinois, les Japonais, les Coréens, les Américains, les Européens, les Indiens, les Saoudiens, les Turcs venir sur le continent pour s'approvisionner en métaux critiques, ça leur permet d'être beaucoup plus exigeants, d'obtenir des critères ESG et un accompagnement avec des retombées locales immédiates », souligne Jean-Claude Guillaumeau, de la Direction générale du BRGM, l'établissement public français de géologie.

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À la clé également, de meilleures perspectives pour avancer dans le traitement local de ces matières premières. Un objectif qui devient très pressant aux yeux des responsables africains. Le professeur Dieudonné Tambwe, coordonnateur de la Cellule technique de coordination et de planification minière en République démocratique du Congo (CTCPM), a rappelé que dans son pays il existe déjà une législation pour fixer la production à l'état, afin de la mettre à la disposition de l'industrie locale : « cela doit être décliné par le plan-cadre de l'industrialisation qui déterminera, par exemple, le tonnage de cuivre pour la production de câbles. Sachant que le pays est à 18 % électrifié, c'est une voie

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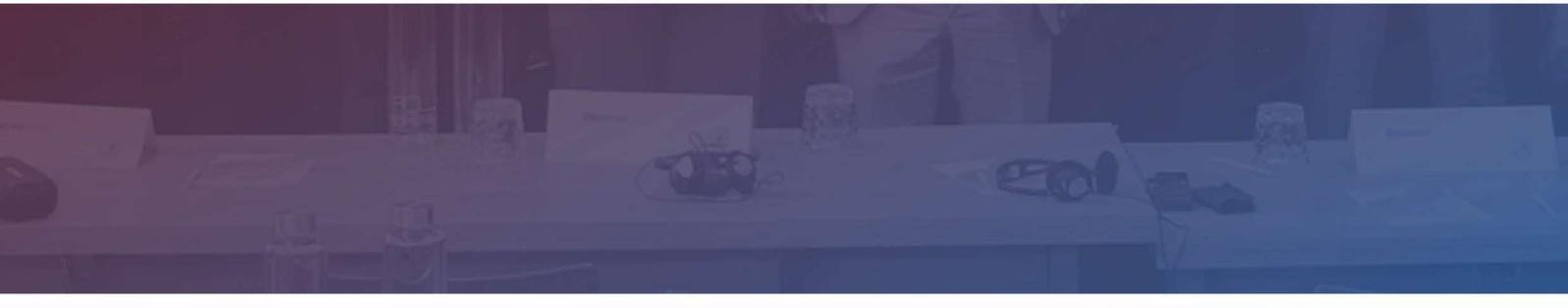
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At the heart of the discussions: how to transform Africa's geological wealth into sovereign levers for sustainable, industrial, and social development. Under the theme "Partnering for Prosperity: Maximizing the Benefits of Africa's Geological Wealth," MOTA 2025 reaffirmed its role as a strategic platform for dialogue among policymakers, investors, institutions, mining companies, and technical experts.

"Mining On Top Africa is above all a space for dialogue, listening, and exchange. A platform that brings together all the stakeholders shaping the present and future of the African mining sector," opened Mr. Talibouya Diagne, West Africa Director at AME Trade.

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The "Mining on Top Africa" meeting brought together key players in African mining development to discuss the central issue of local development of mineral resources. The discussions highlighted the need for a structural transformation of the African mining sector, shifting from a commodity export model to integrated industrial development on the continent.

The meeting revealed a paradigm shift in the African mining sector. The recurring keywords ("processing," "local development," "partnerships") reflect a shared desire to move beyond the traditional extractive model.

The central challenge identified: transforming minerals critical to the West into strategic levers for Africa, through an integrated approach combining national sovereignty, regional cooperation, and balanced partnerships with international stakeholders.

The success of this transformation will require enhanced coordination between African states, modernization of regulatory frameworks, and massive investment in infrastructure and training. Participants' Impressions:



Amadou Diawara, Grande Cote Opérations SA

For my first time attending MOTA, I found the diversity of topics related to our mining activities to be very interesting. We started with highly technical subjects, but also non-technical ones that are essential to our operating license. When we talk about local content, improving the value chain, and increasing economic benefits for African countries, these are real issues facing the continent today. I also found there was a rather interesting approach between the different countries, trying to see what others are doing and what are the best practices. It's true that in two days, we can gain a fairly comprehensive overview of what's happening today on the continent in the mining sector, the concerns of states and stakeholders, and strategic issues such as financing. For me, who is new to this sector, it's a crash course to understand all these issues. Diversity and cross-disciplinary topics: these two days offer a real wealth of insight.



Hervé Theveniaut, West Africa Area Manager, BRGM

This is my second or third MOTA. The big advantage of this event is that it's on a human scale, with very high-level attendees, allowing us to meet real institutional stakeholders, whether department heads or ministers, and to discuss very concrete topics with them, which isn't the case at most traditional mining conferences like the Indaba in South Africa.

So, this is a real added value of this conference, with its great diversity of topics, high-level panelists, and therefore a great wealth of experience in two short days. We really have the opportunity to gain very important information, to build relationships and bridges, as well as to strengthen the desire for cooperation between all parties. And, in all the sessions, we see different African countries saying, "We have the same problems, we must work together." Which is very good.



Paul Mabolia Yenga, Director General of the DRC Mining Registry

Overall, the topics were very interesting, and it also allowed us to learn a lot about what other countries are doing. What we learned is that we must work together because today we are the fifth continent, the last unexplored continent. So, let's work together rather than having too many isolated initiatives, when rationality dictates it—it would cost us less.



H.E. Mohamed Lamine Sy Savane, Minister Dir. Cab. of the Prime Minister's Office of Guinea

It was truly a very good meeting. The MOTA gave us a very good impression of the progress not only of projects in our African states, but also of the financing method, which has become a real obstacle to the development of the mining sector. In the current context, critical metals are certainly critical for the North, but not for us Africans. What is critical for us is the construction of infrastructure, whether rail, road, or energy, which is a concern for our populations today. Therefore, the debate must be refocused to see how to support our states in the construction of infrastructure, because we need funding for geological research. If there is no research, there are no results, it means there are no mines. So it all starts there. I sincerely wanted to thank AMETrade through Mr. Dan and the entire team behind it. The organization was impeccable. Many African states responded, but the setting was also ideal and the reception truly welcoming. Everything was perfect!



Dr. Rokhaya Samba Diene, Director General of the National Geological Survey of Senegal

I've participated in previous editions, and I think it was much better organized. The topic is really relevant because we've talked a lot about the importance of geological research. For some time now, at all the conferences I've attended, both speakers and participants have highlighted this problem of access to data. Because data, especially geological data, is the basis of all mining and oil operations. This has been strongly highlighted, and I hope our countries will take the necessary steps. Especially since the African Union, with the establishment not only of the vision, but also of the African Mineral Resources Development Center, has highlighted the importance of mineral resources for the benefit of communities. So they have developed tools that African states must use not only for estimating resources and reserves, but also tools that, unlike those that exist elsewhere, address not only the economic aspect of resources, but also the social and environmental aspects. All of this came out in the discussions. It was really interesting, and there are many areas of collaboration that can emerge from it, especially the sharing of best practices. Today, we are going to talk about cadastre and geodata, themes that increase the confidence that investors have in a state.



Kaite Kiliya, CTCPM, Republic of Congo

The conference was very well organized with a suitable format. There wasn't a large audience, but there were some excellent panelists: mining sector experts, government representatives, and CEOs of state-owned companies, who provided us with valuable input. We enjoyed the case studies from Guinea and Senegal, and we, as the DRC, learned a lot. It was truly a sharing and transfer of skills and knowledge. That's what we're missing a little: this African synergy and sharing of best practices. We realized that we all have the same problems: geological research, mapping. So it's really a key and urgent issue, and we need to find solutions, especially regarding financing. We talked about a basket fund that not all African countries have yet ratified, and I think it's important to look for solutions to resolve the situation.



Dr. Joseph Mankelaw, Head of Minerals, British Geological Survey (BSG)

It was extremely interesting. There were many fascinating discussions about minerals and mining potential in Africa, as well as a good overview of all the different types of issues currently arising and needing to be addressed. There were also positive steps being taken in terms of data sharing, information sharing, and, of course, simply the networking opportunities, the chance to meet people and talk with them.



Ewa Katarzyna Klimowicz, World Bank

I have a very positive opinion of the meeting. I found it really interesting and very comprehensive. We really covered all possible aspects of the topic during these days. The discussions were very rich, with panels representing different perspectives and experiences. It was truly a great event to attend. The app helped a lot with networking. I really saw that people were very active even before the event began, which made it easier to connect.

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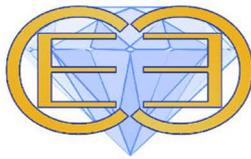
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