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SECURING AFRICA'S MINING FUTURE: SOVEREIGNTY, SUSTAINABILITY, AND GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS	
DAY 0 – 6 JULY 2026	
10:00 – 17:00	EARLY REGISTRATION
DAY 1 – 7 JULY 2026 CONFERENCE PROGRAMME	
07:00 – 08:45	REGISTRATION
08:45 – 09:15	**OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY**
	Welcome Remarks & Master of Ceremony - Philippe Ngamou AMETrade Welcome Address: **Talibouya Diagne**, General Manager, West Africa Sponsors Welcome Message: **Jean-Luc Assi**, Chairman of the Board, **SODEMI** Keynote Welcome Remarks: **Jean-Claude Guillaneau**, International Partnership at the General Director, **BRGM** and **PanAfGeo** Coordinator.
09:15 – 10:30	**MINISTERIAL & HIGH-LEVEL ROUNDTABLE: FROM RESOURCE OWNERSHIP TO ECONOMIC POWER: AFRICA'S VISION FOR MINERAL SOVEREIGNTY AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH**
	As global demand for metals accelerates and supply chains realign, Africa stands not at the margins, but at the centre of global industrial transformation. The continent's mineral wealth provides a strategic advantage — and African governments are determined to ensure it translates into lasting national and regional prosperity. This moment is about more than rising exports or fiscal revenues. It is about leveraging mineral endowment to build industrial capacity, expand infrastructure, develop skills, and strengthen economic resilience. Africa's leadership and strategic partnerships are advancing policies that promote value addition, regional integration, and greater participation in global value chains. • Strengthening mineral sovereignty across African countries while ensuring stable policies and predictable frameworks that attract long-term international investment. • Coordinating actions between governments, regional bodies, and industry to move beyond raw exports and secure greater domestic value capture and industrialisation.

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	• Implementing strategic policies and national frameworks to shape the minerals and metals sector for sustainable growth and global competitiveness. • Key national priorities that translate current strong mineral demand into lasting economic transformation. Session Chair: **Mariame-Yolande Bah**, Senior Legal Counsel and Regional Coordinator for North and Central Africa**, ALSF** Esteemed Panellists: • **H.E. Edy Ould Zeine**, Minister of Mines and Industry, Islamic Republic of Mauritania • **H.E. Urbain Fiacre Opo**, Minister of Mining Industries and Geology, Republic of Congo
10:30 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00 – 11:20	**KEYNOTE PRESENTATION – AFRICAN LEGAL SUPPORT FACILITY**
	• **Aida Sylla**, Program officer for African Legal Expertise Advancement program (ALEAP)**, ALSF**
11:20 – 12:30	**SESSION 1 - FINANCING AFRICA'S MINING FUTURE: POLICY CERTAINTY, CAPITAL AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS**
	As global demand for minerals accelerates, investment in Africa's mining sector increasingly depends on stable policy frameworks, regulatory certainty, and competitive fiscal regimes. While traditional Western financing has become more selective in higher-risk jurisdictions, Chinese-backed funding models have enabled projects to advance through integrated capital and infrastructure partnerships. This evolving financing landscape highlights the need for Africa to diversify funding sources and strengthen project preparation to unlock new developments. Innovative mechanisms — including blended finance, royalties, streaming, and offtake agreements — are emerging to reduce risk and mobilise capital. Greater alignment between governments, international financiers, and industry will be critical to ensuring investment delivers long-term economic value and sustainable sector growth. • New policies, regulatory reforms, and cadastres boosting investor confidence and transparency. • Policy and fiscal frameworks that unlock financing across the mining lifecycle, from exploration to production. • Balancing global financing options, leveraging both Western and Chinese investment models. • Alternative financing mechanisms — royalties, streaming, offtake agreements, and blended finance — to de-risk projects and mobilise capital. • Collaborative approaches between governments, financiers, and industry to drive sustainable mining growth and long-term economic value.

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	Moderator: **Stéphane Brabant**, Senior Partner, **Mada** Panellists: • **Ignacio de Calonje**, Chief Investment Officer, Energy, **World Bank Group** • **Franklin Edochie,** Deputy Director & Head, Metals & Mining**, AFC** • **Biro Condé,** Regional Managing Director, Francophone West & Central Africa**, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)** • **Alexandra Hegarty,** Critical Minerals Analyst, **IEA**
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH BREAK
13:30 – 14:15	**SESSION 2 - FIRESIDE CHAT - IVORY COAST – FROM EXPLORATION SUCCESS TO WEST AFRICA'S NEXT MINING HUB**
SODEMI Société pour le Développement Minier de la Côte d'Ivoire	Ivory Coast is rapidly strengthening its position as one of West Africa's leading mining destinations, driven by strong exploration success, expanding gold production, improving infrastructure, and a supportive investment environment. With growing international interest across gold and critical minerals, the country is increasingly focused on using its mineral resources to support industrial growth, local content development, and long-term economic transformation. This fireside chat will explore Ivory Coast's mining vision, investment priorities, regulatory developments, and the partnerships helping to drive the next phase of growth across the sector. • Ivory Coast's emergence as a leading mining investment destination in West Africa. • New project development and exploration momentum across gold and critical minerals. • The role of SODEMI and government policy in supporting sector growth and investment. • Infrastructure, local content, and responsible mining supporting long-term value creation. Moderator: **Marie Badiane-Mbuyu**, Transactional Lawyer, **MB Legal** Panellists: • **Seydou Coulibaly**, Director General of Mines and Geology, **Ministry of Mines, Petroleum and Energy, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire.** • **Seydou Moussa Kone**, Director General, **SODEMI** • **Martino De Ciccio**, Chief Executive Officer, **Montage Gold**
14:15 – 15:15	**SESSION 3 - INFRASTRUCTURE & RENEWABLE ENERGY: POWERING AFRICA'S MINING GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY**
	Africa's mining potential is increasingly defined by the strength and resilience of its infra-structure and energy systems. Integrated transport, ports, power, water, and digital networks

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are critical to opening new mineral districts, boosting production, and enabling resilient supply chains. At the same time, reliable and sustainable energy—through renewable and hybrid solutions—is central to operational efficiency, cost reduction, and decarbonisation.
Mining projects are themselves catalysts for regional industrialisation, driving public-private partnerships, shared-use corridors, and downstream economic activity. Innovation in solar, wind, hybrid microgrids, and supportive policy frameworks helps de-risk investment, strengthen social licence, and link mining to local beneficiation and broader economic growth. Strategic collaboration between governments, investors, and industry ensures infrastructure and energy development not only enhances competitiveness but also delivers long-term social, economic, and environmental impact across Africa.

Strategic role of integrated transport, power, water, and digital networks in unlocking new mining districts and enabling industrial clusters.
Innovative renewable and hybrid energy solutions for on-site, off-grid, and remote mining projects, supporting operational stability and decarbonisation. (e.g., Kamoa–Kakula solar integration, Kansanshi hybrid microgrids).
Financing models and public-private partnerships that accelerate infrastructure development, reduce risk, and promote cross-border connectivity e.g. Lobito Corridor, Nacala Corridor, Southern African Power Pool.
Linking energy and infrastructure development to beneficiation, local value addition, and regional economic growth.
Enhancing environmental stewardship, social licence, and Africa's competitiveness through sustainable, inclusive infrastructure and clean energy adoption.

Moderator: Yocoli Grace-Milca Konan, Legal Counsel, ALSF
Panellists:

Seydou Coulibaly, Director General of Mines and Geology, Ministry of Mines, Petroleum and Energy, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire.
Ekaterina Autet, Senior Investment Officer, IFC
Boubacar Ousmane Mbaye, President, Chamber of Mines, Senegal
Jed Benjamin Goldstein, Zambia Infrastructure Lead, First Quantum Minerals
Adrian Mill, Managing Director, ESS (Environmental and Social Sustainability)

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Guinea is entering a defining phase in its mining evolution, with the Simandou project representing one of the world's most significant integrated mining and infrastructure developments. As global demand for high-quality iron ore grows, the project highlights Guinea's emergence as a strategic mining and logistics hub in West Africa. Government leadership, project partners, and industry stakeholders come together to reflect on how large-scale resource development can catalyse national transformation. Central to this vision is the government's role in strengthening policy certainty, coordinating infrastructure development, enabling local participation, and ensuring mining investment translates into long-term industrial and economic growth. Beyond Simandou, Guinea's broader mining strategy signals an ambition to leverage mineral wealth to drive infrastructure expansion, regional connectivity, downstream opportunities, and sustainable community development — positioning the country as a competitive and reliable global mining partner.

Government leadership in shaping policy frameworks that support investment certainty and long-term sector growth.
Simandou as a catalyst for national infrastructure, regional integration, and industrial development.
Aligning large-scale mining investment with local content, skills development, and economic diversification goals.
Addressing energy, logistics, and corridor development to enable efficient and globally competitive operations.
Building trusted partnerships between government, investors, and operators to deliver sustainable and inclusive mining growth.

Moderator: Hervé Theveniaut, International Manager for West Africa, BRGM

Panellists:

Representative of the Ministry of Mines and Geology, Republic of Guinea*
Francois Phopho Kamano, Executive Director, Chamber of Mines, Guinea
Patrice L'Huillier, Chief Executive Officer, Nimba Mining Company

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<tr><td>Géosciences pour une Terre durable
brgm</td><td>Africa is becoming an increasingly important partner in Europe's efforts to build secure, diversified and sustainable supply chains. Beyond resource access, the focus is shifting towards long-term partnerships that support investment, geological knowledge,</td></tr>
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	infrastructure development, responsible sourcing, skills transfer, and value addition across the continent. This session aims to explore how European institutions, development finance partners, industrial investors and mining companies are working with African governments and stakeholders to unlock investment across the critical minerals value chain. Discussions will examine the implementation of the EU Critical Raw Materials Act, strategic investment programmes, geological initiatives, and opportunities to develop processing, refining and industrial capabilities that create shared value for both Africa and Europe. **Moderator: Jean-Claude Guillaneau**, International Partnership at the General Direction, BRGM and PanAfGeo Coordinator. Speakers: • European Strategy for the CRM Development in Africa – **Isabelle Magne - INTPA** • PanAfGeo + Invest project – **Capucine Albert** – Geologist, **BRGM and PanAfGeo + Invest** Project Manager • CRM Facility: **Didier Zimmermann -EIT RawMaterials** • Investments in Africa – **Christophe Thillier – ERAMET**
17:30	CLOSE OF DAY 1
17:30– 19:45	**WELCOME COCKTAILS** **Sponsored by:** brgm

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DAY 2 – 8 JULY 2026
CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

08:00 – 09:00	REGISTRATION
09:00 – 09:15	**DAY 2 OPENING KEYNOTE SPEECH**
	• **H.E. Yusif Sulemana**, Deputy Minister for Lands and Natural Resources, Republic of Ghana
09:15 – 10:00	**SESSION 6 – AFRICA'S CRITICAL MINERALS LANDSCAPE: INSIGHTS FROM THE OECD**
	As global competition intensifies around critical mineral supply chains, Africa is increasingly recognised as a strategic partner in supporting future energy systems, industrial resilience, and low-carbon technologies. With significant reserves of copper, cobalt, lithium, graphite, manganese, rare earth elements, uranium, and platinum group metals, the continent has an opportunity not only to supply raw materials, but to strengthen its position within global value chains through industrialisation, beneficiation, and regional cooperation. Drawing on insights from the recent OECD Regional Report on Critical Minerals in Africa, this session will examine the broader policy, trade, and geopolitical dynamics shaping Africa's role in future mineral supply chains. Discussions will explore how governments are increasingly focused on mineral sovereignty, long-term value capture, responsible sourcing, and industrial policy frameworks aimed at strengthening Africa's competitiveness while balancing investment attractiveness and sustainable development priorities. o Africa's growing strategic importance within global critical mineral supply chains. o Mineral sovereignty, industrial policy, and regional cooperation shaping Africa's long-term competitiveness. o Balancing resource nationalism, investment attractiveness, and long-term value creation. o Responsible sourcing, ESG standards, transparency, and resilient supply chains. o Strengthening beneficiation, downstream processing, and industrial development across the continent.

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	Moderator: **Karim Dahou**, Deputy Director for Global Relations and Cooperation, **OECD** **Presentation - Key findings and Recommendations from the OECD Regional Report on Critical Minerals in Africa.** • **Louis Marechal,** Senior Adviser: Minerals & Extractives**, OECD** Panellist: • **H.E. Yusif Sulemana**, Deputy Minister for Lands and Natural Resources, Republic of Ghana* • **Samuel Gahigi**, Head of Government Relations for Africa, **Rio Tinto** •
10:00 – 11:00	**SESSION 7 - COMMODITY FOCUS SESSION** **CRITICAL MINERALS & COPPER: FROM PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TO GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS**
	Africa's next generation of copper and critical mineral projects is advancing rapidly as global demand accelerates for minerals essential to electrification, renewable energy infrastructure, battery manufacturing, and industrial growth. Across the continent, developers, governments, and investors are moving projects from exploration into production while expanding infrastructure, processing capacity, and long-term commercial partnerships needed to support globally competitive supply chains. With major projects progressing across the DRC, Zambia, Mozambique, Mali, Botswana, Namibia, and Tanzania, the focus is increasingly shifting toward project execution, permitting efficiency, financing readiness, and the development of stable regulatory environments capable of supporting long-term investment. • Global demand growth for copper and critical minerals driven by electrification and energy transition supply chains. • Accelerating licensing, permitting, and project development pathways while maintaining investor confidence and ESG compliance. • Investment, financing, and strategic partnerships supporting project execution and production growth. • Key African projects shaping future supply chains **Moderator: Anass Joundy,** Associate Director**, EBRD** **Panellists:** • **Sean Xun**, Acting Chief, Global Minerals Analysis Section, National Minerals Information Center, **U.S. Geological Survey** • **Patrick Edmond**, Senior Director - Strategy & Risk Advisory, Africa, **J.S. Held LLC** • **Guy Muswil**, Executive, HSE & Sustainability, **Kamoa Copper**

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11:00 – 11:30	COFFEE BREAK
11:30 – 12:30	**SESSION 8 - COMMODITY FOCUS** **GOLD: ECONOMIC STABILITY, SOVEREIGN STRENGTH AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH**
	Gold continues to play a defining role in Africa's economic resilience, serving not only as a major export commodity but increasingly as a pillar of fiscal stability and sovereign financial security. Amid sustained high gold prices, many African producers are experiencing renewed investment interest, mine life extensions, and exploration activity across established belts in West and East Africa. At the same time, governments are placing greater emphasis on formalising artisanal and small-scale mining to improve traceability, revenue collection, and market access. Rising operating costs, security considerations, and evolving responsible sourcing expectations are reshaping project economics, reinforcing the need for stable policy environments and community partnerships. As global financial uncertainty persists, Africa's gold sector remains uniquely positioned to support national reserves, attract capital, and deliver long-term economic value. • Sustained gold prices driving reinvestment, exploration, and mine-life extensions across African gold provinces. • Strengthening tenure security and regulatory stability to encourage long-term investment and brownfield expansion. • Formalising artisanal and small-scale mining to improve safety, traceability, and national revenue capture. • Gold's role in sovereign reserves, FX stability, and broader economic resilience strategies. • Community partnerships, local development, and financing pathways supporting mid-tier producers and the next generation of flagship African gold projects **Moderator and Setting the Scene Presentation - Africa's Gold Outlook: Market Dynamics, Investment Trends and Strategic Growth Opportunities** • **Kirill Kirilenko**, Lead, Precious Metals Market Service, **CRU Group** Panellists: • **Jorge A. Ganoza**, President, CEO and Director, **Fortuna Mining** • **Andrew Chubb,** Chief Executive Officer**, Awalé Resources** • **Constant Tia,** Chief Financial Officer, **Montage Gold** • **Jørgen Evjen**, Chief Executive Officer, **Akobo Minerals**

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12:30 – 14:00	SESSION 9 –- MAURITANIA: A NEW FRONTIER FOR MINING INVESTMENT IN AFRICA – REFORMS, STRATEGIC RESOURCES, AND SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIALIZATION

Objectives of the session

- Present the Government's vision for the development of the mining sector.
- Highlight the geological potential and investment opportunities.
- Present the reforms undertaken to improve the business climate.
- Give the floor to the main investors present in Mauritania.
- Promote exchanges with international investors.

Moderator: **Daniel Pierre**, Deputy International Director, **BRGM**

Speakers:

Opening address: Government's vision to make Mauritania a mining and industrial hub of reference in Africa

- **H.E. Edy Ould Zeine**, Minister of Mines and Industry, Islamic Republic of Mauritania

Presentation: Mining reforms, governance and improvement of the investment climate

- **Ahmed Taleb Mohamed**, Technical Advisor in charge of Mines, Ministry of Mines and Industry, Mauritania

Presentation: SNIM – Leader of the Mauritanian mining sector and driver of mining diversification.

- **Ibrahima Souleimane Mbodj**, Director of Research and Diversification, SNIM

Presentation: The geological potential of Mauritania and new investment opportunities

- **Mohamed M'Hamed**, Director General of Mines and Geology

Presentation: Tasiast Mauritanie Limited – Contribution to the development of the Mauritanian mining sector

- **Baba Salihi**, President of External Affairs and Public Relations – Tasiast Mauritania Limited

High-level panel: Investing in Mauritania – Experiences, opportunities and perspectives

- **Ahmed Taleb Mohamed**, Technical Advisor in charge of Mines, Ministry of Mines and Industry, Mauritania
- **Baba Salihi,** President of External Affairs and Public Relations – Tasiast Mauritania Limited
- **Philip Mitchell**, Executive Chair, Aura Energy
- **Dimitry Tokarev,** Director General**,** Emiral Mining
- **Mohamed M'Hamed,** Director General of Mines and Geology
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14:00 – 15:00	LUNCH
15:00 – 15:45	**SESSION 10- FIRESIDE CHAT – THE MINING VISION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO: FROM RESOURCE LEADERSHIP TO INDUSTRIAL GROWTH**
	The Democratic Republic of Congo remains central to Africa's mining transformation, with world-leading copper and cobalt resources critical to global supply chains. Ongoing policy reforms aimed at strengthening state participation, improving transparency, and advancing local beneficiation reflect a growing national focus on value capture and industrial development. As production expands and investment continues, balancing competitiveness with economic sovereignty remains a key priority. Government leaders, Gécamines, and industry stakeholders examine how coordinated policy, infrastructure development, energy stability, and strategic partnerships can translate the DRC's mineral wealth into sustainable growth, resilient supply chains, and long-term national benefit. • Aligning government policy and private sector priorities to drive sustainable mining growth. • Strategies for increasing domestic value capture, beneficiation, and downstream industrial development. • Infrastructure, energy, and supply chain challenges, and solutions for enabling efficient and resilient operations. • Leveraging partnerships between government, state-owned enterprises, and international investors to unlock investment and technology transfer. • Promoting responsible mining practices, social inclusion, and environmental stewardship to strengthen social licence and long-term competitiveness. Moderator: **Hervé Theveniaut,** International Manager for West Africa**, BRGM** Panellists: • **Freddy Muamba Kanyinku**, Director General, **CEEC** • **Eric Kalala,** Chief Executive Officer, **Enterprise Générale de Cobalt, DRC** • **Paul Mabolia Yenga**, Director General, **Mining Cadastre of DR Congo**
15:45 – 17:00	**CLOSING PANEL - VALUE BEYOND EXTRACTION - INDUSTRIALISATION, VALUE ADDITION & LONG-TERM NATIONAL BENEFIT**
	Africa's mining sector is moving beyond extraction, seeking to transform mineral wealth into lasting national prosperity. Maximising value requires strategies for beneficiation, downstream processing, and linking mining to local manufacturing and energy systems. Developing local skills, supporting suppliers, and building inclusive models—including formalising artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM)—strengthens social licence and economic resilience. Governments, industry, and communities are exploring policies and

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Strategies for beneficiation, localisation, and downstream processing to maximise national value.
Government policies, incentives, and frameworks supporting industrialisation and economic integration.
Linking mining to manufacturing and energy systems to strengthen domestic value chains.
Developing skills pipelines, local suppliers, and workforce capacity for long-term sector growth.
Formalising artisanal and small-scale mining to improve safety, revenue, social inclusion, and broader national impact.

Moderator: Sheraz Neffati, Executive Director, International Chromium Development Association (ICDA)
Panellists:

Dr Chux Onaa, Head of Steering Committees, Africa and North America, Construction - Equipment, Plant Engineering, Mining & Minerals OEMs, VDMA
Patrick Edmond, Senior Director - Strategy & Risk Advisory, Africa, J.S. Held LLC
Biro Condé, Regional Managing Director I Francophone West & Central Africa, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Hilaire ELENGA, Director General, CRGM
Victoria Awuni, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Policy Planning, Mineral Titles and Local Content, Minerals Commission, Ghana
James Wallbank, Managing Partner, Ibaera
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