



POST EVENT REPORT 2025

Mining Indaba 2025: Future-proofing African mining, today!

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Reflections on Mining Indaba 2025



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Keep the light burning

Mining Indaba 2025 delivered an unforgettable experience filled with excitement and progress. For the first time, the event expanded across two buildings, creating additional space for valuable content, networking opportunities, and a more seamless attendee journey starting at registration. Delegate attendance grew to an impressive 10,500, reflecting increased participation from core groups such as government officials, mining executives, investors, and exhibitors.

This year's theme, "Future-proofing African mining, today," sparked essential industry discussions and encouraged long-term collaboration. Notably, government representation reached unprecedented levels. Ministers shaping the mining sector, as well as those influencing finance, trade, and logistics, actively contributed to key conversations.

The investor community was equally engaged, with oversubscribed matchmaking sessions and a vibrant Investment Village facilitating countless new opportunities.

Diversity and inclusion was one of our top priorities, with community and indigenous representatives taking centre stage. Their participation, not just as delegates but also as speakers, brought important perspectives to the table. The event also showcased the next generation of industry leaders, as PhD students shared their innovative visions for change. Youth participation highlighted the disruptive energy driving the future of African mining.

Another standout achievement was the doubling of downstream buyer attendance compared to 2024. This growing audience underscored the sector's expanding connections and influence.

Last but by no means least, mining CEOs played a central role, drawing some of the largest crowds with their insightful leadership and forward-thinking strategies. Their contributions reinforced the



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Indaba's role as a platform for shaping the industry's future.

The end of the event marked the conclusion of the 2025 theme, but the mission to future-proof the sector continues. Change cannot happen overnight or in isolation; Mining Indaba serves as a catalyst for change, sparking discussions that carry forward into the years ahead. A good industry friend says, 'create change from within' and Mining Indaba 2025 certainly did. We became the catalyst that facilitated powerful, positive and disruptive change. May we carry that momentum forward and keep our 'future-proof' light burning bright.

Uniting the Entire Mining Ecosystem

Mining Indaba 2025 brought the entire mining ecosystem together, creating a powerful platform for future-proofing the industry through collaboration and investment.



Every voice played a role in shaping the future of mining in Africa, including:

- Mining executives and influencers
- Government leaders and decision-makers
- Global investors
- African community representatives
- Young professionals
- Downstream buyers



"Mining Indaba Africa continues to set the benchmark for excellence in the mining sector conferences. It is an unmissable event for anyone in the industry. It continues to grow and this makes it a premier platform for those such as myself who have significant business across Africa."

– Raj Khatri, Head of Metals & Mining, EMEA | Investment Banking



Mining Indaba 2025

Key Attendance Statistics

OVERALL DELEGATE ATTENDANCE:

10,500



Hear from Kavita Pema, VP for Sustainability AECI



Mike Ralston, CEO, Blencowe Resources



Ismael Diakite
Chief Representative
Winning Consortium
Simandou



CEO Keynote Addresses Were Stronger Than Ever

Mining Indaba 2025's C-Suite CEOs and executives from leading African-focused mining companies delivered impactful addresses to delegates. Their presence and contributions were among the key highlights of the event.

Their profiles extended across the event, starting at exploration level, including the Explorers' Showcase, to junior miners, particularly prominent at Dealmakers Den, through to mid-tier and major companies. This wide-ranging focus and diverse standing were evident throughout the week.

Africa's most powerful CEOs and executives, overseeing some of Africa's largest mining operation owners including Anglo American, Glencore, Rio Tinto, Barrick Gold, Harmony Gold, ERG Resources, B2Gold, CMOC,



South32, De Beers, Seriti Resources, Anglo American Platinum, Kumba Iron Ore, Exxaro, KoBold Metals, Ivanhoe Mines, to name a few, delivered powerful messages showcasing their commitment to future-proofing the industry.

They were joined at CEO level by some of the industry's supporting and parallel sectors that collectively help shape the sector – including Eskom, Transnet, the ICMM, Minerals Council South Africa, MIASA, and various high-profile consulting firms.

Connecting these high-powered executives with a high-profile array of global investors and mining ministers, ensured Mining Indaba delivered on its core commitment – enhancing dealmaking opportunities for the industry.



Building a Unified African Mining Value Chain



Zeinab El-Sayed

Head of Government Partnerships
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With 58 ministers and 1400+ government officials in attendance, representing 32 mineral-producing African countries, Mining Indaba 2025 was not just a conversation, but a crucial turning point that marked a renewed commitment to developing a unified and sustainable mining value chain across the continent.

Breaking barriers, unlocking potential

Beginning with the Ministerial Symposium on Sunday 2 February, governments led the charge at Mining Indaba 2025. The symposium addressed longstanding challenges such as regulatory hurdles and fragmented strategies, focusing on actionable solutions. A significant outcome was the commitment from governments to

work collaboratively to streamline permitting processes and strengthen resource stewardship. Discussions emphasized the need for advancing opportunities for downstream value addition, shifting the continent's mining model from raw export to local beneficiation, a move that is critical for energy security, industrial growth, and long-term prosperity; ensuring that the continent's mineral wealth benefits African economies first and foremost.

Global demand, African leadership

With the surge in global demand for critical minerals growing, African leadership at the conference demonstrated the bold strides taken by governments towards harnessing the continent's full potential. By adopting best practices, leveraging technology, and strengthening collaboration between governments and industry, Africa is positioning itself as the leading player in the global mining industry.



GOVERNMENT PRESENCE



Eng. Dalitso Mhango
Senior Mining Engineer
Ministry of Mines &
Mineral Development,
Republic of Zambia



Didier Kaku Kingwabidi
Inspector General
Ministry of Mines,
Democratic Republic of
Congo

Key highlights

At the Intergovernmental Summit, held from 3-5 February, African leaders and international partners explored how best to bring investment into local mineral processing and downstream manufacturing, providing a unique platform for dialogue between government officials, industry stakeholders and investors. On 6 February, during the dedicated Critical Minerals Day on Disruptive Discussions, the focus shifted to redefining Africa's critical minerals strategy. Government, alongside key industry stakeholders, explored not only the minerals needed for the energy transition but also those necessary for economic development and wealth creation on the continent.

A clear vision for Africa's mining future

The key takeaway from Mining Indaba 2025 was clear: Africa's time is now. The discussions and engagements led by government reaffirmed a shared vision for the continent's mining future – one that is inclusive, sustainable, and driven by African leaders and communities.



By fostering unity in vision and decisive action, this year's Ministerial Symposium and broader government engagement have set the stage for Africa to claim its place at the forefront of the global mining industry. As Africa continues to refine its strategies and policies, the commitment shown at Mining Indaba 2025 will pave the way. As Mzila Mthenjane, CEO of Minerals Council South Africa so aptly put it in his closing remarks at the symposium – "In God we trust. Africa will do the rest."

[Discover the Government Presence](#)

2025 Ministers and Heads of Delegation



H.E. Judith Suminwa Tuluka
Prime Minister
Democratic Republic of Congo
(Virtual Address)



Hon. Gwede Mantashe
Minister of Mineral and Petroleum
Resources
Republic of South Africa



Hon. Enoch Godongwana
Minister of Finance
Republic of South Africa



Hon. Mpho Parks Tau
Minister of Trade, Industry and
Competition
Republic of South Africa



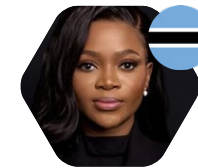
H.E. Albert M. Muchanga
Commissioner for Economic
Development, Trade, Tourism,
Industry and Minerals (ETTİM)
African Union Commission



Hon. Karima Tafer
Secretary of State for Mines
Republic of Algeria



Hon. Diamantino Azevedo
Minister of Mineral Resources,
Petroleum and Gas
Republic of Angola



Hon. Bogolo Kenewendo
Minister of Minerals and Energy
Republic of Botswana



**Hon. Professor Fru Calistus
Gentry**
Minister of Mines, Industries and
Technological Development
Republic of Cameroon



**Hon. Rufin Benam
Beltoungou**
Minister of Mines and Geology
Central African Republic



**Hon. Ndolenodji Alixe
Naimbaye**
Minister of Petroleum, Mines &
Geology
Republic of Chad



Hon. Pierre Oba
Minister of Mines and Geology
Republic of Congo



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Kapinga Mulume**
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Democratic Republic of Congo



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Electricity
Democratic Republic of Congo



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Resources
Arab Republic of Egypt



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Mining Development
Republic of Equatorial Guinea



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Buah**
Minister of Lands and Natural
Resources
Republic of Ghana



Hon. Djiba Diakité
Minister Director of Cabinet
Republic of Guinea

2025 Ministers and Heads of Delegation



Hon. Bouna Sylla
Minister of Mines and Geology
Republic of Guinea



Hon. Djami Diallo
Minister of Environment
Republic of Guinea



Hon. Hassan Ali Joho, EGH
Cabinet Secretary for Mining
Republic of Kenya



Hon. Mhloimi Moleko
Minister of Natural Resources
Kingdom of Lesotho



Hon. Wilmot J.M. Paye
Minister of Mines and Energy
Republic of Liberia



Hon. Dr. Ken Zikhale Ng'oma
Minister of Mining
Republic of Malawi



H.E. Thiam Tidjani
Minister of Mines and Industry
Islamic Republic of Mauritania



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Minister of Mineral Resources & Energy
Republic of Mozambique



Commissaire Colonel Ousmane Abarchi
Minister of Mines
Republic of the Niger



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Minister of Solid Minerals Development
Federal Republic of Nigeria



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Federal Republic of Nigeria



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Republic of Sierra Leone



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Republic of Zambia



Hon. Frank Tayali
Minister of Transport and Logistics
Republic of Zambia



Hon. Winston Chitando
Minister of Mines and Mining Development
Republic of Zimbabwe

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Diversity and Inclusion Brought Fresh Perspectives

Communities and indigenous people became a prominent voice

For the first time, representatives from indigenous groups and local communities actively participated at Mining Indaba, offering their perspectives on sustainable and equitable mining practices. This initiative underscored the industry's commitment to inclusivity and acknowledged the vital role these communities play in shaping mining's future.

Discussions aimed at empowering Africa's mineral endowment, artisanal mining and safety, collaborative relationships and post-mining livelihoods took centre stage.

The community voice emphasized the need for a shared vision among all stakeholders, including governments, investors, mining companies, and communities, to future-proof mining operations.

These sessions highlighted the industry's

dedication to engaging with communities, ensuring that mining activities contribute positively to local development and uphold environmental and social responsibilities.



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION



"The future of mining cannot be without women."

– Zenzi Awases, President, Association of Women in Mining in Africa (AWIMA)

Putting women in mining at the forefront

Mining Indaba truly embraced, supported and welcomed women in the African and globally connected mining sector. Providing a space of comfort and networking, the Women in Mining lounge enabled any woman within the venue a 'home'.

The lounge also showcased the partnership established with two leading women in mining associations – the Association of Women in Mining in Africa (AWIMA) and Women in Mining South Africa (WIMSA). Together we reiterated a commitment to amplifying women's voices in the industry. This collaboration aimed to advocate for policies and practices that promote gender equality, create supportive environments, and empower women to take on leadership roles within the mining sector.

Across the event, which showcased 40% female speaker representation, conversations highlighted the necessity of involving women in decision-making processes related to mining operations

to foster sustainable community development. Emphasis was placed on the unique perspectives women bring, which can lead to more effective community engagement and the implementation of practices that benefit local populations.

Panel discussions examined the systemic barriers that hinder women's entry and progression in the mining industry, such as limited access to education and training, cultural biases, and workplace discrimination. Strategies were proposed to dismantle these obstacles, including targeted recruitment, mentorship programs, and policy reforms aimed at creating equitable opportunities for women.

The importance of increasing women's representation in policymaking and leadership positions within the mining industry was a recurring theme. Efforts to advocate for gender-responsive policies and the inclusion of women in high-level decision-making processes were highlighted as essential steps toward achieving gender parity in the sector.

All of this reflects a concerted effort to address the multifaceted challenges and opportunities women face in the mining industry, and to implement strategies that promote inclusivity, safety, and empowerment.



Watch the Women in Mining Highlights

FUTURE-PROOFING

Driving a Powerful Future Through the Next Generation and the End Consumer

Mining's next generation

A key deliverable supporting the Mining Indaba 2025 future-proofing theme was the inclusion of young mining professionals, not only through the popular Young Leaders programme on Thursday but through additional participation across the week.

For the first time, PhD students were featured as speakers in several sessions that included Disruptive Discussions, the Tech & Innovation Hub, Sustainability Series and Intergovernmental Summit programmes. Their participation brought fresh perspectives and innovative ideas to industry conversations.

The over-subscribed Young Leaders programme featured fireside chats with CEOs and industry leaders shared personal stories about their educational paths, early career influences, and mentorship experiences with leaders of the future.

In addition, Mining Indaba's partnership with the University of Cape Town's LEAD programme,

the Future Leaders Initiative, connected young professionals with CEOs, government officials, and industry experts. This initiative highlighted emerging talents and ensured their inclusion in critical discussions about the future of Africa's mining industry.



Downstream buyers on the rise

Downstream buyers, with a strong emphasis on the automotive and battery sectors, gained valuable perspectives on Africa's critical minerals, including copper, cobalt, lithium, nickel, graphite, and manganese – all essential for electric vehicles and renewable energy storage.

Discussions addressed global demand, sustainable sourcing, African procurement options and strategies to build resilient supply chains – all contributing towards the value this sector saw in participating in 2025.

The result saw Mining Indaba's downstream buyers more than double compared to 2024's figures.

For the first time, downstream buyers were able to connect with

key mining stakeholders, providing insights, the opportunity to forge partnerships, and engage in discussions that will effectively bring these two sectors closer together.



The Power of Networking

Ministerial Braai



VSA Investor Drinks Reception



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Wine Farm Happy Hour sponsored by  Explora JOURNEYS on Monday



World Gold Council Networking Reception



Mining Indaba Welcome Party sponsored by  JOHN DEERE



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Anglo American Gala Dinner



Women in Mining Breakfast



A Hub for African Mining Investment

121 MINING INVESTMENT
● A Hyve Event

The convergence of investors at Mining Indaba, along with those that attended its sister event 121 Mining Investment (Cape Town), created the largest gathering for dealmaking opportunities in the industry on the African continent.

Private meetings between investors and junior mining companies at Cape Town's 121 event, and meetings between investors and other key mining stakeholders at Mining Indaba, collectively delivered against the event's core objectives – creating platforms for bringing investment opportunities to the forefront.

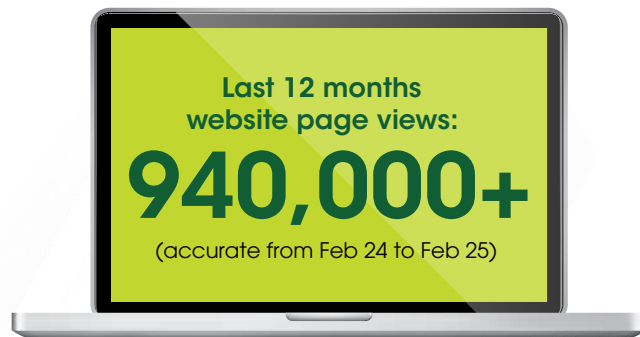
Together, these two events transform Cape Town into the ultimate hub for mining and investment, offering a week of high-level networking, strategic insights, and business development opportunities. In addition to exclusive investor meetings, attendees—including investors and junior miners—benefit from thought-provoking discussions and access to a diverse mix of industry leaders, all set against the vibrant energy of one of the world's most iconic mining capitals.



Mining Indaba 2025 by Numbers

Engagement across social media, media coverage, and onsite interactions reflects its broad influence, while business matchmaking drives meaningful connections. These statistics highlight the event’s scale, impact, and role in shaping the future of mining.

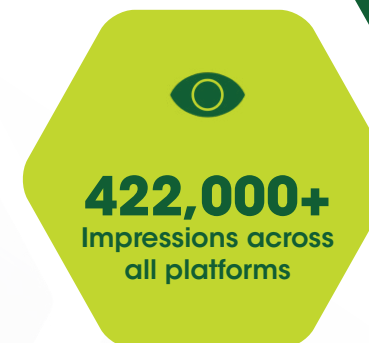
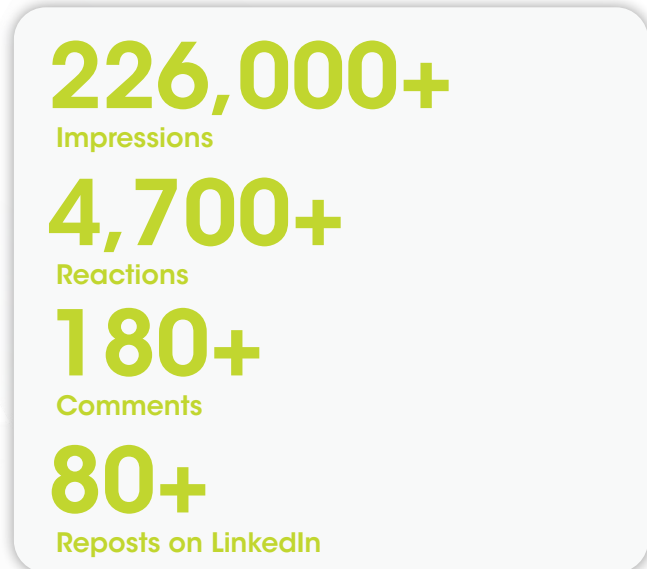
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Social Media:

(Accurate from 1st February 2025 to 7th February 2025)

2,600+
mentions across all platforms



Media Coverage



2,500+
pieces of media coverage

1 billion
Total audience reach exceeded

Top broadcast



Top print and online



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Recognising Our Partners and Contributors

We extend our deepest gratitude to all our sponsors, partners, and media collaborators who played a vital role in making Mining Indaba 2025 a success. Your support, commitment, and contributions helped drive

meaningful conversations, foster new opportunities, and amplify the impact of this event. Together, we've shaped the future of mining, facilitated valuable connections, and showcased innovation across the industry.

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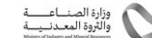


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Mining Indaba 2026

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**Over 70% of
the exhibition
space for 2026
is already sold**

Mining Indaba 2025 was a resounding success, sparking key conversations and forming powerful partnerships across the industry. As we look ahead to 2026, we're excited to continue our mission of driving real impact. With 31 years of legacy, Mining Indaba remains a pivotal platform for change.

What to expect from Mining Indaba in 2026

Building on the success of 2025, Mining Indaba 2026 will continue to drive industry transformation - fulfilling its role as a catalyst for supporting investment for the African mining industry.

We are committed to uniting governments, connecting investors with emerging mining opportunities, empowering communities, expanding education and training for African youth, implementing game-changing technologies and strategising effective local value addition opportunities.

Our key driver - connecting key industry

stakeholders together and encouraging partnerships that accelerate progress - remains at the forefront of our objective to remain African mining's key industry investment event.



Watch the Sponsor & Exhibitor Highlights



Join us for 2026

If you're interested in exhibiting or sponsoring at Mining Indaba 2026, now is the time to secure your spot! Register your interest today and explore tailored opportunities to showcase your brand, connect with key industry leaders, and drive business growth.

"Mining Indaba is more than just an event—it's a community where real connections are made, and meaningful conversations shape the future of mining. We truly value each partner we work with and look forward to helping you create opportunities that make a lasting impact in 2026."

– Fred Noce, VP of Sales & Business Development

Get in touch with our sales team today – we'd love to work with you!

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