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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 – 09:30 **MOTA 2025 OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY**

Welcome Remarks & Master of Ceremony

Advisory Board Welcome Address:

Industry Captain Keynote Address:

09:30 -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.

10:30 – 11:00 **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**

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

- -Senior Representative Rio Tinto*
- Senior Representative Orano Group*
- **Olivier Binyingo**, Executive Vice President DRC, Ivanhoe Mines

11:45 – 13:00 **SESSION 1 - IMPLEMENTING FRAMEWORKS TO ALIGN WITH GLOBAL POLICIES AND
PRINCIPALS TO ATTRACT INVESTMENT**

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.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can mining policy makers create investor friendly frameworks while ensuring economic growth and industry development? • Insights into new regulatory frameworks across Africa • EU partnerships to guide African countries in their development of strong strategies, policies and regulation for government-led green sustainable mining practices and technology advancement • 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 <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Setting the scene: - Critical Minerals: business, geopolitics and rule of law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stéphane Brabant, Senior Partner, Trinity LLP <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea Vissol, Strategy and Policy Expert, ENABEL - Agence Belge du developement, Belgium • Michael Edem Akafia, President, Ghana Chamber of Mines and Vice President, External Affairs, Goldfields • Jan Klawitter, Head of Government & International Relations, EU & APAC, AngloAmerican *(t)
13:00 – 14:00	NETWORKING LUNCH
14:00 – 15:00	SESSION 2 – FUNDING AFRICA'S MINING SECTOR
	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An international perspective of investing in Africa's mining industry, not only for critical minerals but across all commodities for the development of Africa <p>Moderator: Ismael Diakite, President of the Chamber of Mines of Guinea and Chief Representative of the SMB Winning Consortium</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anass Joundy, Associate Director, EBRD Sven Renner, EGPS Programme Manager, World Bank James Kenny, Chief Executive Officer, Frontier Rare Earths Molebogeng Mazibuko, Associate Vice President, Head of Mines, AFC James Wallbank, Managing Partner, Ibaera Capital and Board Chair of Azumah Resources Ghana Ltd
15:00 – 15:30	COUNTRY SPOTLIGHT SESSION: ROAD MAP FOR INCREASED MINING INVESTMENTS IN DRC, BENIN, GUINEA AND GHANA
	<p>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.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aboubacar Kagbé Touré, Director General, SOGUIPAMI, Guinea
15:30 – 16:00	COFFEE BREAK
16:00 – 16:30	CORPORATE LEADERSHIP WEST AFRICA: PROJECT AND COMPANY SPECIFIC PRESENTATIONS
	<p>This presentation focus session will feature prominent corporate leaders who are shaping the future of mining in West Africa. They will share insights into their growth strategies and leading practices, while providing additional information on their mining projects, including current performance and production output, strategies for future development, and opportunities for strategic partnerships across all aspects of the mining process.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Representative, Thor Explorations* Senior Representative, Resolute Mining* Senior Representative, Endeavour Mining*

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16:30 – 17:45	SESSION 3 – IMPROVING MINING SUSTAINABILITY – WORKING TOWARDS EXCELLENCE IN ESG AND IMPLEMENTING ETHICAL MINING PRACTICES
	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Guedji, Chairman and CEO, Affectio Mutandi • Mzila Mthenjane, CEO, Minerals Council South Africa
17:45	END OF DAY 1
18:00 – 20:00	COCKTAIL FUNCTION

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07:30 – 09:00 REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING

08:00- 09:00 EXCLUSIVE COUNTRY /MINING COMPANY HOSTED INVITATION ONLY BREAKFAST

09:00 – 10:00 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:

- **Dr Kathryn Goodenough**, Principal Geologies, British Geological Survey (BSG), UK

10:00 – 11:15 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

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>Moderator: Ewa Katarzyna Klimowicz, Senior Strategy and Partnerships Officer, Extractives Global Programmatic Support, World Bank</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ismael Diakite, President of the Chamber of Mines of Guinea and Chief Representative of the SMB Winning Consortium Dr Chukwuemeka (Chux) Onaa, Regional Manager, Africa & North America, Mining & Minerals OEMs, VDMA Jason Brewer, Chief Executive Officer, Marula Mining
11:15 – 11:45	COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING
11:45 – 13:00	SESSION 6 - INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PROGRESSION OF AFRICA'S MINING INDUSTRY
	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 European examples of mining benefiting infrastructure build. <p>Panellists:</p>

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13:00 – 14:00	NETWORKING LUNCH
14:00 – 15:00	SESSION 7 – MINING THE FUTURE – UTILISING AI AND OTHER TECHNOLOGIES FOR A SMARTER SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRY
	<p>Artificial intelligence and cutting-edge technologies are having a transformational impact on the mining sector. Although AI and other technologies have not yet been fully embraced by some industry players, they have an integral role to play in advancing mining practices, including access to data, environmental monitoring, asset management, and risk management amongst others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI driven exploration and extraction for the transformation of the mining sector • Leveraging AI and the IoT for waste reduction and energy efficiency in mining processes, • Creating the workforce of the future through AI training and automation in mining operations, • Protecting infrastructure and digital assets from cyber threats • How blockchain-enabled initiatives can enhance governance and transparency.
15:00 – 15:30	COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING
15:30 – 16:00	COUNTRY SPOTLIGHT SESSION: ROAD MAP FOR INCREASED MINING INVESTMENTS IN ANGOLA, MAURITANIA, MADAGASCAR AND ETHIOPIA.
	<p>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.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Paulo Tanganha, Director, National Directorate of Mineral Resources, Ministry of Mineral Resources, Petroleum and Gas (MIREMPET), Angola* (t) •
16:00 – 17:15	SESSION 8 – ENHANCING SUPPLY CHAINS THROUGH LOCAL CONTENT DEVELOPMENT ACROSS PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING CHAINS
	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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
17:15	GENERAL REPORT AND CLOSING REMARKS
17:30	CLOSE OF CONFERENCE
18:30 – 20:30	FAREWELL COCKTAIL

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