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"I extend my sincere appreciation to you and the entire EnergyNet team for convening an impactful and well-executed Powering Africa Summit. The calibre of participants, the quality of dialogue, and the outcomes-oriented approach made PAS a meaningful platform for strengthening collaboration between African stakeholders, U.S. Government partners, and serious private capital."

Hon. Isaac E. Taggart Jr.,
Special Envoy for U.S. Trade
& Investment, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs, Republic of
Liberia

THANK YOU FROM ENERGINET

The 11th Powering Africa Summit (PAS) returned to Washington, D.C. on 19–20th March 2026. The summit's new theme explored *Powering the Future of the U.S.–Africa Partnership: Energy Infrastructure, Critical Minerals & Investment Strategies*.

We were delighted to receive welcome addresses from the Honourable Ministers from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda to kick off proceedings. We welcomed back U.S. Secretary of Energy Chris Wright as our Guest of Honour, who gave a keynote address and participated in a fireside chat with Dr. Rajiv Shah, President of the Rockefeller Foundation. We were also pleased to welcome Mr. Makhtar Diop, Managing Director of the IFC, to give a keynote speech.

We extend sincere thanks to Sun Africa; Petrodex; Genesis Energy; the Lagos State Ministry of Energy & Mineral Resources; Denham Capital; Endeavor Energy; the Government of Sierra Leone; HYDRO-LINK; Mission 300 Accelerator; Absa; Alliant Insurance; ATP; A&O Shearman; Caterpillar; McDermott, Will & Schulte; Nant Power; NRECA International; and The A Energy Company. The summit would not have been possible without our invaluable sponsors.

We received critical updates on U.S. foreign policy and key strategies shaping the future of the U.S.–Africa energy partnership from a distinguished U.S. Government delegation: EXIM's President & Chairman, John Jovanovic; U.S. Department of Energy Chief of Staff Carl Coe; SBO Checker, U.S. Department of State; U.S. Ambassador Giordano; USTDA's Thomas Hardy, DFC's VP Bethany Aquilina Brez; and MCC's Acting Deputy VP Amanda Jennings.

Over 400 international attendees joined the summit, including 11 Honourable Ministers, Commissioners, and Permanent Secretaries, with representation from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Tanzania, The Gambia, and Kenya. In addition, more than 33 heads of utilities, regulators, and public sector organisations attended, including Morocco, Angola, Ghana, Kenya, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire and more.

This year's summit explored the themes of Energy Infrastructure, Critical Minerals, and Investment Strategies, highlighting the abundant opportunities across Africa's energy sector and ongoing efforts to create favourable commercial environments to attract U.S. investment. The programme also brought together African ministers, public sector leaders and U.S. Government officials for closed door roundtables to discuss advancing regional energy projects in our U.S.-Southern, U.S.-East and U.S.-West Africa Country Huddles.

As PAS 2026 coincided with Eid al-Fitr, we were delighted to host an intimate Eid breakfast, providing an opportunity for guests to celebrate together away from home.

We extend our sincere thanks to all our distinguished speakers, guests, and delegates. It is your passion and commitment that made the summit such a success. We look forward to continuing the conversation, strengthening the sector, and advancing the U.S.–Africa energy partnership together.



Gemma Gosling

Head of Production
EnergyNet

THANK YOU TO OUR SPEAKERS

HONOURABLE U.S. SECRETARY OF ENERGY

U.S. Secretary of Energy Chris Wright, U.S. Department of Energy

HONOURABLE MINISTERS, COMMISSIONERS & PERMANENT SECRETARIES

H.E. Honourable Acacia Bandubola Mbongo, Minister of State for Hydrocarbons, Democratic Republic of the Congo

H.E. Honourable John Abdulai Jinapor, Minister for Energy & Green Transition, Ghana

H.E. Honourable Laye Sekou Camara, Minister of Energy, Guinea

Honourable R. Matenokay Tingban, Minister of Mines & Energy, Liberia

H.E. Honourable Dr. Dele Alake, Minister for Solid Minerals Development, Nigeria

H.E. Honourable Cyril Grant, Minister of Energy, Sierra Leone

H.E. Honourable Ruth Nankabirwa Ssentamu, Minister of Energy & Mineral Development, Uganda

H.E. Honourable Salome Makamba, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy, Tanzania

H.E. Honourable Biodun Ogunleye, Commissioner, Lagos State Ministry of Energy & Mineral Resources, Nigeria

H.E. Honourable Alex Wachira, Principal Secretary, State Department for Energy, Ministry of Energy & Petroleum, Kenya

Lamin Camara, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum Energy & Mines, The Gambia

Honourable Isaac Taggart Jr., Special Envoy for U.S. Trade & Investment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Liberia

H.E. Honourable David Hamadziripi, Ambassador, Embassy of Zimbabwe in Washington D.C.

HIGH LEVEL SPEAKERS

Rajiv Shah, President, Rockefeller Foundation

Makhtar Diop, MD, International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Woochong Um, CEO, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet

Andrew Herscowitz, Chief Executive Officer, Mission 300 Accelerator, RF Catalytic Capital



"The organisers (EnergyNet) did a fantastic job creating an environment that was both professional and welcoming. Whether it was the morning tea/coffee breaks or the evening reception, every interaction felt meaningful rather than forced."

Tope Adebajo,
National Financial
Secretary, Miners
Association of Nigeria



AGENDA AT A GLANCE

DAY ONE: THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2026

Kenya Energy Compact Round Table: Unlocking Private Capital and De-Risking Investment for Kenya's Energy Compact		Hosted by  In partnership with Mission 300 partners		
11th Powering Africa Summit Welcoming Remarks: Powering the U.S.-Africa Partnership: Energy Infrastructure, Critical Minerals & Investment Strategies				
Summit Sponsor Welcome Address Adam Cortese, CEO, Sun Africa	 Sun Africa Renewable energy solutions			
Africa Welcome Address H.E. Honourable Acacia Bandubola Mbongo, Minister of State for Hydrocarbons, Democratic Republic of the Congo H.E. Honourable Ruth Nankabirwa Ssentamu, Minister of Energy & Mineral Development, Uganda				
Powering the Future of the U.S.-Africa Energy Partnership: What Has Been Achieved Since PAS 2025?				
Helping Investors Understand a Results-Oriented Approach to Africa's Industrial & Infrastructure Opportunities				
11th Powering Africa Summit Official Opening Ceremony: Powering the U.S.-Africa Partnership: Energy Infrastructure, Critical Minerals & Investment Strategies				
Summit Sponsor Welcome Address: Goran Rajsic, Founder, Sun Africa	 Sun Africa Renewable energy solutions			
Keynote Speech: Makhtar Diop, MD, International Finance Corporation (IFC)				
Guest of Honour Keynote Speech and Fireside Chat: U.S. Secretary of Energy Chris Wright, U.S. Department of Energy				
Fireside Chat Host: Rajiv Shah, President, Rockefeller Foundation				
Meeting the Moment – How Billions of Investment into Universal Energy Access and Clean Cooking Is Transforming the Continent's Future				
Closed Door Regulators Roundtable				
Large-Scale Infrastructure Investment				
Closed Door Utilities Roundtable				
Gala Drinks Reception		Sponsored by  ENN Energy News Network		

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DAY TWO: FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2025

Guarantees & Financing		Investing in Africa's Largest Subnational Energy Market: The Lagos Opportunity	Hosted by 
Invest in Sierra Leone	Hosted by 	Closed Door Boardrooms: Country Huddle U.S.-Southern Africa	
Critical Minerals in Africa: Meeting Global Demand		Advancing Energy Abundance through Digital Infrastructure: From Hyperscale to Distributed Compute	Hosted by 
Closed Door Boardrooms: Country Huddle U.S.-East Africa			
How Gas Strategies between the U.S. and Africa are Increasing Energy Security and Bilateral Trade		HYDRO-LINK: Strengthening Energy Security and Critical Minerals Supply Chains in Africa	Hosted by 
Closed Door Boardrooms: Country Huddle U.S.-West Africa			
Closing Lunch			



"The summit was highly educative and insightful, especially in advancing discussion on renewable energy access and clean cooking solutions in Africa. It also offered valuable networking opportunities and exposure to current industry trends and partnership."

Ronnell Tugboe,
Environmental Assistant,
Rural & Renewable
Energy Agency, Liberia

AUDIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Audience in Numbers



445

Total
Registrations



120

Speakers

LIVESTREAM

101

Official Opening

Total Registrations



120

Speakers



116

Ministry &
Government
Officials



62

Developers



36

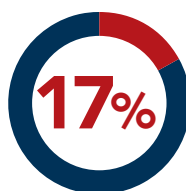
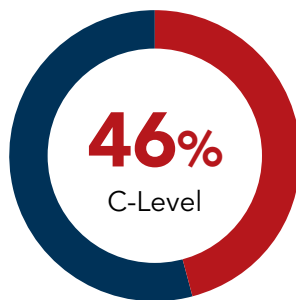
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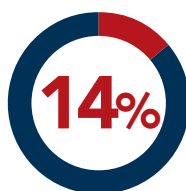
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U.S.
Government
Representatives

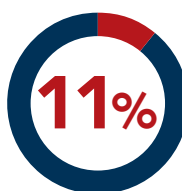
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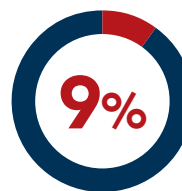
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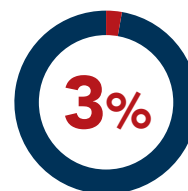
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Associate

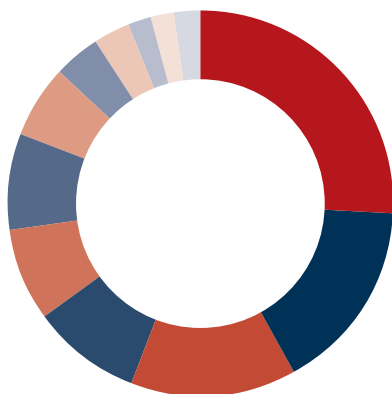


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Professional

Industry Breakdown



26% Ministries/Governments

16% Professional Services

14% Developers

9% Associations/NGO/Research

8% Financial Institutions

8% State-Owned Enterprises

6% Regulators

4% Oil & Gas

3% Engineering, Procurement
& Construction (EPC)

2% SMEs/Entrepreneurs

2% Technology Providers

2% Press / Media

THANK YOU TO OUR SPEAKERS

PUBLIC SECTOR ORGANISATIONS

Bob Mabiala, CEO, Agency for the Development & Promotion of the Grand Inga Project (ADPI-RDC), Democratic Republic of the Congo

Abera Endeshaw Abebe, Senior Advisor to the Minister & Lead International Affairs, Ethiopia

Isaac Kiva, Secretary for Renewable Energy, State Department for Energy, Kenya

Stephen Busieney, Acting CEO, Geothermal Development Company, Kenya

Nana Akyaa Amoah-Amissah, Deputy CEO, The Ghana Investment Fund for Electronic Communications (GIFEC), Ghana

Johnson Akinshaw, Acting MD/CEO, Nigerian Bulk Electricity Trading (NBET), Nigeria

Honourable Sabur Oluwa Akanbi, Chairman, Lagos State House of Assembly Committee on Energy & Mineral Resources, Nigeria

António Osvaldo Saide, Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Mineral Resources & Energy, Mozambique

José Mapilele, Head of Energy Efficiency Department, Ministry of Mineral Resources & Energy, Mozambique

Stephen Dihwa, Coordination Centre Executive Director, Southern African Power Pool (SAPP)

Ismail Mohamed, Energy Specialist, Ministry of Energy & Water Resources, Somalia

John Mageni, Principal Energy Engineer, Ministry of Energy, Tanzania

Jonah Mushayi, Minister Counsellor, Trade & Investment, Embassy of Zimbabwe in Washington D.C.

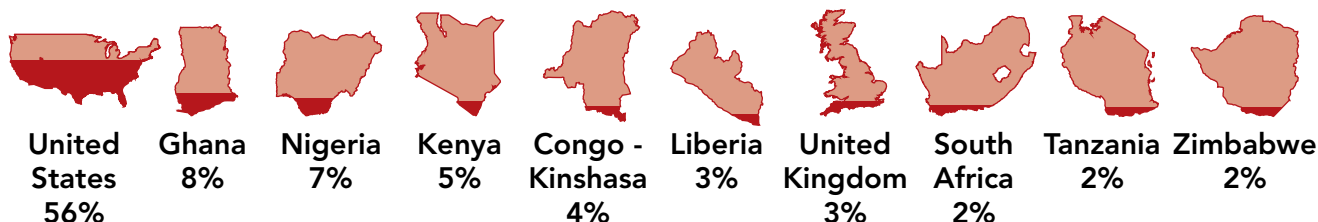


"EnergyNet continues to create a highly effective platform for candid, solution-oriented dialogue across the power sector in the different regions of the continent. Moderating the roundtable on energy infrastructure and critical minerals reinforced how essential these convenings are in aligning investment strategies with real-world project delivery. The quality of participants and depth of discussion make PAS a valuable forum for advancing practical and bankable outcomes"

Neb Girma, Director,
MCC

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES OVERVIEW

Top 10 countries



32 countries

Angola	Gambia	Mali	Somalia
Belgium	Germany	Mauritius	South Africa
Canada	Ghana	Morocco	Tanzania
Comoros	Guinea	Mozambique	Uganda
Congo - Kinshasa	Hong Kong SAR China	Netherlands	United Arab Emirates
Côte d'Ivoire	Kenya	Nigeria	United Kingdom
Ethiopia	Liberia	Norway	United States
France	Madagascar	Sierra Leone	Zimbabwe

"Excellent platform for networking, sharing ideas and discussing investment opportunities."

Eric Frimpong-Koduah, Manager, Corporate Office & Special Assistant to the Chief Executive, Ministry of Energy & Green Transition, Ghana

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UTILITIES

Jean-Christian Turkson, Director General, Compagnie Ivoirienne de l'Electricité (CIE), Côte d'Ivoire
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William Amuna, Chairman, Electricity Company of Ghana (ECG), Ghana
Judith Adjobah Blay, CEO, Ghana Gas, Ghana
Peter Njenga, MD & CEO, Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen), Kenya
Joseph Siror, MD & CEO, Kenya Power & Lighting Company, Kenya
Honourable Mohammed Sherif, MD, Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC), Liberia
Honourable Amos Tweh, MD, Liberia Petroleum Refining Company (LPRC), Liberia
Tarik Hamane, CEO, Office National de l'Electricité et de l'Eau Potable (ONEE), Morocco
Nobert Matarutse, Acting MD, Zimbabwe Power Company (ZPC), Zimbabwe
Howard Choga, Acting MD, Zimbabwe Electricity Transmission & Distribution Company (ZETDC), Zimbabwe
Cletus Nyachowe, Acting Group CEO, ZESA Holdings, Zimbabwe
Addjoy Nguwo, General Manager, International Business & Special Assignments, ZESA Holdings, Zimbabwe

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Américo Fernandes, Block Chairman, Agencia Nacional de Petróleo Gás e Biocombustíveis (ANPG), Angola
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Yorm Ama Abledu, Board Member, Energy Commission, Ghana
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Akinwunmi Ogunbiyi, Chairman, Lagos State Electricity Regulatory Commission (LASERC), Nigeria
Olakunle Falola, Executive Member, Licensing & Regulatory Standards, Lagos State Electricity Regulatory Commission (LASERC), Nigeria
Themban Bukula, Chairperson, National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA), South Africa
Charles Sangweni, Director General, Petroleum Upstream Regulatory Authority (PURA), Tanzania
Andrew Guri, Senior Petroleum Engineer, Zimbabwe Energy Regulatory Authority, ZERA, Zimbabwe

NETWORKING APP OVERVIEW



34%

of sponsoring
companies used the app



83

connections made



432

messages exchanged



218 / 371

people used the app
(**59%** adoption rate)



33

meetings confirmed



63% iOS, **23%** Desktop,
14% Android

GENESIS has been dedicated to Lighting up Africa one Community at a Time, inspired and motivated to positively impact and drive social, economic and environmental change across the continent.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Project Delivery Sets the Tone at the Powering Africa Summit 2026

The 2026 Powering Africa Summit in Washington, D.C. opened with a clear message from both public and private sector leaders: the focus has shifted to delivery.

Across opening remarks and high-level discussions, the emphasis was firmly on advancing bankable projects, scaling infrastructure, and translating partnership into tangible outcomes. Alongside African ministers and the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM), Summit Sponsor Sun Africa set a project-led tone from the outset – highlighting the role of energy in underpinning industrial growth, trade, and economic expansion.

Adam Cortese, CEO of Sun Africa, framed energy as the backbone of industrial growth and cross-Atlantic partnership. “Energy isn’t just a commodity. It’s the lifeblood that connects these pillars, driving economic growth, security, and prosperity on both sides of the Atlantic,” he said.

A consistent theme throughout was the evolution of the U.S.–Africa energy partnership into a more commercially driven phase. Discussions reflected a stronger alignment between government-backed financing institutions and private sector developers, with a focus on structuring deals, mitigating risk, and accelerating project timelines.

Announcements and case studies reinforced this shift. Large-scale power developments - particularly those linked to mining and critical minerals - demonstrated how generation and storage are increasingly being deployed in direct support of industrial activity, pointing to a more integrated approach between energy infrastructure and economic value chains. Together, these developments underscored a clear shift toward delivery.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS



Adam Cortese, CEO, Sun Africa



H.E. Honourable Ruth Nankabirwa Ssentamu, Minister of Energy & Mineral Development, Uganda



John Jovanovic, President & Chairman, U.S. Export-Import Bank (EXIM)

Uganda's Minister of Energy & Mineral Development, H.E. Honourable Ruth Nankabirwa Ssentamu, stressed that energy access remains central to economic transformation. "We must strive to eliminate energy poverty, as energy access is a foundation of human and economic world made" she said.

From the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Minister of State for Hydrocarbons, H.E. Honourable Acacia Bandubola Mbongo positioned the country at the centre of the global energy transition. "The global energy transition is ushering in a new era of strategic cooperation," she said, adding that the DRC is "at the

heart of three major challenges for the global energy future: oil, natural gas, and critical minerals."

With backing from institutions such as EXIM and growing momentum from U.S. private sector players, the tone of the Summit pointed to a partnership that is becoming more execution focused. The priority is no longer defining ambition, but delivering projects that can be financed, built, and scaled. The priority is no longer defining ambition, but delivering projects that can reach financial close, be built at scale, and supply reliable power to industry.



THANK YOU TO OUR SPEAKERS



U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

John Jovanovic, President & Chairman, U.S. Export-Import Bank (EXIM)

Carl Coe, Chief of Staff, U.S. Department of Energy

Nicholas Checker, Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Ambassador John Giordano, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia

Thomas Hardy, Deputy Director & COO, U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA)

Daniel Petrie, Acting Chief of Staff, Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)

Sarah Whitten, Senior Vice President, Global Head of Origination, U.S. Export-Import Bank (EXIM)

Bethany Aquilina Brez, Vice President, Foreign Policy, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)

Amanda Jennings, Acting Deputy Vice President, Infrastructure, Environment & Private Sector, Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)

Daniel Mahanty, Director of African and Middle Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy

Shiyana Gunasekara, Secretary's Lead for Global Clean Cooking Access & Deputy Director, African & Middle Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy

Heather Lanigan, Regional Director for Sub-Saharan Africa, U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA)

Alex Macdonald, Director of Foreign Policy for Africa, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)

Laura Spector, Country Manager, Energy, U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA)

Femi Adedoyin, Assistant General Counsel, U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA)

Timothy Reber, International Program Lead, Africa, National Laboratory of the Rockies, U.S. Department of Energy

John Dour, International Relations Specialist, U.S. Department of Energy



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

U.S. Secretary of Energy Chris Wright says clean cooking is a major focus of Africa policy for the Trump administration

Clean cooking and energy access moved to the forefront of U.S.–Africa energy discussions at the 2026 Powering Africa Summit in Washington, D.C., as policymakers, development finance institutions and private sector leaders aligned around a more targeted, delivery-focused approach.



U.S. Secretary of Energy, Chris Wright

U.S. Secretary of Energy Chris Wright set out the administration's position clearly, placing clean cooking at the centre of U.S. engagement on the continent.

"This will be a major Africa policy focus for this administration. There are many U.S. interests in Africa - critical minerals, trade, investment - but if, after four years, we have made rapid progress on clean cooking, that alone would make the effort worthwhile" says Secretary Wright.

The emphasis reflects a broader shift toward interventions that can deliver immediate, measurable impact. Expanding access to modern cooking solutions remains one of the most pressing energy challenges, with significant implications for public health, productivity and economic participation - particularly for women and households reliant on traditional fuels.

Discussions throughout the Summit positioned clean cooking within a wider energy access agenda, linking electrification and reliable power supply to long-term economic development. Access to energy continues to underpin progress across healthcare, education, digital inclusion and industrial activity, reinforcing its role as a foundation for growth.

This focus on delivery and execution was echoed by Makhtar Diop, MD, International Finance Corporation (IFC), who pointed to the importance of coordinated action across public and private stakeholders to unlock investment at scale.

"We need a coalition. That coalition must bring together the private sector, public institutions, philanthropies, and multilaterals. One of the biggest jobs is using the limited public resources available to create conditions that give confidence to institutional investors... that Africa is a place worth investing in," he said.



Makhtar Diop, MD, International Finance Corporation (IFC)

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U.S. Secretary of Energy, Chris Wright & Rajiv Shah, President, The Rockefeller Foundation

Momentum behind electrification efforts is increasingly being driven by multi-partner initiatives combining public, private and philanthropic capital. The Rockefeller Foundation's support for Mission 300 was highlighted as a key example of this approach, aimed at rapidly expanding access to electricity across the continent.

"The Rockefeller Foundation has made its biggest-ever bet on connecting people to electricity as the single best pathway out of large-scale poverty," said Rajiv Shah. "Our investment in Mission 300 reflects our commitment to the best way of advancing human well-being in the 21st century: putting countries in the lead, harnessing frontier technology, and focusing relentlessly on achievable, measurable goals. We look forward to working with partners to continue the extraordinary momentum behind Mission 300 and connect even more people in Africa, including its growing youth populations, to jobs, dignity, and prosperity."



H.E. Honourable Alex Wachira, Principal Secretary, State Department for Energy, Ministry of Energy & Petroleum, Kenya & U.S. Secretary of Energy Chris Wright, U.S. Department of Energy

The scale of the challenge remains significant. Around 730 million people still lack access to basic electricity, with an estimated 85% living in sub-Saharan Africa. This shortage continues to constrain healthcare systems, education outcomes, digital connectivity and broader economic opportunity.

Together, discussions at the Summit signalled a more focused phase of the U.S.-Africa energy partnership - one that prioritises scalable solutions, coordinated investment and measurable progress, with clean cooking and electricity access positioned at the centre of both development outcomes and economic strategy.



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At the Powering Africa Summit 2026, critical minerals leaders call for a shift beyond raw exports

During the Powering Africa Summit 2026, experts in the critical minerals discussions made one point clear: Africa's role in the global energy transition cannot be limited to supplying raw materials.



Sarah Whitten, Senior Vice President and Global Head of Origination, EXIM

Moderated by Landry Signé of the Brookings Institution and Thunderbird School of Global Management, the discussion brought together ministers, financiers, investors and legal experts to examine how African countries can capture more value from their mineral wealth as global demand rises.

Nigeria's Minister for Solid Minerals Development, H.E. Honourable Dr. Dele Alake, said the era of exporting raw ore while value is created elsewhere "should no longer obtain," calling for practical partnerships built on local beneficiation, processing capacity, technology transfer and job creation. He said Nigeria is moving to make its mining sector more bankable through regulatory reform, stronger security, improved geological data and investor incentives, adding that the country has attracted \$2.6 billion in foreign direct investment into the sector over the past two years.

Guinea's Minister of Energy, H.E. Honourable Laye-Sekou Camara, struck a similar note, questioning whether the current global focus on critical minerals is aligned with African priorities unless it leads to in-country processing and economic benefit. He argued that energy remains the central constraint. "Without reliable power", he said, "mineral-rich countries will struggle to process resources domestically and move up the value chain."

From the financing side, Sarah Whitten, Senior Vice President and Global Head of Origination at EXIM, said supply chain diversification is now a strategic priority for the United States, not just a policy slogan. She described EXIM as a "bridge to bankability," pointing to growing U.S. interest in long-term critical minerals financing, but noted that private capital still needs more certainty around sovereign risk, infrastructure, pricing and project structure.

Investors echoed that view. Carl Tricoli, Managing Partner at Denham Capital, said Africa's advantage



KEY HIGHLIGHTS



lies not only in the scale of its mineral reserves but in the gap between reserves and current production, which creates room for growth. But he said projects will only succeed where there is regulatory stability, infrastructure, skilled labour, community support and the right balance of economic benefit between investors, governments and local stakeholders.

Legal and commercial risk also featured prominently. Shah Jahan Khandokar, Partner at McDermott Will & Schulte, said investor certainty depends on clear rules, enforceable contracts and realistic approaches to resource nationalism, including balanced stabilisation mechanisms that can endure political change over the life of a project.

For refiners and strategic investors, the discussion increasingly turned to midstream opportunity. Ben

Kincaid, CEO of ReElement Technologies Africa, argued that Africa has a major opening to partner on processing and refining, particularly as Western governments and companies look to reduce dependence on concentrated global supply chains. Helaina Matza, Chief Strategic Development Officer at TechMet, added that private capital will follow where geology, political support and commercial certainty align.

Across the panel, the message was consistent: Africa's critical minerals opportunity is significant, but turning resource wealth into industrial growth will depend on power, infrastructure, policy credibility and partnerships structured to deliver value on both sides.

The direction is clear: from resource potential to real assets delivering power, processing and industrial output.



PROJECTS HIGHLIGHTS

Guinea and United States strengthen energy partnership at Powering Africa Summit 2026

Led by Energy Minister H.E. Honourable Laye-Sékou Camara, the delegation underscored the need to expand and modernise energy infrastructure to support the country's fast-growing mining, refining and industrial sectors.

Talks focused on scaling investment into modern energy systems, with particular emphasis on underpinning Guinea's bauxite and alumina value chains.

The partnership is also being shaped by Guinea's rising strategic importance in global critical minerals supply chains, following its participation in a White House-led ministerial dialogue alongside a select group of producing nations.

Looking ahead, Guinea pointed to deeper collaboration with U.S. government institutions and private sector partners, including LNG-based

infrastructure aimed at delivering firm, reliable power for industrial expansion.

The discussions reflect a broader shift at the Summit toward project-driven cooperation, with energy infrastructure increasingly positioned as the backbone of industrialisation and long-term economic growth.



Sun Africa and Liberia advance solar & storage project for critical minerals



Sun Africa and the Republic of Liberia have signed an MoU to develop up to 500 MWp of solar generation alongside 200 MWh of battery storage, aimed at supporting the country's growing mining and industrial sectors.

Announced at the Powering Africa Summit in Washington D.C., the project links large-scale renewable power directly to Liberia's critical minerals development, including lithium, cobalt, nickel and copper, while strengthening grid reliability through integrated storage and transmission infrastructure.

Adam Cortese, CEO of Sun Africa said: "Sun Africa is proud to strengthen our partnership with Liberia through this significant project. Leveraging our America-forward supply chain with top-tier U.S. manufacturing, deep technical expertise, and best-in-class EPC partners, we are delivering high-quality, efficient power solutions that create jobs in both the United States and Africa. This MoU clearly shows how reliable electricity directly supports critical mineral production and advances the U.S.-Africa energy partnership."



THANK YOU TO OUR SPEAKERS

PRIVATE SECTOR & STAKEHOLDERS

Goran Rajsic, Founder, Sun Africa

Adam Cortese, CEO, Sun Africa

Garth Klintworth, Chief Representative Officer, Absa Bank Limited Representative Office - Americas

Conal Duffy, Vice President, Alliant Insurance

Sarah McNeilly, MD, Allied Talent Partners (ATP)

Tim Scales, Partner & Head of Africa Group, A&O Shearman

Maria Stratanova, CEO, Anergi

Brian Kelly, Founder & CEO, Anzana Electric Group

Carl Tricoli, Managing Partner, Denham Capital

Nicole Poindexter, CEO, Energeticity

Agnes Dasewicz, Chief Investments & Program Officer, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet

Tatiana Nikiforova, Investment Director, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet

Ebenezer Olusesi, Executive Vice President, Finance & Administration, Genesis Energy

Ramsey Day, Former Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa at USAID & Advisor, HYDRO-LINK

Ferdinand van Ingen, Co-Lead, Digital & Energy, Senior Industry Specialist TMT, IFC

Amb. J. Peter Pham, Executive Chairman & Interim CEO, Ivanhoe Atlantic

Scott Salandy-Defour, CEO & Co-Founder, Liquidstar

Tope Adebajo, National Financial Secretary, Miners Association of Nigeria

Anthony Molle, Global Head, Project Equity & Infrastructure Finance, Industries Department, MIGA World Bank Group

Karim Nasser, Executive Chairman, NANT Power & Advisor to the Petrodrex Board

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"My experience at the Powering Africa Summit 2026 was highly valuable and inspiring. The summit brought together key stakeholders from across the energy sector, creating a unique platform for meaningful discussions on Africa's energy future.

I particularly appreciated the quality of the conversations, the diversity of perspectives, and the strong focus on actionable solutions and partnerships. It was an excellent opportunity to connect with industry leaders, investors, and policymakers committed to driving sustainable energy development across the continent."

Fode Youssouf Magassouba, Permit & Authorisations Monitoring Manager / Coordinator
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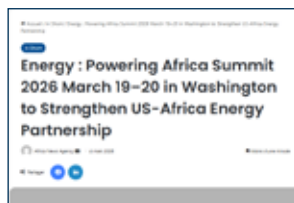
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Mark Gammons, Co-Founder,
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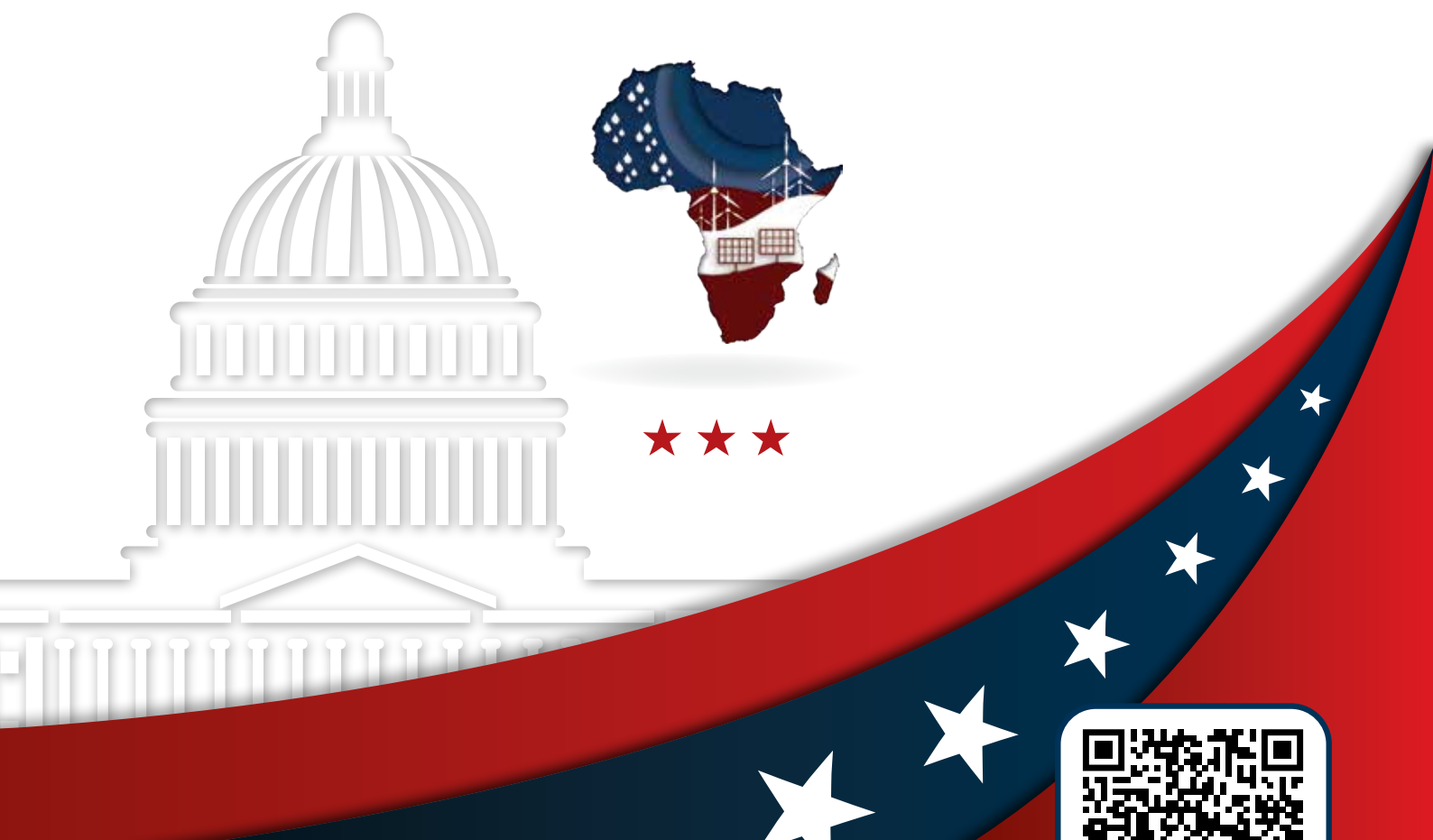
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