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Day One – Thursday 19 March 2026

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08:30

Capitol Ballroom Salon D

08:30 – 09:30 Registration & Networking Breakfast

09:30

Capitol Ballroom Salon E & F

09:30 – 10:00 11th Powering Africa Summit Welcoming Remarks: Powering the US-Africa Partnership: Energy Infrastructure, Critical Minerals & Investment Strategies

Speakers



Sidi Ould Tah
President, African
Development Bank (AfDB)



Fatih Birol
Executive Director,
International Energy
Agency (IEA)



Makhtar Diop
MD, International Finance
Corporation (IFC)

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10:00

Capitol Ballroom Salon E & F

10:00 – 11:15 Powering the Future of the US-Africa Energy Partnership: What Has Been Achieved Since PAS 2025?

With US foreign policy transforming under the current administration, we look at how US stakeholders have adopted a more profit-driven approach through 'investment-led commercial diplomacy', targeting reciprocal global investments and partnerships since PAS 2025.

- What has been achieved to date, what have been the priorities and successes since PAS 2025?
- What is the current US administration's position on advancing electricity in Africa?
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- How reciprocal agreements can advance critical minerals development and increase trade between the US and Africa. With Africa's critical minerals sitting at the centre of a global gold rush, why is the US offering a more compelling investment case?

Moderator



Kendra Gaither
President, U.S.-Africa
Business Center, U.S.
Chamber of Commerce

Speakers



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



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

11:15

Capitol Ballroom Salon D

11:15 – 11:45 Coffee & Chat

11:45

Capitol Ballroom Salon E & F

11:45 – 13:00 **Helping Investors Understand a Results-Oriented Approach to Africa's Industrial & Infrastructure Opportunities**

The African energy sector is working to create favourable commercial environments to better engage US investors. Here we learn from African stakeholders where and how you can participate in these bankable opportunities.

- How Africa's abundant resources offer profitable investment opportunities for US companies who are not yet working in Africa.
- Is the Lobito Corridor project creating opportunities for new US investment into Africa?
- How technology will increase the bankability for investors looking at Africa's energy sector.
- How countries are implementing better governance frameworks to support ROI for international investors.
- How blended and innovative financing mechanisms increase the efficiency and reduce the perceived risk of investing in Africa's energy sector.

13:00

Capitol Ballroom Salon D

13:00 – 14:30 **PAS Power Lunch**

14:30

Capitol Ballroom Salon E & F

14:30 – 15:45 **Large-Scale Infrastructure Investment**

Large infrastructure projects like the Lobito Corridor remain high on the US administration's priority list. What environment is required to increase the number of large-scale infrastructure projects over the next five years?

- With returns from the continent far exceeding elsewhere in the world, why are big investment houses starting to look more at Latin America and Asia for deploying capital?
- Large-scale infrastructure is necessary to meet the global demands for critical minerals. What is required to fast track projects?
- What opportunities does the Lobito project offer in Angola, Zambia, and the DRC in the core sectors of transportation, energy, and digital infrastructure?
- What other large-scale projects are making progress, including SMRs/nuclear, mining and transport infrastructure?

Speakers



H.E. Honourable Dr. Eng. Habtamu Itefa Geleta
Minister of Water & Energy, Ethiopia



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



Anand Naidoo
Managing Executive, Client Coverage, Absa

Capitol Ballroom Salon H

14:30 – 15:45 **Closed Door Utilities Roundtable**

Invitation Only

Speakers



Moumini Soilahouddine
Director General, Société Nationale d'électricité des Comores (SONELEC), Comoros



Mark Baah
Chief Executive, GRIDCo, Ghana



William Amuna
Chairman, Electricity Company of Ghana (ECG), Ghana



Jabesh Amissah-Arthur
Chairman, Volta River Authority (VRA), Ghana



Joseph Siror
Managing Director & CEO, Kenya Power & Lighting Company, Kenya



William Liabunya
CEO, Electricity Generation Company (EGENCO), Malawi



Tarik Hamane
CEO, Office National de l'Electricité et de l'Eau Potable (ONEE), Morocco



Toivo Shovaleka
Acting CEO, Northern Regional Electricity Distributor (NORED), Namibia



Sule Ahmed Abdulaziz
MD/CEO, Transmission Company of Nigeria, Nigeria



Richard Matsiko
Acting CEO, Uganda Electricity Transmission Company (UETCL), Uganda



Nobert Matarutse
Acting MD, Zimbabwe Power Company (ZPC), Zimbabwe



Howard Choga
Acting MD, Zimbabwe Electricity Transmission & Distribution Company (ZETDC), Zimbabwe



Stephen Dihwa

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

15:45

Capitol Ballroom Salon D

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee & Chat

16:15

Capitol Ballroom Salon E & F

Capitol Ballroom Salon H

16:15 – 17:30

Meeting the Moment – How Billions of Investment into Universal Energy Access and Clean Cooking Is Transforming the Continent's Future

With programmes like M300 increasing connections in the millions, how are communities increasing economic output to avoid the build up of unsustainable debt.

Scene Setter

- Where are we with universal energy access and clean cooking targets?

Discussion Topics

- What opportunities is this creating for technology companies looking to tap into Africa's huge population?
- How can supporting clean cooking initiatives help to foster greater economic independence, empowerment and improved health?
- Can data centres, AI and bitcoin mining increase the bankability of projects, supporting wider energy access for communities?
- What will be the impact of 300 million new connections on Africa's agricultural sector?
- Job creation is an important factor in building Africa's resilience and a more stable investment environment.

Moderator



Katie Auth

Deputy Executive Director, Energy for Growth Hub

Speakers



Woochong Um

CEO, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet



Sarah McNeilly

MD, Allied Talent Partners



Nicole Poindexter

CEO & Founder, Energency



Sarah Malm

Executive Director, GOGLA

16:15 – 17:30

Closed Door Regulators Roundtable

Invitation Only

Moderator



Mohamed Rali Badissy

Co-Director, Power Contract Transparency, Energy for Growth Hub; Affiliate Professor of Law, Penn State Dickinson Law; Senior Advisor for Energy & Finance, Commercial Law Development Program, U.S. Department of Commerce

Speakers



Sandrine Mubenga

CEO, Electricity Regulatory Authority (ARE), Democratic Republic of the Congo



Skhumbuzo Tsabedze

CEO, Eswatini Energy Regulatory Authority (ESERA), Eswatini



Emeafa Hardcastle

Acting CEO, Petroleum Commission, Ghana



Eunice Biritwum

Acting Executive Secretary, Energy Commission, Ghana



Yorm Abledu

Board Member, Energy Commission, Ghana



Honourable Moses Asaga

Chairman, Public Utilities Regulatory Commission (PURC), Ghana



Daniel Kiptoo Bargoria

Director General, Energy & Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA), Kenya



Festus Kallay

Director General, Sierra Leone Electricity & Water Regulatory Commission (SLEWRC), Sierra Leone



Thembani Bukula

Chairperson, National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA), South Africa



Nomfundo Maseti

Full-Time Regulator Member responsible for Electricity & Gas Regulation, National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA), South Africa



Marco Kuyu

Deputy CEO, Electricity Regulatory Authority (ARE), Democratic Republic of the Congo



Charles Sangweni

Director General, Petroleum Upstream Regulatory Authority (PURA), Tanzania

17:30

Capitol Ballroom Salon D

Day Two – Friday 20 March 2026

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08:00

Capitol Ballroom Salon D

08:00 – 09:00 **Registration & Networking Breakfast**

09:00

Capitol Ballroom Salon E

Capitol Ballroom Salon F

Capitol Ballroom Salon H

09:00 – 10:15 **Guarantees & Financing**

During last year's PAS, we discussed challenges around financing and guarantees. What are the perceived barriers to deeper bilateral investment and partnerships?

- Regional energy trade is reducing risk by being a financial back stop, what impact is this having on investor confidence?
- With the appetite for local currency financing increasing, and volatility in international markets, what do investors need to consider when structuring deals?
- Can vehicles like Zafiri address Africa's toughest energy-financing gaps, like clean cooking?
- Can Africa afford a nuclear-powered future?

Speakers



H.E. Honourable Professor Mthuli Ncube
Minister of Finance, Economic Development & Investment Promotion, Zimbabwe



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



Alexander Dixon
Senior Director, Finance, Investment & Trade, Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)

09:00 – 10:15 **Hosted Boardroom**

Hosted By:

Lagos State Ministry of Energy & Mineral Resources

09:00 – 10:15

Closed Door Boardrooms: Country Huddle

US-Southern Africa

Invitation Only

Speakers



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

10:15

Capitol Ballroom Salon D

10:15 – 10:45 **Coffee & Chat**

10:45

Capitol Ballroom Salon E

Capitol Ballroom Salon F

Capitol Ballroom Salon H

10:45 – 12:00

Critical Minerals in Africa: Meeting Global Demand

Africa holds 30% of the world's mineral reserves. To meet expected rise in global demand, production will need to increase by nearly 500% by 2050.* In addition to the Lobito Corridor, what else should stakeholders do to meet this opportunity?

- How can the US further develop supply chains with Africa for the critical minerals that it relies on?
- Delivering clean water and energy to mining communities to increase productivity, health and wealth.
- The future of Africa's refining sector to produce value-added products.
- How can the US and Africa work jointly to create stable pricing for Africa's critical minerals?

* Africa's critical minerals, Mo Ibrahim Foundation, 2022

Moderator



Landry Signé
Senior Fellow, Global Economy & Development Program, The Brookings Institution

Speakers

10:45 – 12:00 **Hosted Boardroom**

10:45 – 12:00

Closed Door Boardrooms: Country Huddle

US-East Africa

Invitation Only

Speakers



H.E. Honourable Dr. Eng. Habtamu Itafa Geleta
Minister of Water & Energy, Ethiopia



H.E. Honourable Dr. Eng Caleb Makwiranzou
Deputy Minister, Ministry of Mines & Mining Development,
Zimbabwe



Gracelin Baskaran
Director, Critical Minerals Security Program, Center for
Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)



Stuart Porter
CEO & Partner, Denham Capital



Ben Kincaid
CEO, ReElement Technologies Africa

12:00

Session Switchover

12:00 – 12:15 Session Switchover

12:15

Capitol Ballroom Salon E

Capitol Ballroom Salon F

Capitol Ballroom Salon H

12:15 – 13:30

How Gas Strategies between the US and Africa are Increasing Energy Security and Bilateral Trade

The critical role of gas to industrialise and power economic growth in Africa and the US has never been more urgent. However, with deals taking up to ten years to complete, what should investors be doing to increase the pace of investment in these critical resources?

- Why does the US consider Africa a Strategic Energy Partner and what does this mean?
- How gas offers Africa a diversified industrial future, bringing in US technology and new industrial partners.
- How the US is supporting Africa’s energy baseload needs through gas development and industrialisation.

Moderator



Erik Granskog
CEO, Endeavor Energy

Speakers



Nomfundo Maseti
Full-Time Regulator Member responsible for Electricity & Gas Regulation, National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA), South Africa



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

12:15 – 13:30 Hosted Boardroom

12:15 – 13:30

Closed Door Boardrooms: Country Huddle

US-West Africa

Invitation Only

Speakers



H.E. Honourable Jeremiah Kpan Koung
Vice President, Liberia



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



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

13:30

Capitol Ballroom Salon D

13:30 – 14:30 Closing Lunch

Thank you PAS 2026!