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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



Makhtar Diop
MD, International Finance Corporation (IFC)



Adam Cortese
CEO, Sun Africa

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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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- What is the current US administration's position on advancing electricity in Africa?
- 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



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



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.

Moderator



Nthato Minyuku

Vice President
Government Affairs,
Middle East & Africa,
Siemens Energy &
Executive Director,
Siemens Energy South
Africa

Speakers



**H.E. Honourable
Jeremiah Kpan Koung**

Vice President, Liberia

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



Honourable R. Matenokay Tingban

Minister of Mines & Energy, Liberia



Heather Lanigan

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



Anand Naidoo

Managing Executive, Client Coverage, Absa



Conal Duffy

Vice President, Alliant Insurance



Karim Nasser

Executive Chairman, NANT Power & Advisor to the Petrodex Board

Capitol Ballroom Salon H

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

Invitation Only

Moderator



Neb Girma

Senior Director, Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)

Speakers



Jean-Christian Turkson

Director General, Compagnie Ivoirienne de'Electricité (CIE), Côte d'Ivoire



Moumini Soilahouddine

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



Mark Baah

Chief Executive, GRIDCo, Ghana



Judith Adjoba Blay

CEO, Ghana Gas, Ghana



William Amuna

Chairman, Electricity Company of Ghana (ECG), Ghana



Jabesh Amissah-Arthur

Chairman, Volta River Authority (VRA), Ghana



Joseph Siror

MD & CEO, Kenya Power & Lighting Company, Kenya



Peter Njenga

MD & CEO, Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen), Kenya



Honourable Amos Tweh

MD, Liberia Petroleum Refining Company (LPRC), Liberia



William Liabunya

CEO, Electricity Generation Company (EGENCO), Malawi



Tarik Hamane

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



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



Cletus Nyachowe

Acting Group CEO, ZESA Holdings, Zimbabwe



Stephen Dihwa

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



Zakaria Mgalama

Director, Transmission Lines & Substations, TANESCO, Tanzania

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

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



Yorm Ama Abledu

Board Member, Energy Commission, Ghana



Shiyana Gunasekara

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



Woochong Um

CEO, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet



Sarah McNeilly

MD, Allied Talent Partners



Nicole Poindexter

CEO & Founder, Enercity



Sarah Malm

Executive Director, GOGLA



Kate Steel

Senior Vice President, NRECA International



Anita Otubu

Senior Director, Universal Energy Facility (UEF), Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL)



Honourable Moses Asaga

Chairman, Public Utilities Regulatory Commission (PURC), Ghana



Daniel Kiptoo Bargarora

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



Charles Sangweni

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



Marco Kuyu

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

17:30

Capitol Ballroom Salon D

17:30 – 20:00 **Gala Drinks Reception**

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?

Moderator



Carmen De Castro

MD, Cygnum Capital Group

Speakers



H.E. Honourable Professor Mthuli Ncube

Minister of Finance, Economic Development & Investment Promotion, Zimbabwe



Johnson Akinnawo

CEO, Nigerian Bulk Electricity Trading (NBET), Nigeria

09:00 – 10:15 **Hosted Boardroom**

Hosted By:

Lagos State Ministry of Energy & Mineral Resources

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09:00 – 10:15

Closed Door Boardrooms: Country Huddle

US-Southern Africa

Invitation Only

Speakers



H.E. Honourable Dr. Eng Caleb Makwiranzou

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Mines & Mining Development, Zimbabwe



Laura Spector

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



Agnes Dasewicz

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



Alexander Dixon

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



Monie Captan

Deputy CEO, West Africa, Petrodex

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

Landry Signé, Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution & Professor & Executive Director, Thunderbird School of Global Management

Speakers



H.E. Honourable Dr. Eng Caleb Makwiranzou

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Mines & Mining Development, Zimbabwe



Sarah Whitten

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



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



Helaina Matza

Chief Strategic Development Officer, Techmet

10:45 – 12:00 **Hosted Boardroom**

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Mission 300

10:45 – 12:00

Closed Door Boardrooms: Country Huddle

US-East Africa

Invitation Only

Speakers



H.E. Honourable Dr. Eng. Habtamu Itefa Geleta

Minister of Water & Energy, Ethiopia



H.E. Honourable Ny Ando Ralitera

Minister of Energy & Hydrocarbons, Madagascar



H.E. Honourable Salome Makamba

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy, Tanzania



Zakaria Mgalama

Director, Transmission Lines & Substations, TANESCO, Tanzania

12:00

Session Switchover

Capitol Ballroom Salon E

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



H.E. Honourable Obongemem Ekperikpe Ekpo
Minister of State, Petroleum Resources (Gas), Nigeria



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



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12:15 – 13:30 Hosted Boardroom

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12:15 – 13:30

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Vice President, Liberia



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



H.E. Honourable Dr. Kandeh Yumkella
Chairman, The Presidential Initiative for Climate Change, Renewable Energy & Food Security, Sierra Leone



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



John Gatsi
Chairman, Energy Commission, Ghana

Capitol Ballroom Salon D

13:30 – 14:30 Closing Lunch

Thank you PAS 2026!