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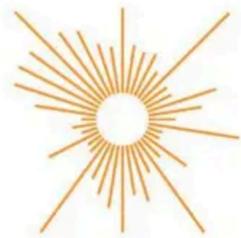
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## Day One – Thursday 19 March 2026

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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



**Nicholas 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



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

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?

#### Moderator



**Nancy Rivera**  
Managing Director, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)

#### 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

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 l'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



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Executive Chairman, NANT Power & Advisor to the Petrodex Board



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Honourable Mohammed Sherif, MD, Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC), Liberia



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**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



**Emeafa Hardcastle**

Acting CEO, Petroleum Commission, Ghana



**Yorm Ama Abledu**

Board Member, Energy Commission, Ghana



**Honourable Moses Asaga**

Chairman, Public Utilities Regulatory Commission (PURC), Ghana



**Joseph Siror**  
MD & CEO, Kenya Power & Lighting Company, Kenya



**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)



**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

NB: Topics, times and speakers may be subject to change as the agenda develops.

08:00

Capitol Ballroom Salon D

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

09:00

Capitol Ballroom Salon E

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

Capitol Ballroom Salon F

09:00 – 10:15 **Hosted Boardroom**

Hosted By:

**Lagos State Ministry of Energy & Mineral Resources**

Hosted by



Capitol Ballroom Salon H

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



**Titus Mathe**  
CEO, South African National Energy Development Institute (SANEDI), South Africa



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



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



**Johnson Akinawo**

CEO, Nigerian Bulk Electricity Trading (NBET), Nigeria



**Tim Scales**

Partner & Head of Africa Group, A&O Shearman



**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



**Munyaradzi Munodawafa**

Chief Executive, Zambezi River Authority (ZRA)

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. Dele Alake**

Minister for Solid Minerals Development, Nigeria



**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

10:45 – 12:00 **Hosted Boardroom**

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10:45 – 12:00

**Closed Door Boardrooms: Country Huddle**

US-East Africa

*Invitation Only*

**Moderator**



**Troy Fitrell**

Director, SAGINT

**Speakers**



**H.E. Honourable Dr. Eng. Habtamu Itafa Geleta**

Minister of Water & Energy, Ethiopia



**H.E. Honourable Ny Ando Ralitera**

Minister of Energy & Hydrocarbons, Madagascar



**H.E. Honourable Ruth Nankabirwa Ssentamu**

Minister of Energy & Mineral Development, Uganda



**H.E. Honourable Alex Wachira**

Principal Secretary, State Department for Energy, Ministry of Energy & Petroleum, Kenya



**H.E. Honourable Salome Makamba**

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy, Tanzania



**H.E. Mohamed Abdullahi Farah**

State Minister of Energy & Water Resources, Somalia



**USTDA Representative\***



**Zakaria Mgalama**

Director, Transmission Lines & Substations, TANESCO, Tanzania



**Helaina Matza**

Chief Strategic Development Officer, Techmet

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**



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

12:15 – 13:30 **Hosted Boardroom**

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12:15 – 13:30

**Closed Door Boardrooms: Country Huddle**

US-West Africa

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**Moderator**



**David Arinze**

Senior Portfolio Officer, Energy Transition Challenge Fund, Africa Enterprise Challenge Funds

**Speakers**



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

Vice President, Liberia



**H.E. Honourable Cyril Grant**

Minister of Energy, Sierra Leone



**H.E. Honourable Biodun Ogunleye**

Commissioner, Lagos State Ministry of Energy & Mineral Resources, Nigeria



**H.E. Honourable Dr. Kandeh Yumkella**

Chairman, The Presidential Initiative for Climate Change, Renewable Energy & Food Security, Sierra Leone



**Honourable Mohammed Sherif**

Honourable Mohammed Sherif, MD, Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC), Liberia



**Honourable Amos Tweh**

MD, Liberia Petroleum Refining Company (LPRC), Liberia



**Honourable Isaac Taggart Jr.**

Special Envoy for U.S. Trade & Investment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Liberia



**John Gatsi**

Chairman, Energy Commission, Ghana



**Daniel Petrie**

Acting Chief of Staff, Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)



**USTDA Representative\***

13:30

**Capitol Ballroom Salon D**

13:30 – 14:30 **Closing Lunch**

