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## Day One – Thursday 19 March 2026

07:30

Capitol Ballroom Salon D

07:30 – 09:30 Registration & Networking Breakfast

08:00

Capitol Ballroom Salon G

08:00 – 09:15 Kenya Energy Compact Round Table: Unlocking Private Capital and De-risking Investment for Kenya's Energy Compact

Led by the Government of Kenya in partnership with Mission 300 partners, this session will discuss Kenya's National Energy Compact under the Mission 300 initiative, which aims to deliver electricity access to 300 million people in Sub-Saharan Africa by 2030.

- How Kenya's Energy Compact is a model for national climate action, sustainable development, and private capital mobilization across the energy value chain.
- Explore innovative de-risking mechanisms to bridge the financing gap and attract institutional investors, including family offices, pension funds, insurance companies, and DFIs.
- Build momentum around innovative financing solutions that align development goals with investment-grade opportunities.
- Foster dialogue and partnerships between governments, multilateral and Bilateral Institutions, Philanthropies, and private capital providers.

### Moderator



**Isaac Kiva**

Secretary for Renewable Energy, State Department for Energy, Kenya

### Speakers



**H.E. Honourable Alex Wachira**

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



**Tatiana Nikiforova**

Investment Director, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet



**Andrew Herscowitz**

CEO, Mission 300 Accelerator, RF Catalytic Capital



**Wyatt Yankus**

Executive Director, Strategic Policy Insights, Group Public & Regulatory Affairs, Standard Chartered Bank



**Stephen Jackson**

United Nations Resident Coordinator, Nairobi, Kenya



**Franz Drees-Gross**

Regional Practice Director, Infrastructure, World Bank Group

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09:30

Capitol Ballroom Salon E & F

09:30 – 09:45 11th Powering Africa Summit Welcoming Remarks: Powering the US-Africa Partnership: Energy Infrastructure, Critical Minerals & Investment Strategies

### Speakers



**Adam Cortese**

CEO, Sun Africa



**H.E. Honourable Acacia Bandubola Mbongo**

Minister of State, Minister of Hydrocarbons, Democratic Republic of the Congo



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

Minister of Energy & Mineral Development, Uganda

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09:45 – 11:00 **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 are the current strategic objectives of the US administration in Africa?
- 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****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)

**Bethany Aquilina Brez**

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

**Amanda Jennings**

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

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee & Chat**11:30 – 12:45 **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****Andrew Herscowitz**

CEO, Mission 300  
Accelerator, RF Catalytic  
Capital

**Speakers****H.E. Honourable John  
Abdulai Jinapor**

Minister of Energy &  
Green Transition, Ghana

**H.E. Honourable Alex  
Wachira**

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

**Tarik Hamane**

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

**Bob Mabiala**

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

12:45 – 14:00 **PAS Power Lunch**

14:00

## Capitol Ballroom Salon E &amp; F

14:00 – 14:25 11th Powering Africa Summit Official Opening Ceremony: Powering the US-Africa Partnership: Energy Infrastructure, Critical Minerals &amp; Investment Strategies

## Speakers



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



**Makhtar Diop**  
MD, International Finance Corporation (IFC)



**Goran Rajsic**  
Founder, Sun Africa

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14:25

## Capitol Ballroom Salon E &amp; F

14:25 – 14:45 Guest of Honour Fireside Chat

## Speakers



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



**Rajiv Shah**  
President, Rockefeller Foundation

14:45

## Capitol Ballroom Salon E &amp; F

14:45 – 15:00 Session Switchover

15:00

## Capitol Ballroom Salon E &amp; F

15:00 – 16:15

**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



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



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



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

## Capitol Ballroom Salon G

15:00 – 16:15 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



**Artur Custódio**  
Executive Administrator, Agencia Nacional de Petróleo Gás e Biocombustíveis (ANPG), Angola



**Américo Fernandes**  
Block Chairman, Agencia Nacional de Petróleo Gás e Biocombustíveis (ANPG), Angola



**Ludy Sebastião**  
Geologist, Agencia Nacional de Petróleo Gás e Biocombustíveis (ANPG), Angola



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



**Emeafa Hardcastle**  
Acting CEO, Petroleum Commission, Ghana



**Adwoa Serwaa Bondzie**  
Acting Executive Secretary, Energy Commission, Ghana



**Yorm Ama Abledu**  
Board Member, Energy Commission, Ghana



**Sarah McNeilly**  
MD, Allied Talent Partners



**Nicole Poindexter**  
CEO, Energency



**Kate Steel**  
Senior Vice President, NRECA International



**Gwendolyn Andersen**  
Co-Founder, The A Energy Company



**Daniel Kiptoo Bargoria**  
Director General, Energy & Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA), Kenya



**Temitope George**  
CEO & Executive Member, Lagos State Electricity Regulatory Commission (LASERC), Nigeria



**Akinwunmi Ogunbiyi**  
Chairman, Lagos State Electricity Regulatory Commission (LASERC), Nigeria



**Olakunle Falola**  
Executive Member, Licensing & Regulatory Standards, Lagos State Electricity Regulatory Commission (LASERC), Nigeria



**Thembanani Bukula**  
Chairperson, National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA), South Africa

16:15

**Capitol Ballroom Salon D**

16:15 – 16:45 **Coffee & Chat**

16:45

**Capitol Ballroom Salon E & F**

16:45 – 18:00 **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**  
MD, Office of Energy, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)

**Speakers**



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



**Abera Endeshaw Abebe**  
Senior Advisor to the Minister & Lead International Affairs, Ministry of Water & Energy, Ethiopia



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



**Garth Klintworth**  
Chief Representative Officer, Absa Bank Limited Representative Office – Americas



**Conal Duffy**  
Vice President, Alliant Insurance



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

**Capitol Ballroom Salon G**

16:45 – 18:00 **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



**Mark Baah**  
Chief Executive, GRIDCo, Ghana



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



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



**Peter Njenga**  
MD & CEO, Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen), Kenya



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



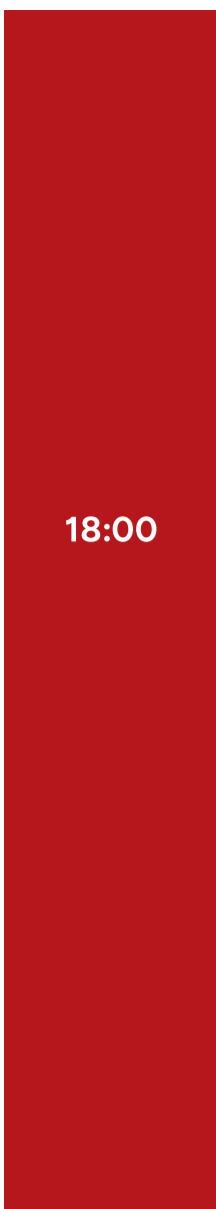
**Tarik Hamane**  
CEO, Office National de l'Electricité et de l'Eau Potable (ONEE), Morocco



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



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



18:00

Capitol Ballroom Salon D

18:00 – 20:00 **Gala Drinks Reception**

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**Cletus Nyachowe**

Acting Group CEO, ZESA Holdings, Zimbabwe



**Stephen Dihwa**

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

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 John Abdulai Jinapor**

Minister for Energy & Green Transition, Ghana

**Johnson Akinnowo**

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

**Amanda Jennings**

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

**Anthony Molle**

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

**Monie Captan**

Deputy CEO, West Africa, Petrodex

Capitol Ballroom Salon F

09:00 – 10:15

**Investing in Africa's Largest Subnational Energy Market: The Lagos Opportunity**

Discussion points:

- Bankable opportunities across generation (gas-to-power, embedded & renewable), transmission expansion, and distribution reform.
- Building a 24/7 reliable power ecosystem for a \$100bn+ subnational economy.
- Regulatory innovations enabling private capital participation in the Lagos electricity market.
- Clean energy integration and energy transition strategy for sustainable growth.

**Moderator**

**Temitope George**

CEO & Executive Member, Lagos State Electricity Regulatory Commission (LASERC), Nigeria

**Speakers**

**H.E. Honourable Biodun Ogunleye**

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

**Honourable Sabur Oluwa Akanbi**

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

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Justice Room

09:00 – 10:15

**Invest in Sierra Leone**

Sierra Leone's target is to raise electricity access from 36% to 78% by 2030, increase installed generation capacity from 271 MW to 1.12 GW, and catalyse \$1.4 billion in private-sector capital. Sierra Leone is advancing a priority pipeline of energy projects to expand generation, strengthen transmission, and accelerate energy access, including key initiatives under the Mission 300 framework.

- Presenting Sierra Leone's priority pipeline of energy projects, including those under Mission 300
- Opportunities for investment across generation, transmission, energy access, and clean energy solutions.
- How the Government of Sierra Leone is creating a more attractive and credible investment environment.
- Steps being taken to support private sector participation and long-term growth in the energy sector.

**Moderator**

**Shah Jahan Khandokar**

Partner, McDermott Will & Schulte

**Speakers**

**H.E. Honourable Cyril Grant**

Minister of Energy, Sierra Leone

**Maria Stratanova**

CEO, Anergi

**Nancy Rivera**

MD, Office of Energy, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)

**Andrew Herscowitz**

CEO, Mission 300 Accelerator, RF Catalytic Capital

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Capitol Ballroom Salon G

09:00 – 10:15

**Closed Door Boardrooms: Country Huddle**

US-Southern Africa

*Invitation Only*

**Moderator**

**Aaron Brose**

Business Development Manager, Globeleq

**Speakers**

**H.E. Honourable David Hamadziripi**

Ambassador, Embassy of Zimbabwe in Washington D.C.

**António Osvaldo Saide**

Advisor the Minister, Minister of Mineral Resources & Energy, Mozambique

**José Mapilele**

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

**Bob Mabiala**

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

**Jonah Mushayi**

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

**John Dour**

International Relations Specialist, U.S. Department of Energy

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

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 G**

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 Laye Sekou Camara**  
Minister of Energy, Guinea

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

 **Carl Tricoli**  
Managing Partner, Denham Capital

 **Shah Jahan Khandokar**  
Partner, McDermott Will & Schulte

 **Ben Kincaid**  
CEO, ReElement Technologies Africa

 **Helaina Matza**  
Chief Strategic Development Officer, Techmet


10:45 – 12:00

**Advancing Energy Abundance through Digital Infrastructure: From Hyperscale to Distributed Compute**


Artificial intelligence is reshaping global energy markets. From hyperscale data centres to localized processing integrated with distributed systems, digital demand is increasingly influencing how power and broadband projects are structured, financed, and scaled. For Africa, this moment presents a strategic opportunity: leveraging growing digital loads as anchor demand to strengthen the economics of both grid-connected and distributed energy systems. By improving utilization and revenue stability—particularly for mini-grids—integrated power-digital models can accelerate electrification and digital connectivity for people and economies while reducing cost pressures for underserved communities.


- How can distributed energy systems capture growing digital and AI-driven demand while simultaneously expanding affordable household electricity and broadband connectivity?
- What commercial structures—anchor offtake agreements, blended finance, risk mitigation instruments, and hard-currency revenue streams—can improve scalability and investor confidence?
- How can integrated energy-digital infrastructure unlock two-way U.S.–Africa economic opportunity, supply-chain development, and long-term competitiveness?


**Moderator**


 **Amana Bawa**  
Director, Partnerships & Private Sector Engagement, Mission 300 Accelerator


**Speakers**


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

 **Nicole Poindexter**  
CEO, Energicity

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

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

 **Andrew Herscowitz**  
CEO, Mission 300 Accelerator, RF Catalytic Capital

 **Kate Steel**  
Senior Vice President, NRECA International


10:45 – 12:00

**Closed Door Boardrooms: Country Huddle**


US-East Africa

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**Moderator**


 **Ambassador Troy Fitrell**  
Director, SAGINT


**Speakers**


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


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


 **Abera Endeshaw Abebe**  
Senior Advisor to the Minister & Lead International Affairs, Ministry of Water & Energy, Ethiopia


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


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**Sabrina Roshan**  
COO, Partnership for Digital Access in Africa

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Attorney, Academic & Advocate, Penn State Dickinson Law & The Energy for Growth Hub



**Timothy Reber**  
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12:00 – 12:15 **Session Switchover**

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**Capitol Ballroom Salon E**

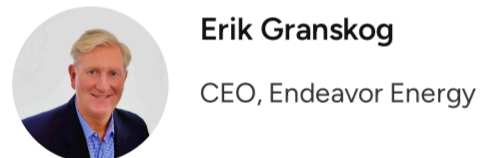
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**How Gas Strategies between the US and Africa are Increasing Energy Security and Bilateral Trade**

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?

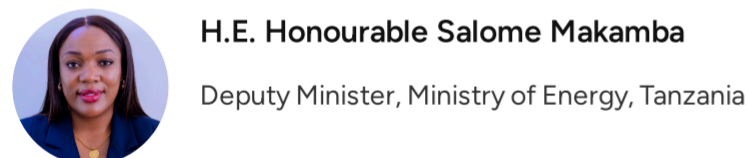
- Why does the US consider Africa a Strategic Energy Partner and what does this mean?
- How gas offers Africa a diversified industrial future, bringing in US technology and new industrial partners.
- How the US is supporting Africa's energy baseload needs through gas development and industrialisation.

**Moderator**



**Erik Granskog**  
CEO, Endeavor Energy

**Speakers**



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



**Judith Adjobah Blay**  
CEO, Ghana Gas, Ghana



**Artur Custódio**  
Executive Administrator, Agencia Nacional de Petróleo Gás e Biocombustíveis (ANPG), Angola



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



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

**Capitol Ballroom Salon F**

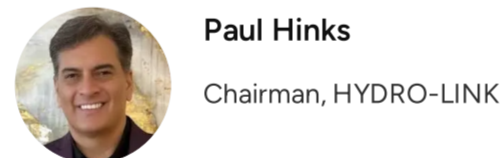
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**HYDRO-LINK: Strengthening Energy Security and Critical Minerals Supply Chains in Africa**

This session will explore the strategic and commercial case for cross-border transmission infrastructure, anchored in the HYDRO-LINK project and its broader regional implications. Speakers will:

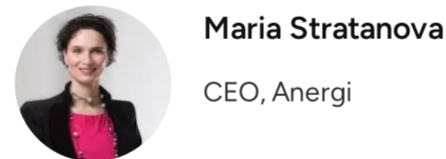
- Examine the Angola–DRC high-voltage interconnector as a scalable private transmission platform linking generation, industrial demand, and regional power pools.
- Assess how reliable cross-border power enables mining, mineral processing, and manufacturing expansion across Southern and Central Africa.
- Explore transmission as a cornerstone of energy security and critical minerals supply chains amid shifting global trade and geopolitical dynamics.
- Highlight transmission as an attractive, stable infrastructure asset class aligned with long-term government and institutional capital priorities.

**Moderator**



**Paul Hinks**  
Chairman, HYDRO-LINK

**Speakers**



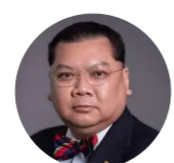
**Maria Stratanova**  
CEO, Anergí



**Brian Kelly**  
Founder & CEO, Anzana Electric Group



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



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

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**Capitol Ballroom Salon G**

12:15 – 13:30

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**Moderator**



**David Arinze**  
Senior Portfolio Officer, Energy Transition Challenge Fund, Africa Enterprise Challenge Funds

**Speakers**



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Minister of Energy, Guinea



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Minister of Energy, Sierra Leone



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



**Lamin Camara**  
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