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Agenda

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Day One – Tuesday 16 June 2026

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08:00

Registration

08:00 – Registration & Networking

10:00

Auditorium 2

10:00 – 11:00 Opening Ceremony (Open to all aef attendees)

Africa Energy Forum: EnergyNet Remarks – ‘Building Africa’s Industrialised Future’

Forum Sponsor Welcome Address

Speakers



Adam Cortese
CEO, Sun Africa

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Host Country Welcome Address

High Level Addresses

Speakers



H.E. Honourable Lerato Mataboge
African Union
Commissioner for
Infrastructure and Energy



H.E. Honourable Damilola Ogunbiyi
Special Representative of
the United Nations
Secretary-General, & CEO
for Sustainable Energy for
All (SEforALL), Co-Chair of
UN-Energy

11:15

Auditorium 2

11:15 – 12:30 Spotlight on South Africa – Investments, Partnerships and Opportunities (Open to all aef attendees)

Speakers



Precious Edward
Head, IPP Office, South
Africa



Hussein Shoukry
MD, Siemens Energy
Middle East & Africa

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12:30

Networking Villages

The Restaurant

12:30 – 14:30 Networking Lunch (Open to all aef attendees)

12:30 – 14:30 Closed Door Ministerial Lunch (By invitation only)

14:30

Room – CONGO

14:30 – 15:45 Ministerial Town Hall – Regional Production Hubs to Drive Industrialisation (Open to all aef attendees)

An open session for aef attendees to hear the Honourable Vice Presidents and Ministers from across the continent discuss regional production hubs and their value in securing supply chains and driving industrialisation.

Speakers



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



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



H.E. Honourable Casseil Ato Forson
Minister of Finance, Ghana



H.E. Honourable Bogolo Joy Kenewendo
Minister of Minerals & Energy, Botswana



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



H.E. Honourable Gaston Eloundou Essomba
Minister of Energy & Water, Cameroon



H.E. Honourable Philippe Tonangoye
Minister of Universal Access to Water & Energy, Gabon



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



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



H.E. Honourable Djami Diallo
Minister of Environment & Sustainable Development, Guinea



H.E. Honourable Thierry Kamach
Minister of the Environment & Sustainable Development, Central African Republic



H.E. Honourable Mohlomi Moleko
Minister of Natural Resources & Energy, Lesotho



H.E. Honourable Nani Juwara
Minister of Petroleum, Energy & Mines, The Gambia



H.E. Honourable Rohey John Manjang
Minister of Environment, Climate Change & Natural Resources, The Gambia



H.E. Honourable Nelson Mário de Carvalho Rosa Cardoso
Minister of Infrastructure & Natural Resources, São Tomé & Príncipe



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

15:45

Exhibition

15:45 – 16:15 **Networking Coffee**

16:15

Room – NILE

16:15 – 17:30 **Closed Door Leadership Roundtable (By invitation only)**

A high-level invitation only meeting, bringing together the senior African public sector with the private sector leaders attending aef. This is a chance to interactively discuss opportunities supporting 'Building Africa's Industrialised Future'.

17:30

Exhibition

17:30 – 18:30 **aef Welcome Drinks and Reception**

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Day Two – Wednesday 17 June 2026

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08:00

Registration

08:00 – Registration & Networking

07:30

Meeting Room 1.4
















07:30 – 08:45 **Closed Door DFI & SWF Roundtable (By invitation only)**

This is an invitation-only roundtable for the confirmed DFI contributors and SWFs only. This is designed to foster a deeper dialogue among participants.

Scene Setting Remarks:

Obaid Amrane, CEO, Ithmar Capital, Morocco, Chair, Africa Sovereign Investors Forum (ASIF) & Chair, International Forum of Sovereign Wealth Funds (IFSWF)

Speakers

 Holger Rothenbusch MD & Head of Infrastructure & Climate, BII	 Gregory Fyfe CIO, DBSA	 Ulrich Schoppmeyer Department Head, Infrastructure & Energy Debt, Africa & Latin America, DEG	 Andrea Clerici Director, Corporate Finance & Global Activities, EIB Global	 Helena Teppana Associate Director, Finfund
 Marnix Monsfort Director Energy, FMO	 Christo Fourie Head, Energy, IDC	 Soumya Banerjee Manager Infrastructure & Natural Resources, East Africa, IFC	 Thomas Hougaard MD & Co-Head of Green Energy & Infrastructure, Impact Fund Denmark	 Birgit Edlefsen Senior Vice President, Norfund
 Pierre-Alain Pacaud Head of Energy & Digital, Africa & Middle East, Proparco	 Jonas Kolijn Senior Investment Manager, Energy & Climate, Swedfund	 Eyob Easwaran Senior Advisor, Lending Operations, TDB	 Stéphane Mabiala Investment Director, Fonds Gabonais d'Investissements Stratégiques (FGIS), Gabon	 Obaid Amrane CEO, Ithmar Capital, Morocco, Chair, Africa Sovereign Investors Forum (ASIF) & Chair, International Forum of Sovereign Wealth Funds (IFSWF)

09:00

Room – CONGO

Room – LIMPOPO

Room – ZAMBEZI

Room – VOLTA

Room – NILE

09:00 – 10:15

Africa for Africa

What Does a “Just” Energy Transition Mean for Africa?

With funders becoming more open to returning to gas projects, we consider how different paths are needed for different economies.

- How pragmatic do we need to be about using gas for development?
- Do African countries need an energy mix that prioritises national industrialisation over external climate conditionalities?
- Is a short term “carbon overdraft” necessary to accelerate towards RE implementation?

Speakers

Hicham El Maanouni
Director, Business Development, Acwa

Sofia Bensaid
Director, Head of Infrastructure & Project Finance Ratings, Middle East & Africa, S&P Global Ratings

Louis Strydom
Director, Growth & Development, Wärtsilä

09:00 – 10:15

Transmission and Baseload

Large Scale Transmission and Distribution Projects

Focus on private T&D development has increased hugely – we look at the new shift.

- Which factors could destabilise the push for private investment into T&D?
- What is the impact on the public sector of open access T&D?
- How are the M300 compacts encouraging investment into T&D and what progress has been made to date?
- Does the emergence of private sector electricity traders increase the opportunity/urgency for more T&D investment?

Speakers

Nabil Saïmi
Senior Director, Africa50 Group

Thabo Molekoa
MD, Southern & Eastern Africa, Siemens Energy

09:00 – 10:15

Decentralised Energy and Access

What Role Does DRE Play in Achieving Africa’s Energy Access Objectives?

We examine the critical impact that DRE can have on bringing affordable, reliable electricity to Sub-Saharan Africa.

- How are M300 compacts encouraging investment into DRE and driving sustained growth into off-grid?
- Are RBF mechanisms and demand stimulation initiatives making investment into innovative off-grid solutions more sustainable?
- Where is DRE powering productive use and making rural electrification bankable?

Speakers

H.E. Honourable Mhloimi Moleko
Minister of Natural Resources & Energy, Lesotho

09:00 – 10:15

Critical Minerals as a Catalyst for Industrialisation

Rising Global Demand for Critical Minerals: Africa’s Opportunity

With around 30% of global mineral reserves, Africa has a key opportunity to leverage this demand to promote wider industrial growth.

- What’s the real demand outlook and who’s driving it?
- From the Lobito Corridor to the BRI: which partnerships are emerging to get projects underway?
- Is Africa ready to maximise this opportunity for broader industrial expansion?
- How can African nations successfully enforce local processing hubs?

Speakers

Mpho Mokwele
Group Executive Transacting, DBSA

09:00 – 10:15

Hosted Boardroom


09:00 Meeting Room 1.4

09:00 – 10:15 Closed Door South Africa Industrialisation Roundtable (By invitation only)

10:15 Exhibition

10:15 – 10:45 Networking Coffee

10:45

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<p>10:45 – 12:00 Africa for Africa</p> <p>South Africa – Grid Resilience and Expansion</p> <p>NTCSA's TDP plans to build 14,500 km of new transmission infrastructure in the next 10 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What opportunities do these projects present to the private sector and to regional private T&D capacity and expertise? How are regulatory reforms and financial instruments (e.g. CGV) enabling this trailblazing project? How long will it take for Phase 1 projects to deliver, and when/where will we see local participation? <p>Speakers Peter Venn CEO, Seriti Green</p>	<p>10:45 – 12:00 Transmission and Baseload</p> <p>Solar – Africa's Shining Star</p> <p>Solar projects on the continent have reached a critical turning point, offering cost-effective and reliable solutions for both utility-scale and C&I markets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are the falling costs of solar fuelling more projects? With progress made in combining BESS with solar, will we create a 24/7 energy source? What opportunities does C&I solar offer and how bankable are they? <p>Speakers Anas Charafi Executive Director, Alliance for Green Infrastructure in Africa Project Development (AGIA-PD)</p>	<p>10:45 – 12:00 Decentralised Energy and Access</p> <p>Prospects for Data Centres in Africa's Energy Ecosystem</p> <p>How data centres are changing Africa's energy investment landscape.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is this growing demand attracting new investments into the sector? Will data centres put too much pressure on the continent's grids so they will have to stay off-grid? What opportunities are emerging for solution providers? How can we avoid diverting focus and resources away from other electrification efforts? <p>Speakers Hlumelo Fungile CCO, PAIX Data Centres</p> <p>Grigorios Iatropoulos Head of Business Development, MEA Region, Everllence</p>	<p>10:45 – 12:00 Critical Minerals as a Catalyst for Industrialisation</p> <p>Building Large-Scale Pit-to-Port Infrastructure</p> <p>Unlocking Africa's mineral wealth requires significant investment in large-scale infrastructure to move resources efficiently, connect markets, generate power and attract investments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simandou to Liberty: what are the replicable models? What do timelines look like? What is required to meet them in this global race? Can infrastructure corridors deliver shared power, water, and logistics infrastructure beyond mining projects? What are the next major projects? How do we revive the ones stuck on the drawing board? <p>Speakers Andrea Clerici Director, Corporate Finance & Global Activities, EIB Global</p>	<p>10:45 – 12:00 Hosted Boardroom</p> <p>Financing Africa's Gas Infrastructure Deficit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying key infrastructure investments required to unlock stranded gas and enable reliable power supply. Structuring bankable gas-to-power projects through blended finance, DFIs, and private capital. Exploring practical tools to mitigate risk to unlock long-term capital deployment. Aligning public-private collaboration to accelerate scalable, sustainable delivery. <p>Hosted by</p> 

12:00 Networking Villages

12:00 – 13:30 Networking Lunch

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<p>13:30 – 14:45 Africa for Africa</p> <p>Innovation South Africa</p>	<p>13:30 – 14:45 Transmission and Baseload</p> <p>BESS: Enhancing Grid Stability and Decreasing Costs</p> <p>With costs significantly reducing, how are solar, wind, gas and even hydro projects adopting BESS to increase bankability and reliability?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does inclusion of BESS impact investor appetite in RE projects? Where will we be seeing increased stability due to the use of BESS in 2026/7? Hybrid energy systems and balancing different energy solutions onto the grid – the new norm? What is the future for battery storage in Africa? <p>Speakers Precious Edward Head, IPP Office, South Africa</p> <p>Naomi Zhang CEO, RelyEZ</p> <p>Pierre-André Nutte ESS Sales Director, India, Middle East & Africa, Saft</p> <p>Hosted by</p>	<p>13:30 – 14:45 Decentralised Energy and Access</p> <p>How M300 Compacts Are Channelling FDI into Energy Access and Clean Cooking</p> <p>We consider how stakeholders can utilise countries' compacts to accelerate energy access projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do the compacts provide an investment framework for DFIs and other investors to get behind (e.g. T&D)? How are compacts increasing private sector mobilisation to accelerate the rate of energy access projects? How will delivering the compacts mobilise more investment into clean cooking? <p>Moderator Holger Rothenbusch MD & Head of Infrastructure & Climate, BII</p> <p>Speakers Sarah McNeilly MD, Allied Talent Partners</p>	<p>13:30 – 14:45 Critical Minerals as a Catalyst for Industrialisation</p> <p>Financing Infrastructure Projects Behind Critical Minerals</p> <p>Financing large-scale infrastructure for critical minerals requires projects to move quickly from concept to bankability, while managing risk across complex delivery timelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What's the new blueprint for funding \$10bn corridors? How can projects reach financial close within timelines that preserve bankability? Where do deals typically break down, and how do we fix it? How do we mitigate sovereign risk for private investors? DFIs, blended finance, Political Risk Insurance: are they the solution? <p>Speakers Johan Koorts Director, Resources & Project Finance, Absa CIB</p> <p>Benjamin Mugisha Chief Underwriting Officer, ATIDI</p>	<p>13:30 – 14:45 Hosted Boardroom</p> <p>Unlocking Africa's Grid Investment: The Independent Transmission Opportunity</p> <p>Transmission bottlenecks are constraining generation uptake and cross-border power trade, making innovative private-sector models increasingly essential.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global overview of the IPT model e.g. Asia and Latin America. Lessons from Kenya's landmark IPT PPP. How can IPT unlock private capital for transmission without increasing sovereign debt? Which markets and policy reforms are needed to replicate the model in Africa? How can African governments, DFIs and investors collaborate to scale transmission investment? <p>Scene setting presentation: Moshood Abolade, Investment Director, Africa50 Group</p> <p>Moderator Nabil Saïmi Senior Director, Africa50 Group</p> <p>Hosted by</p>



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Africa for Africa

SWFs and Pension Funds Potential to Close Africa's Energy Gap

The value of the current strategic shift by local capital towards RE, early-stage capital and infrastructure debt funds.

- With partnerships like Ithmar Capital and NSIA creating new investment platforms, can sufficient capital be mobilised to address Africa's infrastructure and energy deficits?
- How are tools like local currency financing and CGVs making projects more attractive to traditionally conservative pension funds?
- What role can SWFs and Pension Funds play in reducing reliance on external financing while boosting global investor sentiment?

Moderator

Lisa Pinsley

Fund Head, African Transition Acceleration Fund, African Infrastructure Investment Managers (AIIM)

15:15 – 16:30

Transmission and Baseload

How Wind Energy is Powering the Energy Transition

Wind offers a huge opportunity for Africa to achieve energy access targets.

- Why has installed capacity grown significantly on the continent?
- How should the continent exploit Africa's vast untapped wind resources?
- How will T&D investment and BESS affordability impact wind power projects?
- Is offshore now a viable option to power Africa's increasing need for export port facilities?

Speakers

Ashish Ranjan

Chief Technical Officer, Infinity Power

Antoine Monterrat

Senior Business Developer Africa, TotalEnergies

15:15 – 16:30

Decentralised Energy and Access

The Captive and Embedded Power Trilemma: Reliability, Cost, and Bankability

Massive offtakers (mining operations, desalination projects, data centres) require 24/7 "five-nines" reliability.

- With renewable captive solutions (solar, wind and hydro) becoming cheaper, when are offtakers still relying on gas or diesel for baseload stability?
- How deregulated markets have resulted in increased investment.
- Where are the opportunities for developers and what makes projects bankable?
- Laying foundations for future offtakers, including the growing role of de-salination plants across the continent.

Speakers

Habeeb Alebiosu

CEO, Decentralised Energy Limited (DEL)

Pauline Tilemann

Senior Investment Manager, Infrastructure & Energy Debt, Africa & Latin America, DEG

15:15 – 16:30

Critical Minerals as a Catalyst for Industrialisation

Powering Africa's Mineral Gateways: Rail, Ports, and Digital Corridors

This session examines the integrated solutions required to transform Africa's ports and rail from mineral corridors into resilient trade gateways.

- How can public-private partnerships accelerate rail and logistics modernisation while creating bankable investments?
- How do we develop corridors that attract capital and strengthen regional supply chains?
- Can AI and smart systems optimize rail, port, and logistics coordination across the supply chain?
- How can a corridor's energy system also power surrounding communities and industry?

Speakers

Phindile Masangane

Group Executive Programmes, DBSA

Richard Charlton

Director, Head of Infrastructure Equity for Africa & Pakistan, BII

15:15 – 16:30

Hosted Boardroom

Delivering a Just Energy Transition in Mpumalanga

Mpumalanga shows how South Africa's Just Energy Transition can scale by building new generation and grid infrastructure in the coal heartland. Anchoring construction in an existing industrial region supports energy security, jobs, skills, and long-term regional economic value.

- What a "just" transition means for industrialising South Africa's coal-based economy.
- Delivering large-scale, reliable power through a coordinated mix of coal, renewables and grid infrastructure.
- Aligning public and private investment, jobs and long-term economic value across the coalfields.

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15:15 – 17:00 **Closed Door Utilities Roundtable (By invitation only)**

This is an invitation-only roundtable for the listed Heads of Utilities only. This is designed to foster a deeper dialogue among sector leaders.

Moderator**Adwoa Banful**

Partner, BCG

Speakers**Ernest Mkhonta**

MD, Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC), Eswatini

**Getu Geremew**

CEO, Ethiopian Electric Utility (EEU), Ethiopia

**William Amuna**

Chairman, Electricity Company of Ghana (ECG), Ghana

**Honourable Mohammed Sherif**

MD/CEO, Liberia Electricity Company (LEC), 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 (TCN), Nigeria

**Abubakar Jimeta**

MD/CEO, Kano Electricity Distribution Company Plc (KEDCO), Nigeria

**Joel Valmont**

CEO, Public Utilities Corporation (PUC), Seychelles

**Justin Loongo**

MD, ZESCO, Zambia

**Cletus Nyachowe**

Group CEO, ZESA Holdings, Zimbabwe

**Howard Choga**

Ag. MD, Zimbabwe Electricity Transmission & Distribution Company (ZETDC), Zimbabwe

**Nobert Matarutse**

Ag. MD, Zimbabwe Power Company (ZPC), Zimbabwe

**Stephen Dihwa**

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

Day Three – Thursday 18 June 2026

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08:00 **Registration**

08:00 – **Registration & Networking**

09:00 **Room – CONGO**

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09:00 – 10:15

Large Scale Economies

Southern Africa – Fireside Chats on the Latest Trends in the Region

A series of intimate discussions between an interviewer and a special guest to provide you with unique insights on topics of the day.

09:00-09:20

Fireside Chat 1

Interviewer:

Zandile Hlatywayo, Director of Strategy & Innovation, Allied Talent Partners

09:25-09:45

Fireside Chat 2

Interviewer:

Rentia van Tonder, Head of Power, Corporate & Investment Banking, Standard Bank

09:50-10:10

Fireside Chat 3

Interviewer:

John Smelcer, Chief Development Officer, Globeleq

09:00 – 10:15

Energy Financing and Trading

Offtake Structures in a Liberalising Market

How are PPAs impacted by an increasingly diverse energy buyers' landscape?

- How are investors moving from single-buyer utility models to multi-buyer private and merchant models?
- Can these changes halt the current "race for them bottom" on tariffs?
- How could reforms like SAWEM in South Africa transform future PPAs and will they impact those already in place?

Moderator

Iain Macaulay

Director, Head of Project Finance, BII

Speakers

Davide Pasi

Business Development Director, Red Rocket

Bernard Geldenhuys

Energy Sector Lead, Investec Corporate & Investment Banking

Vishwas Gupta

Director, Synergy Consulting

09:00 – 10:15

Critical Minerals as a Catalyst for Industrialisation

Mining as a Catalyst for Energy Security

To turn mineral wealth into national power, Africa must leverage industrial demand to build the transmission backbone that will secure its energy future.

- How does mining demand drive investments to building regional interconnectors? Lessons from Angola-DRC-Zambia & the Vunumoya MTS in South Africa
- Rising to the challenge of meeting C&I energy needs in rural locations: How do we turn remote mega-projects into national grid assets?
- How can energy expansion strengthen energy security without increasing pressure on already scarce water resources?

Scene Setting Remarks:

Mike Teke, Group CEO, Seriti Resources

Speakers

Mike Teke

Group CEO, Seriti Resources Holdings & Board Member Minerals Council

Owen Silavwe

CEO, Copperbelt Energy Corporation

Monie Captan

Deputy CEO, West Africa, Petrodex

09:00 – 10:15

Hosted Boardroom

10:15 **Exhibition**

10:15 – 10:45 **Networking Coffee**

10:45 **Room – CONGO**

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10:45 – 12:00

Large Scale Economies

West Africa – Fireside Chats on the Latest Trends in the Region

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10:45-11:05

Fireside Chat 1

11:10-11:30

Fireside Chat 2

11:35-11:55

Fireside Chat 3

10:45 – 12:00

Energy Financing and Trading

Africa's Power Pools' Growing Influence on Regional Integration and Energy Security

Power pools are facilitating regional energy trading, transmission development and unlocking new RE generation.

- How are power pools facilitating increased volumes of energy being traded across their networks?
- How are power pools supporting multiple offtake structures to make projects more bankable?
- What is the latest in interconnecting the power pools and how will tools like RTIFF derisk projects and encourage regional power trade and broader liberalisation?

Speakers

Victor Mapani

Deputy CEO, East Africa, Petrodex & Manager, Petrodex Energy Trading Zambia

Theuns Ehlers

Head, Resources & Project Finance, Absa CIB

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10:45 – 12:00

Critical Minerals as a Catalyst for Industrialisation

Critical Minerals to Accelerate Renewable Energy Projects

Mining-driven power demand can accelerate investment in renewable energy projects, lowering operational costs while supporting broader industrial development.

- How is mining and industrial demand fast-tracking solar, wind and BESS development?
- How are renewables lowering operational costs while supporting the energy transition and strengthening water security?
- Lessons from Zambia's 430 MW Solar-Wind Hybrid Project & DRC Nzilo II project: how mining demand enables massive renewables build-out

Moderator

Amith Singh

Head, Power & Renewables Finance, Nedbank CIB

Speakers

Hussein Matar

Senior Director Business Development, AMEA Power

Alasdair Martin

Director, Private Customer Solutions, Globeleq

Amit Goel

Director, Synergy Consulting

10:45 – 12:00

Hosted Boardroom



12:00

Networking Villages

12:00 – 13:30 **Networking Lunch**

13:30

Room – CONGO

Room – ZAMBEZI

Room – VOLTA

Room – NILE

13:30 – 14:45

Large Scale Economies

East Africa – Fireside Chats on the Latest Trends in the Region

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13:30-13:50

Fireside Chat 1

13:55-14:15

Fireside Chat 2

14:20-14:40

Fireside Chat 3

13:30 – 14:45

Energy Financing and Trading

Spotlight on Profitable Secondary Asset Markets

This market has started to grow in South Africa, offering stable investor returns and allowing capital to be recycled into new projects.

- How important is it to close the development capital cycle?
- How does the secondary asset sales market complete the energy ecosystem and offer a structured exist to developers?
- Why is a secondary asset investment attractive to private equity firms, pension funds and other long-term institutional investors?
- What capacity is there for an Africa market outside of South Africa and what lessons can be learnt from Europe and India?

Speakers

Fabian Cazares

Chief Financial Officer, Infinity Power

Ziyaad Sarang

CIO, Revego Fund Managers

13:30 – 14:45

Critical Minerals as a Catalyst for Industrialisation

Powering Downstream Mining Capacity in Africa

To compete in the global critical minerals race and promote industrialisation, Africa must power its downstream mining capacity.

- How can mining/industrial hubs and reliable energy infrastructure make the mining sector more competitive while supporting regional development?
- How can local processing deliver greater value addition and long-term benefits for local communities?
- The Circular Economy – how can managing energy and water facilities increase efficiency and lower associated refining costs

Moderator

Shirley Webber

Coverage Head, Resources & Energy, Absa CIB

Speakers

Philippe Ossoucah

CEO, Gabon Power Company (GPC), Gabon

Thabiso Sekano

Head, Mining & Metals, IDC

Zyed Akram Zitouni

Country Manager, Guinea, Karpowership

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14:45 – 15:15 **Networking Coffee**

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15:15 – 16:30 **Large Scale Economies**

North Africa – Fireside Chats on the Latest Trends in the Region

A series of intimate discussions between an interviewer and a special guest to provide you with unique insights on topics of the day.

15:15-15:35

Fireside Chat 1

Interviewer:

Ahmed Mulla, Deputy CEO, Infinity Power

15:15 – 16:30

Critical Minerals as a Catalyst for Industrialisation

Closed Door High Level Roundtable on Critical Minerals

This is an invitation-only roundtable that will convene senior African public sector officials and high-level representatives from mining companies.

Speakers



H.E. Honourable Bogolo Joy Kenewendo

Minister of Minerals & Energy, Botswana

15:15 – 16:30 **Hosted Boardroom**

15:40-16:00

Fireside Chat 2

Interviewer:

Cornelius Matthes, CEO, Dii Desert Energy

16:05-16:25

Fireside Chat 3



H.E. Honourable Djami Diallo

Minister of Environment & Sustainable Development,
Guinea



H.E. Honourable Mhloni Moleko

Minister of Natural Resources & Energy, Lesotho



H.E. Honourable Dr. Kande Yumkella

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

15:15

Room – ZAMBEZI

15:15 – 17:00 Closed Door Regulators Roundtable (By invitation only)

This is an invitation-only roundtable for the listed Heads of Regulators only. This is designed to foster a deeper dialogue among sector leaders.

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



Jean Baptiste Ky

President, Autorité de
Régulation du Secteur de
l'Énergie (ARSE), Burkina
Faso



Soraya Aziz Moto

DG, Autorite de Regulation
du secteur de l'Electricite
(ARE), Democratic
Republic of the Congo



Skhumbuzo Tsabedze

CEO, Eswatini Energy
Regulatory Authority
(ESERA), Eswatini



Cany Jobe

DG, Petroleum
Commission, The Gambia



**Godwin Kudzo
Tameklo**

CEO, National Petroleum
Authority (NPA), Ghana



Robert Kahimise

CEO, Electricity Control
Board (ECB), Namibia



Themban Bukula

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



Nomfundo Maseti

Full-Time Regulator
Member responsible for
Gas, National Energy
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NB: Topics, times and speakers may be subject to change as the agenda develops.

08:30

Registration

08:30 – Registration & Networking

09:30

Room – CONGO

Room – LIMPOPO

Room – ZAMBEZI

09:30 – 10:45 **Technology**

What is the Expected Impact on Supply Chain Costs and Carbon Finance in the Current Geo-Political Environment?

We examine the various factors impacting supply chains across the continent's energy sector.

- How has the rise of industry offtakers, such as data centres and mines, impacted supply chains' efficiency and investment?
- How can climate initiatives, such as CBAM and carbon credits, support investors to improve supply chains while also reducing costs?
- What impact are current geopolitics and volatile tariffs having on climate initiatives and on supply chains?

09:30 – 10:45 **Transmission and Baseload**

How Has Recent Geopolitics Impacted International Attitudes to Gas?

We consider how current conflicts and the shift in foreign policy objectives have influenced Africa's gas project options.

- How to build confidence in the gas sector given movements over the last ten years
- Will the resurgence of gas projects impact investments in clean energy solutions such as solar, wind and hydro?
- Gas can supercharge industrialisation and energy access – can this potential ever be realised?

Speakers



Serdar Kumbasar

Business Development Director, Karpowership



Waheed Abbasi

Senior VP, Gas Services, Europe & Africa, Siemens Energy

09:30 – 10:45 **Energy Financing and Trading**

Energy Trading – Transforming Africa's Energy Market

Energy traders are plugging a gap for creditworthy offtakers, transforming how power is financed, distributed and consumed.

- Energy traders as service and risk partners for C&I.
- Are mining companies the 'golden ticket' for energy traders or do they need to take a wider view?
- What are the 'rules of the road' emerging from trader-backed projects?
- How the rise of energy traders presents a double-edged sword for public utilities

Speakers



Fedde Zwart

Senior Investment Officer, Energy, FMO

10:45

Exhibition

10:45 – 11:15 **Networking Coffee**

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11:15 – 12:30 **Technology**

Realising AI to Achieve Revenue, Grid Resilience and Energy Access

We deep dive into how AI is being used to leapfrog traditional energy hurdles.

- Are smart meter analytics resulting in accurate tracking to improve revenue protection for cash-strapped utilities?
- How successful has AI technology been for predictive maintenance and preventing outages?
- How is M300 leveraging AI to manage 'digital loads' and make mini-grids more profitable?

11:15 – 12:30 **Transmission and Baseload**

Harnessing Hydropower to Meet Energy Demand

The continent possesses immense hydropower potential – we look at recent progress achieved.

- How are the large-scale hydro projects coming online successfully evacuating the power?
- How has the strategy shifted from building massive dams to creating resilient, hybrid systems that can withstand climate change?
- How AI technology and weather mapping can improve integrated water resources management (IWRM), energy and water efficiency

11:15 – 12:30 **Energy Financing and Trading**

Examining the 'Risk Gap'

Initiatives like M300 are attempting to 'flip the script' on investment into the continent.

- Perceived Risk vs. Actual Investment Performance.
- Can compacts provide much needed predictability for investors?
- How impactful are blended finance and guarantees in derisking investments?
- How successfully can local currency financing and permanent capital investment vehicles, like Zafiri, attract investment?

Speakers



Benjamin Hugues

Co-Founder & Fund Director, Camco



Don Purka

Principal Investment Officer, Infrastructure & Natural Resources, Africa, IFC

12:30

Networking Villages

12:30 – 13:30 **aef 2026 Farewell Lunch**