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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



**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.



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



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



**H.E. Honourable Adebayo Adelabu**  
Minister of Power, Nigeria



**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 Deogratius John Ndejemi**  
Minister of Energy,  
Tanzania



**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



**His Royal Highness (HRH) Prince Lonkhokhela Dlamini**  
Minister of Natural  
Resources & Energy,  
Eswatini



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



**H.E. Honourable Tertuis Simmers**  
Provincial Minister of  
Infrastructure, Western  
Cape Government, South  
Africa

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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,  
Finnfund



**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 – 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

**Louis Strydom**

Director, Growth &amp; Development, Wärtsilä

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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?

**Moderator****Mathapelo Malao**

Investment Director, Impact Fund Denmark

**Speakers****Chris Flavin**

CEO, Gridworks

**Nabil Saïmi**

Senior Director, Africa50 Group

**Thabo Molekoa**

MD, Southern &amp; 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 Mhloni Moleko**

Minister of Natural Resources &amp; 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 Closed Door South Africa Industrialisation Roundtable (By invitation only)**

This invitation-only roundtable will bring together Ministers of Finance, Energy, and Mining, senior public sector leaders, and a select group of industry and mining executives.

**Speakers****H.E. Honourable Adebayo Adelabu**

Minister of Power, Nigeria

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

Minister of Energy &amp; Green Transition, Ghana

**H.E. Honourable Casseil Ato Forson**

Minister of Finance, Ghana

**H.E. Honourable Bogolo Joy Kenewendo**

Minister of Minerals &amp; Energy, Botswana

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Minister of Universal Access to Water &amp; Energy, Gabon

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Minister of Mines &amp; Energy, Liberia

**H.E. Honourable Djami Diallo**

Minister of Environment &amp; Sustainable Development, Guinea

**H.E. Honourable Thierry Kamach**

Minister of the Environment &amp; Sustainable Development, Central African Republic

**H.E. Honourable Nani Juwara**

Minister of Petroleum, Energy &amp; Mines, The Gambia

**H.E. Honourable Rohey John Manjang**

Minister of Environment, Climate Change &amp; Natural Resources, The Gambia

**Wayne Malgas**

Managing Partner, Southern Africa, Control Risks

**Tristan de Drouas**

VP Southern Africa, EDF Power Solutions

**Daniel Mminele**



Chairperson, Nedbank Group

**Simon Baloyi**

President &amp; CEO, Sasol

**Magali Pailhé**

MD E&amp;P &amp; Renewables South Africa, TotalEnergies

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

Networking Villages

12:00 – 13:30 Networking Lunch

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



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14:45

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14:45 – 15:15 Networking Coffee

15:15

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Room – VOLTA

Room – NILE

15:15 – 16:30

**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)

**Speakers**

**Obaid Amrane**

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

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, Renewables, 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**

**Them bani Bukula**

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

**Habeeb Alebiosu**

CEO, Decentralised Energy Limited (DEL)

**Pauline Tilemann**

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

**Vincenzia Leitich**

Executive Vice President, Energy & Infrastructure, Standard Bank

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.

**Moderator**

**Peter Venn**

CEO, Seriti Green

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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

**Joy Masinde**

Board Chairman, Kenya Power and Lighting Company, Kenya

**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

**Chijioke Okwukenye**

Acting MD/CEO, Abuja Electricity Distribution Company (AEDC), Nigeria

**Abubakar Jimeta**

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

**Samuel Edoho**

CCO, Eko Electricity Distribution Company (EKEDC), Nigeria

**Loyiso Tyabashe**

GCEO, NECSA (South African Nuclear Energy Corporation), South Africa

**Justin Loongo**

MD, ZESCO, Zambia

**Cletus Nyachowe**

Group CEO, ZESA Holdings, Zimbabwe

**Howard Choga**

Ag. MD, Zimbabwe Electricity Transmission &amp; 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

Room – ZAMBEZI

Room – VOLTA

Room – NILE

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

**Speakers**

**H.E. Honourable Samantha Graham-Maré**

Deputy Minister of Electricity & Energy, South Africa

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**

**Thembani Bukula**

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

**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

Room – ZAMBEZI

Room – VOLTA

Room – NILE

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**

**Stephen Dihwa**

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

**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

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**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**

**Scaling Power Markets Through Secondary Asset Markets**

This growing market in South Africa is attracting long-term institutional capital and allowing capital to be recycled into new projects.

- How the secondary asset sales market completes the energy ecosystem and offers a structured exit to free up capital for the next wave of projects.
- Why is secondary asset investment attractive to PE firms, pension funds and other long-term institutional investors?
- How can secondary transactions help scale African power markets by recycling capital and broadening the investor base?
- What capacity is there for an African 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**

Business Development & Senior Sales Manager, Karpowership

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13:30 – 14:45

**Hosted Boardroom**

14:45

**Exhibition**

14:45 – 15:15 **Networking Coffee**

15:15

**Room – CONGO**

**Room – VOLTA**

**Room – NILE**

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

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

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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 Lerato Mataboge**

African Union Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy

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 Bogolo Joy Kenewendo**

Minister of Minerals & Energy, Botswana



**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. Kandeh 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



**Nomfundo Maseti**

Full Time Regulator Member: Piped Gas Regulation, National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA), South Africa



**Willibrod Majola**

Full Time Regulator Member: Electricity, National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA), South Africa



**Ziria Tibalwa Waako**

CEO, Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA), Uganda



**Kocou Tossou**

Chairman, ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERERA)

## Day Four – Friday 19 June 2026

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 Geopolitical 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



**Nomfundo Maseti**

Full Time Regulator Member: Piped Gas Regulation, National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA), South Africa



**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

11:15

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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?

#### Moderator



**Okechukwu Okoro**

Okechukwu Okoro, Deputy Managing Partner & Head, Energy Practice, G Elias; Chair, Energy Practice Group, Multilaw\*

#### Speakers



**Samuel Edoho**

CCO, Eko Electricity Distribution Company (EKEDC), Nigeria

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

#### Speakers



**Bob Mabiala**

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

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?

#### Moderator



**Laura Spector**

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

#### Speakers



**Benjamin Hugues**

Co-Founder & Fund Director, Camco



**Don Purka**

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

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Networking Villages

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