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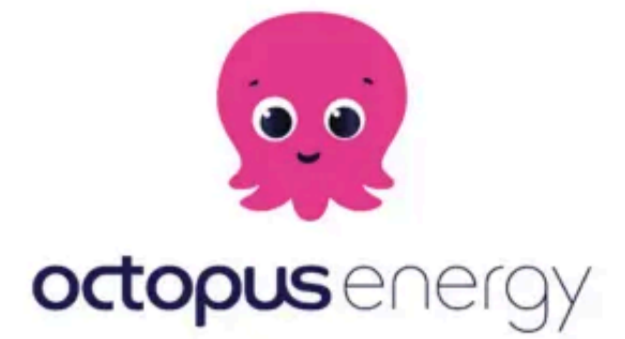
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## Day One – Tuesday 16 June 2026

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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)**

French – English Translation

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

**Forum Sponsor Welcome Address**

**Speakers**



**Goran Rajsic**  
Founder & Chairman, Sun  
Africa

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**Host Country Welcome Address**

**Speakers**



**H.E. Honourable Dr.  
Kgosientsho  
Ramokgopa**  
Minister of Electricity &  
Energy, South Africa

**High Level Address**

**Speakers**



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

**Leadership Awards**

**M300 Update**

**Speakers**



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

11:15

Auditorium 2

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

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**Speakers**



**H.E. Honourable Samantha Graham-Maré**  
Deputy Minister of Electricity & Energy, South Africa



**Dan Marokane**  
GCE, Eskom, South Africa



**Precious Edward**  
Head, IPP Office, South Africa



**Loyiso Tyabashe**  
GCEO, NECSA (South African Nuclear Energy Corporation), South Africa



**Hussein Shoukry**  
MD, Siemens Energy Middle East & Africa

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12:30

**Networking Villages**

**Serengeti 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 – ZAMBEZI**

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.

**Scene Setting Remarks:**

**H.E. Honourable Dr. Kgosientsho Ramokgopa**, Minister of Electricity & Energy, South Africa

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**Speakers**



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



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



**H.E. Honourable Dr. Kgosientsho Ramokgopa**  
Minister of Electricity & Energy, South Africa



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



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Minister of Energy, Tanzania



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Minister of Energy, Guinea



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



**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 Lejone Mpotjoane**  
Minister of Energy & Mines, 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



**Honourable Charles Umehai**  
Deputy Minister of Mines & Energy, Liberia



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

15:45

**Exhibition**

15:45 – 16:15 **Networking Coffee**

16:15

**Room – VOLTA**

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 Opening Drinks Reception – Celebrating Africa’s Rich History and Culture

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## Day Two – Wednesday 17 June 2026

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07:30

Registration

07:30 – Registration & Networking

07:30

Room – OKAVANGO

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

Reforming Energy Financial Infrastructure for Industrial Growth – What's Needed to Succeed?

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

### Moderator



**Jonathan Berman**  
MD, Autonomi Capital

### Speakers



**Yezdan Akcacakir**  
Director & Head of Power,  
AFC



**Wale Shonibare**  
Director, Energy Financial  
Solutions, Policy &  
Regulations Power,  
Energy, Climate & Green  
Growth Complex, AfDB



**Holger Rothenbusch**  
MD & Head of  
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**Enrico Lucciola**  
Head of Project Finance,  
International Development  
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**Gregory Fyfe**  
Chief Investment Officer,  
DBSA



**Ulrich Schoppmeyer**  
Department Head,  
Infrastructure & Energy  
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**Andrea Clerici**  
Director, Corporate  
Finance & Global  
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**Helena Teppana**  
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**Marnix Monsfort**  
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**Christo Fourie**  
Head, Energy, IDC



**Soumya Banerjee**  
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Africa, IFC



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MD & Co-Head of Green  
Energy & Infrastructure,  
Impact Fund Denmark



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Senior Vice President,  
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**Eyob Easwaran**  
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Investment Director,  
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Gabon



**Martha Kalema**  
Team Lead, Petroleum  
Revenue Investment  
Reserve (PRIR), Bank of  
Uganda, Uganda



**Dharmesh Kalyan**  
Head, Energy &  
Infrastructure  
Investments, Royal  
Bafokeng Holdings

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?

**Moderator****Sara Elhag**

Head of the Energy Division, African Union

**Speakers****Hicham El Maanouni**

Director, Business Development, Acwa

**Sofia Bensaïd**

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

**Louis Strydom**

Director, Growth & 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****Kefa Seda**

DG, Public Private Partnership Directorate, The National Treasury & Economic Planning, Kenya

**Chris Flavin**

CEO, Gridworks

**Nabil Saïmi**

Senior Director, Africa50 Group

**Gilbert El-Hajje**

Head of Market & Strategy for the Middle East & 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?

**Moderator****Sarah Malm**

Executive Director, GOGLA

**Speakers****H.E. Honourable Cyril Grant**

Minister of Energy, Sierra Leone

**H.E. Honourable Lejone Mpotjoane**

Minister of Energy & Mines, Lesotho

**Khalil Lagtari**

Director of Participations & Partnerships, Office National de l’Electricité et de l’Eau Potable (ONEE), Morocco

**Andrew Herscowitz**

CEO, Mission 300 Accelerator, RF Catalytic Capital

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?

**Scene Setting Remarks:**

**Rita Madeira**, Africa Programme Manager, International Energy Agency (IEA)

**Speakers****Jacob Mbele**

Director General, Department of Mineral & Petroleum Resources, South Africa

**Tunde Arisekola**

Senior Advisor, Geological & Minerals Information & Officer In-Charge of African Minerals Development Centre (AMDC)

**Hannah Williams**

Director of Trade & Investment, Africa, UK Department for Business and Trade (DBT)

**Mpho Mokwele**

Group Executive: Coverage & Origination, DBSA

**Mandisa Mabaso**

Head of Government Relations, Southern Africa, Rio Tinto

09:00 – 10:15

**Hosted Boardroom****Closing the Risk Gap: Pragmatic Financial Solutions for Bankable IPPs**

- Where do IPP transactions fail and why?
- Can currency risk be structurally removed, rather than expensively priced?
- In markets where sovereign guarantees are not available, what tools can successfully enable the development of energy projects?
- What conditions would unlock institutional investment in African power markets?

**Hosted by****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.

**Country Host:**

**H.E. Honourable Dr. Kgosientsho Ramokgopa**, Minister of Electricity & Energy, South Africa

**Scene Setting Remarks:**

**Claudio Fassioti**, Enterprise Regional Business Lead, Africa, NVIDIA

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**Moderator**

**Sonume Dan-Princewill**

Portfolio Manager, Infrastructure, AFC

**Speakers**

**H.E. Honourable Dr. Kgosientsho Ramokgopa**

Minister of Electricity & Energy, South Africa



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Minister of Energy & Green Transition, Ghana



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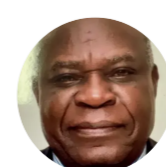
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Minister of Energy, Guinea



**H.E. Honourable Gaston Eloundou Essomba**

Minister of Energy & Water, Cameroon



**H.E. Honourable Philippe Tonangoye**

Minister of Universal Access to Water & Energy, Gabon



**Honourable R. Matenokay Tingban**

Minister of Mines & Energy, Liberia



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



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**Wayne Maigas**  
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**Esha Mansingh**  
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**Mohammed Mahomedy**  
Head, Rail & Infrastructure, Africa, DP World



**Tristan de Drouas**  
CEO South Africa, EDF power solutions



**Jonathan Hoffman**  
CEO, Globeleq



**Lebo Leshabane**  
CEO, iX engineers



**Jan Fourie**  
CEO, Mulilo



**Daniel Mminele**  
Chairperson, Nedbank Group



**Claudio Fassiotti**  
Enterprise Regional Business Lead, Africa, NVIDIA



**Bradley Reddy**  
General Manager, Growth Strategy, Richards Bay Minerals



**Simon Baloyi**  
President & CEO, Sasol



**Alberto Gambacorta**  
EVP, Sub Saharan Africa, Scatec



**Rentia van Tonder**  
Head, Power, Standard Bank



**Cosmas Chiteme**  
Group Energy Manager, Tharisa



**Magali Pailhé**  
MD E&P & Renewables South Africa, TotalEnergies



**Norman Macleod**  
VP Supply & Risk, Vivo Energy

10:15

**Exhibition**

10:15 – 10:45 **Networking Coffee**

10:45

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| <p><b>10:45 – 12:00</b><br/><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><br/><b>Seithathi Bolipombo</b><br/>Chief Commercial Officer, Mulilo</p> <p><b>Speakers</b><br/><b>Shaakira Karolia</b><br/>Advisor, Ministry of Electricity &amp; Energy, South Africa</p> <p><b>Monde Bala</b><br/>Group Executive, Distribution, Eskom, South Africa</p> <p><b>Mpho Mokwele</b><br/>Group Executive: Coverage &amp; Origination, DBSA</p> <p><b>Peter Venn</b><br/>CEO, Seriti Green</p> <p><b>Dershin Govender</b><br/>Energy OE &amp; PMC Lead Africa, Arup</p> | <p><b>10:45 – 12:00</b><br/><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><br/><b>Zandi Nkone</b><br/>CEO, Kathu Solar Park</p> <p><b>Speakers</b><br/><b>Anas Charafi</b><br/>Executive Director, Alliance for Green Infrastructure in Africa Project Development (AGIA-PD)</p> <p><b>Assanatu Cissé</b><br/>Founder &amp; CEO, Kiye Energie</p> <p><b>Nandu Bhula</b><br/>Country General Manager South Africa, Acwa</p> | <p><b>10:45 – 12:00</b><br/><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>Moderator</b><br/><b>Heath Andersen</b><br/>Data Centre Consultant, DCDesign.Africa</p> <p><b>Speakers</b><br/><b>Casbah Zwane</b><br/>Divisional CEO, ACTOM</p> <p><b>Edwin Thompson</b><br/>Chief Technology Officer, PAIX Data Centres</p> <p><b>Bryce Allan</b><br/>Head of Sustainability, Teraco</p> <p><b>Norbert Rumble</b><br/>Regional Sales Manager (Power Plants Sub-Saharan Africa), Everllence</p> <p><b>Thulani Ncube</b><br/>Managing Partner, Lanikonke</p> | <p><b>10:45 – 12:00</b><br/><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>Moderator</b><br/><b>Nancy Rivera</b><br/>MD, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)</p> <p><b>Speakers</b><br/><b>Veronika Milewski</b><br/>CEO, RTEi</p> <p><b>William Sears</b><br/>Chief Commercial Officer, Logistics, Africa, DP World</p> <p><b>Andrea Clerici</b><br/>Director, Corporate Finance &amp; Global Activities, EIB Global</p> | <p><b>10:45 – 12:00</b><br/><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>Speakers</b><br/><b>H.E. Honourable Biodun Ogunleye</b><br/>Commissioner, Lagos State Ministry of Energy &amp; Mineral Resources, Nigeria</p> <p><b>Benjamin Mugisha</b><br/>Chief Underwriting Officer, ATIDI</p> <p><b>Gregory Fyfe</b><br/>Chief Investment Officer, DBSA</p> <p><b>Samir Salé</b><br/>Country &amp; Business Development Director, Globeleq Mozambique</p> <p><b>Hosted by</b></p> |

Asanda Tshambula  
Business Development Manager,  
Infrastructure SBU, IDC

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**Networking Villages**

12:00 – 13:30 **Networking Lunch**

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**13:30 – 14:45**  
**Africa for Africa**

**Innovation South Africa**

A series of presentations highlighting different innovative technologies which will help to build South Africa's industrialised future, or are South African owned and grown technologies.

**Scene Setting Remarks:**

**Loyiso Tyira**, Board Chair, Technology Innovation Agency (TIA), South Africa

**Moderator**

**Titus Mathe**  
CEO, Technology Innovation Agency (TIA), South Africa

**Speakers**

**Claudio Fassiotti**  
Enterprise Regional Business Lead, Africa, NVIDIA

**Chenéz Henderson**  
CEO, Henko Group & Founder, Kilovox

**Will Gruver**  
Founder & Group Chairman, USP&E

**13:30 – 14:45**  
**Transmission and Baseload**

**BESS: Enhancing Grid Stability and Decreasing Costs**

With costs significantly reducing, how are solar, wind, gas and even hydro projects adopting BESS to increase bankability and reliability?

- 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?

**Moderator**

**Rotimi Odubogun**  
Associate Vice President, AFC

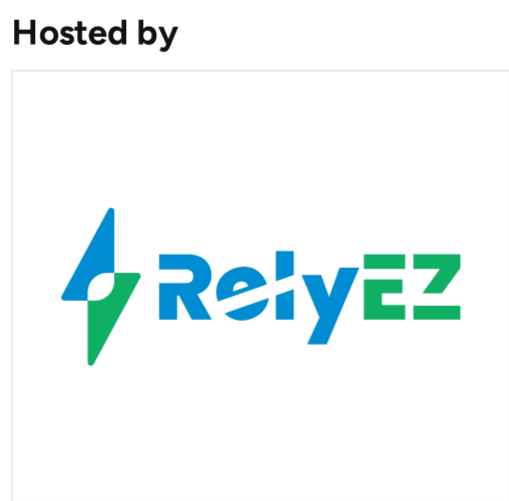
**Speakers**

**Precious Edward**  
Head, IPP Office, South Africa

**Naomi Zhang**  
CEO, RelyEZ

**Jan Fourie**  
CEO, Mulilo

**Pierre-André Nutte**  
ESS Sales Director, MEA-India, Saft TotalEnergies



**13:30 – 14:45**  
**Decentralised Energy and Access**

**How M300 Compacts Are Channelling FDI into Energy Access and Clean Cooking**

We consider how stakeholders can utilise countries' compacts to accelerate energy access projects.

- 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?

**Moderator**

**Holger Rothenbusch**  
MD & Head of Infrastructure & Climate, BII

**Speakers**

**Sarah McNeilly**  
MD, Allied Talent Partners

**Daniel Schroth**  
Director of Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency, AfDB

**Amana Bawa**  
Director, Partnerships and Private Sector Engagement, Mission 300 Accelerator, RF Catalytic Capital

**13:30 – 14:45**  
**Critical Minerals as a Catalyst for Industrialisation**

**Financing Infrastructure Projects Behind Critical Minerals**

Financing large-scale infrastructure for critical minerals requires projects to move quickly from concept to bankability, while managing risk across complex delivery timelines.

- 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?

**Speakers**

**Ziyanda Mpakama**  
Associate Vice President, AFC Capital Partners

**Johan Koorts**  
Director, Resources & Project Finance, Absa CIB

**Benjamin Mugisha**  
Chief Underwriting Officer, ATIDI

**13:30 – 14:45**  
**Hosted Boardroom**

**Unlocking Africa's Grid Investment: The Independent Transmission Opportunity**

Transmission bottlenecks are constraining generation uptake and cross-border power trade, making innovative private-sector models increasingly essential.

- 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?

**Scene setting presentation:**

**Moshood Abolade**, Investment Director, Africa50 Group

**Moderator**

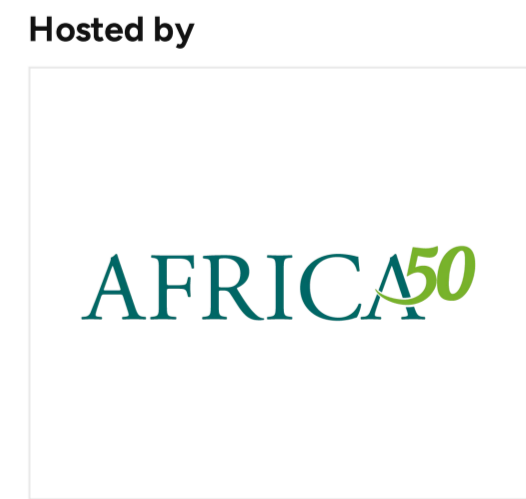
**Nana Boakye-Yiadom**  
Communications Manager, Africa50

**Speakers**

**Ziria Tibalwa Waako**  
CEO, Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA), Uganda

**Nabil Saïmi**  
Senior Director, Africa50 Group

**Robert Voskuilen**  
Manager, Eastern & Southern Africa Energy, FMO



13:30

**Room – OKAVANGO**

13:30 – 14:45 **Hosted Boardroom**

**SAREM Now: Procurement Reform, Trade Policy Review and New Approaches to Bid Windows**

This roundtable session will look at how reforms in public procurement legislation, trade policy, and bid window design are reshaping the enabling environment for SAREM.

**Hosted by:**

**Department of Electricity and Energy, Republic of South Africa**

14:45

**Exhibition**

14:45 – 15:15 **Networking Coffee**

15:15

| Room – VOLTA   | Room – LIMPOPO  | Room – ZAMBEZI   | Room – CONGO  | Room – NILE  |
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| <p>15:15 – 16:30<br/><b>Africa for Africa</b></p> <p><b>SWFs and Pension Funds Potential to Close Africa's Energy Gap</b></p> <p>The value of the current strategic shift by local capital towards RE, early-stage capital and infrastructure debt funds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With partnerships like Ithmar Capital and NSIA creating new investment platforms, can sufficient capital be mobilised to address Africa's infrastructure and energy deficits?</li> <li>How are tools like local currency financing and CGVs making projects more attractive to traditionally conservative pension funds?</li> <li>What role can SWFs and Pension Funds play in reducing reliance on external financing while boosting global investor sentiment?</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator</b><br/><b>Lisa Pinsley</b><br/>Fund Head, African Transition Acceleration Fund, African Infrastructure Investment Managers (AIIM)</p> <p><b>Speakers</b><br/><b>Amos Gachuri</b><br/>Investment Principal, Financial Infrastructure, FSD Africa</p> <p><b>Pranav Khamar</b><br/>Portfolio Manager, Gemcorp</p> | <p>15:15 – 16:30<br/><b>Transmission and Baseload</b></p> <p><b>How Wind Energy is Powering the Energy Transition</b></p> <p>Wind offers a huge opportunity for Africa to achieve energy access targets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why has installed capacity grown significantly on the continent?</li> <li>How should the continent exploit Africa's vast untapped wind resources?</li> <li>How will T&amp;D investment and BESS affordability impact wind power projects?</li> <li>Is offshore now a viable option to power Africa's increasing need for export port facilities?</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator</b><br/><b>Alice Wathika</b><br/>CFO, Lake Turkana Wind Power</p> <p><b>Speakers</b><br/><b>Ashish Ranjan</b><br/>Chief Technical Officer, Infinity Power</p> <p><b>Antoine Monterrat</b><br/>Senior Business Developer Africa, Renewables, TotalEnergies</p> <p><b>James Cumming</b><br/>CEO, Anthem</p> | <p>15:15 – 16:30<br/><b>Decentralised Energy and Access</b></p> <p><b>The Captive and Embedded Power Trilemma: Reliability, Cost, and Bankability</b></p> <p>Massive offtakers (mining operations, desalination projects, data centres) require 24/7 "five-nines" reliability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With renewable captive solutions (solar, wind and hydro) becoming cheaper, when are offtakers still relying on gas or diesel for baseload stability?</li> <li>How deregulated markets have resulted in increased investment.</li> <li>Where are the opportunities for developers and what makes projects bankable?</li> <li>Laying foundations for future offtakers, including the growing role of de-salination plants across the continent.</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers</b><br/><b>Themban Bukula</b><br/>Chairperson, National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA), South Africa</p> <p><b>Habeeb Alebiosu</b><br/>CEO, Decentralised Energy Limited (DEL)</p> <p><b>Pauline Tilemann</b><br/>Senior Investment Manager, Infrastructure &amp; Energy Debt, Africa &amp; Latin America, DEG</p> <p><b>Vincenzia Leitich</b><br/>Executive Vice President, Power &amp; Renewables, Standard Bank</p> | <p>15:15 – 16:30<br/><b>Critical Minerals as a Catalyst for Industrialisation</b></p> <p><b>Powering Africa's Mineral Gateways: Rail, Ports, and Digital Corridors</b></p> <p>This session examines the integrated solutions required to transform Africa's ports and rail from mineral corridors into resilient trade gateways.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How can public-private partnerships accelerate rail and logistics modernisation while creating bankable investments?</li> <li>How do we develop corridors that attract capital and strengthen regional supply chains?</li> <li>Can AI and smart systems optimize rail, port, and logistics coordination across the supply chain?</li> <li>How can a corridor's energy system also power surrounding communities and industry?</li> </ul> <p><b>Scene Setting Remarks:</b><br/><b>Ambassador John Giordano</b>, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia</p> <p><b>Moderator</b><br/><b>Deji Adegoke</b><br/>Partner &amp; Head of Africa Practice, White &amp; Case LLP</p> <p><b>Speakers</b><br/><b>Mohammed Mahomedy</b><br/>Head, Rail &amp; Infrastructure, Africa, DP World</p> <p><b>Phindile Masangane</b><br/>Group Executive Programmes, DBSA</p> <p><b>Richard Charlton</b><br/>Director, Head of Infrastructure Equity for Africa &amp; Pakistan, BII</p> | <p>15:15 – 16:30<br/><b>Hosted Boardroom</b></p> <p><b>Making Projects Bankable and Unlocking Transmission at Scale – A Risk Advisors View...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Context on energy infrastructure and the need for transmission</li> <li>What are the risk and insurance considerations for large scale Transmission?</li> <li>What is transferable into the insurance market and what is not; and why not?</li> <li>What products and solutions are being created to keep pace with the requirements of developers and lenders?</li> </ul> <p><b>Hosted by</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 20px; text-align: center;">  </div> |

15:15 – 17:00 **Closed Door Utilities Roundtable (By invitation only)****Reforming Utilities Holistically for Industrial Growth – What's Needed to Succeed?**

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

French – English Translation

**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



**Julien Sagna**  
General Manager, Société  
de Gestion de l'Énergie de  
Manantali (SOGEM), Mali



**Tarik Hamane**  
CEO, Office National de  
l'Électricité 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



**Dan Marokane**  
GCE, Eskom, South Africa



**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

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

08:00

### Registration

### 08:00 – Registration & Networking

09:00

#### Room – VOLTA

#### Room – ZAMBEZI

#### Room – CONGO

#### 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.

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09:00-09:20

#### Fireside Chat 1

##### Special Guest:

**H.E. Honourable Samantha Graham-Maré**, Deputy Minister of Electricity & Energy, South Africa

##### Interviewer:

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

09:25-09:45

#### Fireside Chat 2

##### Special Guest:

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

##### Interviewer:

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

09:50-10:10

#### Fireside Chat 3

##### Special guest:

**Ephraim Munshifwa**, PS, Energy, Ministry of Energy, Zambia

##### 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?

##### Scene Setting Remarks:

**James Mackay**, CEO, Energy Council of South Africa

##### Moderator

**Iain Macaulay**

Director, Head of Project Finance, BII

##### Speakers

**Themban 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

##### Moderator

**Rushaiya Ibrahim-Tanko**

Global Policy Director, The Energy for Growth Hub

##### 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

##### Beyond Generation: Technology as the Next Investment Opportunity in Southern Africa's New Energy System

- As renewable costs fall and generation scales, where does the next wave of value creation sit – and why does evidence point to the systems and intelligence layer rather than generation assets alone?
- What grid investment, trading technology, and market design are required to make a liberalising Southern African energy market work at its full potential – and who are the right partners to deliver it?
- How do we make the software, flexibility, electrified products and grid-adjacent assets underpinning a smart energy system as attractive to investors as generation – and what does a compelling investment case look like?

##### Speakers

**Zoisa North-Bond**

CEO, Octopus Energy Generation

##### Hosted by



10:15

### Exhibition

### 10:15 – 10:45 Networking Coffee

10:45

#### Room – VOLTA

#### Room – ZAMBEZI

#### Room – CONGO

#### 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

**Damilola Hamid Balogun**, Co-founder & CEO, Youth Sustainable Development Network and Clean Energy Adoption Lead, Powering Lagos SMEs

11:35-11:55

#### Fireside Chat 3

##### Interviewer:

**Kitanha Toure**, Regional Director, West Africa, Swedfund

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?

##### Moderator

**Nancy Rivera**

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

##### Speakers

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

10:45 – 12:00

#### Hosted Boardroom

##### Bridge Power Nuclear — Gas-to-SMR for Fast-Track Affordable African Baseload

USP&E's Bridge Power Nuclear platform sets out a pathway from today's gas-fired baseload to zero-carbon SMR-powered baseload for African utilities, mines and industrials:

- Why a gas-to-SMR "bridge" can deliver affordable baseload within 5–7 years
- How the same site, grid, and O&M team can transition from gas to nuclear, protecting CapEx and accelerating financial close
- Key financing and regulatory enablers, including DFI support and offtake structures
- USP&E engagements across Mali, Togo, Liberia, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, and the USA, and how partners can co-develop first-mover projects

##### Speakers

**Will Gruver**

Founder & Group Chairman, USP&E

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

**Monie Captan**  
 Deputy CEO, West Africa, Petrodex

**Wale Shonibare**  
 Director, Energy Financial Solutions, Policy & Regulations Power, Energy, Climate & Green Growth Complex, AfDB

**Theuns Ehlers**  
 Head, Resources & Project Finance, Absa CIB

**Hosted by**



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

**Hussein Matar**  
 Senior Director Business Development, AMEA Power

**Alasdair Martin**  
 Director, Private Customer Solutions, Globeleq

**Amit Goel**  
 Director, Synergy Consulting

**Bradley Reddy**  
 General Manager, Growth Strategy, Richards Bay Minerals

**Herman Schoeman**  
 CEO, USP&E

**Marius von Wielligh**  
 COO, USP&E

**Leon Malan**  
 Director, Bridge Power Nuclear, USP&E

**Lex Gruver**  
 Head of Sales & Asset Management, USP&E

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12:00

**Networking Villages**

12:00 – 13:30 **Networking Lunch**

13:30

**Room – VOLTA**

13:30 – 14:45

**Large Scale Economies**

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

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French – English Translation

13:30-13:50

**Fireside Chat 1**

**Interviewer:**

**Obbie Banda**, Senior Underwriter & RLSF Coordinator, ATIDI

13:55-14:15

**Fireside Chat 2**

**Interviewer:**

**Lucy Chege**, Associate Executive, Project & Infrastructure Finance Department, TDB

14:20-14:40

**Fireside Chat 3**

**Special Guest:**

**Kefa Seda**, Director General, Public Private Partnership Directorate, Ministry of Treasury & Planning, Kenya

**Room – ZAMBEZI**

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**

Chief Investment Officer, Revego Fund Managers

**Hendrik Snyman**

Director & Chief Investment Officer, Gaia Fund Managers

**Arai Monteforte**

VP Energy, Palladium

**Room – CONGO**

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 & Sales VP, Karpowership

**Cosmas Chiteme**

Group Energy Manager, Tharisa

**Hosted by**



**Room – NILE**

13:30 – 14:45

**Hosted Boardroom**

**Unlocking Investment in Clean Captive Energy for C&I Sectors in Sub-Saharan Africa**

- Understand how CICSAs Call for Proposals will crowd in investment to scale C&I clean energy
- Discuss what policy frameworks will unlock and sustain investment in captive energy solutions
- Experience firsthand outcomes and lessons from CICSAs Phase I pilots
- Engage directly with the teams behind the Initiative and connect with other innovators and entrepreneurs driving the future of sustainable energy systems in Africa

**Hosted by:**

UNEP

**Speakers**

**Sara Elhag**

Head of Energy Division, African Union Commission (AU)

14:45

**Exhibition**

15:15 – 16:30 Large Scale Economies

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

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French – English Translation

15:15-15:35

Fireside Chat 1

Interviewer:

Ahmed Mulla, Deputy CEO, Infinity Power

15:40-16:00

Fireside Chat 2

Interviewer:

Cornelius Matthes, CEO, Dii Desert Energy

16:05-16:25

Fireside Chat 3

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.

French – English Translation

Speakers



H.E. Honourable Lerato Mataboge

African Union Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy



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 Lejone Mpotjoane

Minister of Energy & Mines, Lesotho



H.E. Honourable Dr. Kandeh Yumkella

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



Tunde Arisekola

Senior Advisor, Geological & Minerals Information & Officer In-Charge of African Minerals Development Centre (AMDC)



Indigo Ellis

Manager, International Relations & Portfolio Growth, BHP



Bradley Reddy

General Manager, Growth Strategy, Richards Bay Minerals



Mandisa Mabaso

Head of Government Relations, Southern Africa, Rio Tinto



Veli Sibiya

Senior Vice President, Sasol Mining



Mike Teke

Group CEO, Seriti Resources Holdings & Board Member Minerals Council



Cosmas Chiteme

Group Energy Manager, Tharisa



Marco Wentzel

CEO, Trans Hex Group

15:15 – 16:30 Hosted Boardroom

Powering Regional Integration: Energy Security, Network Infrastructure and Trade Integration across Africa

Hosted by



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

## Reforming Energy Regulatory Structures for Industrial Growth – What’s Needed to Succeed?

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

French – English Translation

### Moderator



**Rushaiya Ibrahim-Tanko**

Global Policy Director, The Energy for Growth Hub

### 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**

Chairperson, African Forum for Utility Regulators (AFUR) & 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.

07:30 07:30 – 08:30 **YES! Registration & Networking**

08:30 **Registration**

08:30 – 09:30 **aeef Registration & Networking**

**Auditorium 2**

**YES! Opening Ceremony**

08:30 08:30 – 08:45 **EnergyNet YES! Welcome Remarks**

08:45 08:45 – 09:10 **Walk With Me Programme: Why YES!?**

Hear success stories from YES! Alumni and be blown away!

09:10 09:10 – 09:20 **Host Country Keynote Address**

**Speakers**



H.E. Honourable Dr.  
Kgosientsho  
Ramokgopa

Minister of Electricity &  
Energy, South Africa

09:20 09:20 – 10:00 **Scaling Youth Entrepreneurship Opportunities**

**Speakers**



Mpho Mokwele

Group Executive:  
Coverage & Origination,  
DBSA

10:00 10:00 – 10:30 **YES! Networking Coffee**

09:30 **Room – VOLTA**

**Room – LIMPOPO**

**Room – ZAMBEZI**

09:30 – 10:45 **Hosted Boardroom**

Hosted by: TBA

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?

**Moderator**



Caroline Still

Head of South Africa, Aurora Energy Research

**Speakers**



Nomfundo Maseti

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



Akinwale II Omoboriowo

Chairman & CEO, Genesis Energy



Serdar Kumbasar

Business Development Director, Karpowership

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**



Martin Kasemuka

CEO, Lunzua Power Company



Evan Rice

CEO, Etana Energy



Marc-Henri Veyrassat

Marc-Henri Veyrassat, Director, EnPower



**Marcus Nelle**

Vice President of Sales (Gas Services) for Africa, Siemens Energy

10:45

Exhibition

10:45 – 11:15 **Networking Coffee**

10:30

Room – CONGO

Room – NILE

10:30 – 11:30 **What It Takes to Get a Winning Business Off the Ground**

Interactive Workshop

Hosted by



10:30 – 11:30 **Ask the Minister Q&A**

11:45 – 12:45

**Decentralised Energy: Building Your Business Leadership and Powering Community Transformation**

Interactive Workshop

11:45 – 12:45 **Interactive Workshop**

Interactive Workshop

11:15

Room – VOLTA

Room – LIMPOPO

Room – ZAMBEZI

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



**Alan Cortizo**

Executive Vice President, EMEA, Mitsubishi Power



**Amana Bawa**

Director, Partnerships and Private Sector Engagement, Mission 300 Accelerator, RF Catalytic Capital



**Michelle Govender**

Director, Octarity and Board Member, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

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.

- Is the opportunity for hydro in Africa in today's current energy mix raising or waning?
- 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 can technology be applied to improve water management and efficiency?

**Speakers**



**Bob Mabila**

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



**Lebo Leshabane**

CEO, iX engineers



**Daniel Croft**

Regional Industry Manager, IFC

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**

Lead Investment Officer, M300



**Demba Tandia**

VP Structuring & Sales, SSA, TCX

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12:30 – 13:30 aef 2026 Farewell Lunch

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