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AGENDA

3 - 4 March 2027
Washington D.C.

The Next Era of the U.S.-Africa Partnership

Investment Promised. Investment Delivered.

Powering Africa Summit Agenda

Day One – Wednesday 3 March 2027

08:00 — **The Potomac Hotel**

08:00 – 09:15 **Registration & Networking Breakfast**

09:15 — **Room 1**

09:15 – 10:00 **12th Powering Africa Summit Official Opening Ceremony**

The Next Era of the U.S.-Africa Partnership: Investment Promised. Investment Delivered.

Welcome Remarks:
Simon Gosling, MD, EnergyNet

Summit Sponsor Welcome Address:
Senior representative, Sun Africa

Africa Welcome Address:

10:00 — **Room 1**

10:00 – 10:30 **Guest of Honour Keynote Speech**

10:30 — **The Potomac Hotel**

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee & Chat**

11:00 — **Room 1**

11:00 – 12:15 **The Next Era of the U.S.-Africa Partnership: Investment Promised. Investment Delivered.**

How the U.S.- Africa Partnership has developed since PAS 2026 using the 'trade, not aid' approach across energy, technology and security, supply chain infrastructure, critical minerals and finance.

- How strategic partnerships are bringing public and private stakeholders closer together, increasing the pace at which projects can reach financial close
- Africa has almost unlimited resources and a strategic geographical position, how will the U.S.-Africa partnership develop to increase security and stability globally?
- How will U.S. investment into digital infrastructure, such as the WIOCC Group, enable U.S. Super Intelligence to provide Africa its 'Leapfrog Moment' and how is it influencing investment decisions?

12:15 — **The Potomac Hotel**

12:15 – 13:45 **PAS Power Lunch**

13:45 — **Room 1** | **Room 2**

13:45 – 15:00 **M300 & U.S. Investment into Energy Access and Clean Cooking**

Investments like M300 and the Clean Cooking Accelerator Initiative are transforming lives and, as a result, increasing security across the continent and around the world.

- What lessons learned in the last 18 months can help programmes like M300 better engage the private sector?
- Is private capital mobilisation laying the groundwork for Africa to take a more profit-driven approach to energy access, such as local manufacturing, service industries and refining artisanal minerals.
- Playing the volume game – collections, AI/SI: What will be the impact on collections and monitoring of tens of thousands of homes across decentralised communities?

13:45 – 15:00 **Closed Door Utilities Roundtable (Invitation Only)**

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15:00 — **The Potomac Hotel**

15:00 – 15:30 **Coffee & Chat**

15:30 — **Room 1** | **Room 2**

15:30 – 16:45 **Industrial Clusters, Transport Corridors and Large-Scale Infrastructure**

How transport corridors are creating wider opportunities for industrial growth and wider economic impact in the following sectors:

- Power generation and transmission – powering transport links
- Mineral exploration – increasing opportunities for big business

15:30 – 16:45 **Closed Door Regulators Roundtable (Invitation Only)**

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Moderator

- Export capacity and revenue – creating a sustainable future



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

16:45

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16:45 – 18:30 **Gala Drinks Reception**

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Day Two – Thursday 4 March 2027

08:30 — **The Potomac Hotel**

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

09:30

Room 1	Room 2
09:30 – 10:45 **De-Risking the Deal: Structuring Bankable Energy Projects** What fiscal advances have we seen since PAS 2026 to create a lower risk and more bankable destination? • Are finance mechanisms, such as South Africa's Credit Guarantee Vehicle (CGV) and Zafiri, having the desired impact on the cost of capital and infrastructure finance? • Will a more aggressive Political Risk Insurance (PRI) strategy increase private sector participation in mega-projects, as well as increase confidence and capacity for DFC and other DFIs seeing more robust tolerance to risk? • How are refinancing, portfolio sales, local listings and pension fund buyers creating credible exit routes for investors?	09:30 – 10:45 **US-Africa Huddle – North Africa** (Closed-Door Boardroom, Invitation Only) Small-group discussions on projects that countries have to offer and how stakeholders can work together to accelerate them.

10:45 — **The Potomac Hotel**

10:45 – 11:15 **Coffee & Chat**

11:15

Room 1	Room 2
11:15 – 12:30 **Critical Minerals – Power as the Precondition for Processing** • How do US instruments like DFC, EXIM, and the new $500 million State Department programme, which focuses on geological data, regulatory reform, transaction advisory, and local processing, reduce risk? • Why increased export capacity, local processing, domestic power production and job creation will advance the sector at both pace and scale • What will unlock the next billion dollars?	11:15 – 12:30 **US-Africa Huddle – Southern Africa** (Closed-Door Boardroom, Invitation Only) Small-group discussions on projects that countries have to offer and how stakeholders can work together to accelerate them.

12:30 — **The Potomac Hotel**

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30

Room 1	Room 2
13:30 – 14:45 **Strategic Gas Partnerships in the U.S.-Africa Context**	13:30 – 14:45 **US-Africa Huddle – East Africa** (Closed-Door Boardroom, Invitation Only) Small-group discussions on projects that countries have to offer and how stakeholders can work together to accelerate them.

14:45 — 14:45 – 15:00 **Session Switchover**

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Room 1	Room 2
15:00 – 16:15 **Building Africa's Digital Future: Data Centres, AI/SI and Critical Digital Infrastructure** Increasing the pace and scale of data centre construction over the coming decade and why digital infrastructure in Africa is a critical investment. • When building critical infrastructure, what is the role of government to secure and regulate services? • What prospects does Africa offer to international cutting-edge technology investors and developers, such as AI/SI? • Why does the sector see data centre financing as attractive, what is the business model that is making it investable?	15:00 – 16:15 **US-Africa Huddle – West Africa** (Closed-Door Boardroom, Invitation Only) Small-group discussions on projects that countries have to offer and how stakeholders can work together to accelerate them.

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