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Africa Energy Forum Agenda

Day One – Tuesday 16 June 2026

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

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)**

French – English Translation

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



Amith Singh

Head, Power & Renewables Finance, Nedbank CIB

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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

French – English Translation

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



H.E. Honourable Casseil Ato Forson

Minister of Finance, Ghana



H.E. Honourable Dr. Eng. Habtamu Itefa Geleta

Minister of Water & Energy, Ethiopia



H.E. Honourable Bogolo Joy Kenewendo

Minister of Minerals & Energy, Botswana



H.E. Honourable Deogratius John Ndejembi

Minister of Energy, Tanzania



H.E. Honourable Laye Sekou Camara

Minister of Energy, Guinea



H.E. Honourable Philippe Tonangoye

Minister of Universal Access to Water & Energy, Gabon



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 Infrastructure & Climate, BII



Enrico Lucciola

Head of Project Finance, International Development Cooperation, CDP



Gregory Fyfe

Chief Investment Officer, DBSA



Ulrich Schoppmeyer

Department Head, Infrastructure & Energy Debt, Africa & Latin America, DEG

Nancy Rivera

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



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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



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Senior Advisor, Lending Operations, TDB



Stéphane Mabiala

Investment Director, Fonds Gabonais d'Investissements Stratégiques (FGIS), 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

Room – VOLTA

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

Louis Strydom
Director, Growth & Development, Wärtsilä

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Room – LIMPOPO

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

Room – ZAMBEZI

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

Radhika Thakkar
Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Sun King

Room – CONGO

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)

Moderator

Gracelin Baskaran
Director, Critical Minerals Security Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

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

Room – NILE

09:00 – 10:15

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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?

Moderator

Francis Dennig
Team Lead, Energy for Growth in Africa, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Speakers

Mario Gouvea
Lead, EcoInvest Brasil Platform, Ministry of Finance, Brazil

Ana Hajduka
Founder & CEO, Africa GreenCo

Obbie Banda
Senior Underwriter & RLSF Coordinator, ATIDI

Susana Lopez Lopez
MD, Financial Instruments, RELP

Demba Tandia
VP Structuring & Sales, SSA, TCX

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09:00

Room – OKAVANGO

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 Fassiotti, Enterprise Regional Business Lead, Africa, NVIDIA

French – English Translation

Moderator



Sonume Dan-Princewill
Portfolio Manager, Infrastructure, AFC

Speakers



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



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 Dr. Eng. Habtamu Itefa Geleta
Minister of Water & Energy, Ethiopia



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H.E. Honourable Deogratius John Ndejembi

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



Honourable R. Matenokay Tingban

Minister of Mines & Energy, Liberia



H.E. Honourable Djami Diallo

Minister of Environment & Sustainable Development, Guinea



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Minister of the Environment & Sustainable Development, Central African Republic



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Casbah Zwane

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Wayne Malgas

Managing Partner, Southern Africa, Control Risks



Esha Mansingh

Head, Corporate Affairs & Sustainability, Africa, DP World



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

Room – VOLTA

10:45 – 12:00

Africa for Africa

South Africa – Grid Resilience and Expansion

NTCSA's TDP plans to build 14,500 km of new transmission infrastructure in the next 10 years.

- What opportunities do these projects present to the private sector and to regional private T&D capacity and expertise?
- How are regulatory reforms and financial instruments (e.g. CGV) enabling this trailblazing project?
- How long will it take for Phase 1 projects to deliver, and when/where will we see local participation?

Moderator

Seithati Bolipombo

Chief Commercial Officer, Mulilo

Speakers

Shaakira Karolia

Advisor, Ministry of Electricity & Energy, South Africa

Monde Bala

Group Executive, Distribution, Eskom, South Africa

Mpho Mokwele

Group Executive: Coverage & Origination, DBSA

Room – LIMPOPO

10:45 – 12:00

Transmission and Baseload

Solar – Africa's Shining Star

Solar projects on the continent have reached a critical turning point, offering cost-effective and reliable solutions for both utility-scale and C&I markets.

- Are the falling costs of solar fuelling more projects?
- With progress made in combining BESS with solar, will we create a 24/7 energy source?
- What opportunities does C&I solar offer and how bankable are they?

Moderator

Zandi Nkone

CEO, Kathu Solar Park

Speakers

Anas Charafi

Executive Director, Alliance for Green Infrastructure in Africa Project Development (AGIA-PD)

Assanatou Cissé

Founder & CEO, Kiye Energie

Nandu Bhula

Country General Manager South Africa, Acwa

Room – ZAMBEZI

10:45 – 12:00

Decentralised Energy and Access

Prospects for Data Centres in Africa's Energy Ecosystem

How data centres are changing Africa's energy investment landscape.

- Is this growing demand attracting new investments into the sector?
- Will data centres put too much pressure on the continent's grids so they will have to stay off-grid?
- What opportunities are emerging for solution providers?
- How can we avoid diverting focus and resources away from other electrification efforts?

Moderator

Heath Andersen

Data Centre Consultant, DCDesign.Africa

Speakers

Casbah Zwane

Divisional CEO, ACTOM

Edwin Thompson

Chief Technology Officer, PAIX Data Centres

Bryce Allan

Head of Sustainability, Teraco

Room – CONGO

10:45 – 12:00

Critical Minerals as a Catalyst for Industrialisation

Building Large-Scale Pit-to-Port Infrastructure

Unlocking Africa's mineral wealth requires significant investment in large-scale infrastructure to move resources efficiently, connect markets, generate power and attract investments.

- Simandou to Liberty: what are the replicable models?
- What do timelines look like? What is required to meet them in this global race?
- Can infrastructure corridors deliver shared power, water, and logistics infrastructure beyond mining projects?
- What are the next major projects? How do we revive the ones stuck on the drawing board?

Moderator

Nancy Rivera

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

Speakers

H.E. Honourable Charles Umehai

Deputy Minister of Mines & Energy, Liberia

Room – NILE

10:45 – 12:00

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Financing Africa's Gas Infrastructure Deficit

- Identifying key infrastructure investments required to unlock stranded gas and enable reliable power supply.
- Structuring bankable gas-to-power projects through blended finance, DFIs, and private capital.
- Exploring practical tools to mitigate risk to unlock long-term capital deployment.
- Aligning public–private collaboration to accelerate scalable, sustainable delivery.

Speakers

H.E. Honourable Biodun Ogunleye

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

Benjamin Mugisha

Chief Underwriting Officer, ATIDI

Gregory Fyfe

Chief Investment Officer, DBSA

Samir Salè

Country & Business Development Director, Globeleq Mozambique

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Peter Venn
CEO, Seriti Green

Dershin Govender
Energy OE & PMC Lead Africa, Arup

Asanda Tshambula
Business Development Manager, Infrastructure SBU, IDC

Hosted by

Norbert Rumble
Regional Sales Manager (Power Plants Sub-Saharan Africa), Everllence

Thulani Ncube
Managing Partner, Lanikonke

Aboubacar Kourouma
Secretary General, Ministry of Mines & Geology, Guinea

Veronika Milewski
CEO, RTEi

William Sears
Chief Commercial Officer, Logistics, Africa, DP World

Andrea Clerici
Director, Corporate Finance & Global Activities, EIB Global

12:00 Networking Villages

12:00 – 13:30 **Networking Lunch**

13:30

Room – VOLTA

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

Kenneth Oyakhire
CEO Services, SSA, Gas Power, GE Vernova

Chenéz Henderson
CEO, Henko Group & Founder, Kilovox

Will Gruver
Founder & Group Chairman, USP&E

Room – LIMPOPO

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

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Room – ZAMBEZI

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

Room – CONGO

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

Financing Infrastructure Projects Behind Critical Minerals

inancing 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?

Moderator

Harry Doyne-Ditmas
MD, Specialty Growth Leader, Marsh

Speakers

Alistair Ruiters
Special Advisor: Investment Promotion, The Presidency, South Africa

Ziyanda Mpakama
Associate Vice President, AFC Capital Partners

Johan Koorts
Director, Resources & Project Finance, Absa CIB

Benjamin Mugisha
Chief Underwriting Officer, ATIDI

Room – NILE

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

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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.

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Department of Electricity and Energy, Republic of South Africa

14:45 — Exhibition

14:45 – 15:15 **Networking Coffee**

15:15

Room – VOLTA

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

Amos Gachuiri

Investment Principal, Financial Infrastructure, FSD Africa

Pranav Khamar

Portfolio Manager, Gemcorp

Room – LIMPOPO

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?

Moderator

Alice Wathika

CFO, Lake Turkana Wind Power

Speakers

Ashish Ranjan

Chief Technical Officer, Infinity Power

Antoine Monterrat

Senior Business Developer Africa, Renewables, TotalEnergies

James Cumming

CEO, Anthem

Room – ZAMBEZI

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

Thembani 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, Power & Renewables, Standard Bank

Room – CONGO

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?

Scene Setting Remarks:

Ambassador John Giordano, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia

Moderator

Deji Adegoke

Partner & Head of Africa Practice, White & Case LLP

Speakers

Mohammed Mahomedy

Head, Rail & Infrastructure, Africa, DP World

Phindile Masangane

Group Executive Programmes, DBSA

Richard Charlton

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

Room – NILE

15:15 – 16:30

Hosted Boardroom

Making Projects Bankable and Unlocking Transmission at Scale – A Risk Advisors View…

- Context on energy infrastructure and the need for transmission
- What are the risk and insurance considerations for large scale Transmission?
- What is transferable into the insurance market and what is not; and why not?
- What products and solutions are being created to keep pace with the requirements of developers and lenders?

Moderator

Mortimer McKechnie

Senior Vice President, Energy & Power Leader, Africa, Marsh

Speakers

Amol Pinge

Co-Head of Business Development, Gridworks

Jared Nivison

MD, Renew Risk Africa, iToo

Johnathan Cloete

Senior Consultant, Marsh Middle East & Africa

Suzan Pardesi

Head of Energy Underwriting, Africa Specialty Risk

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15:15

Room – OKAVANGO

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'Energie de Manantali (SOGEM), Mali



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 Okwuokenye

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 – LIMPOPO**

09:00 – 18:00 **M300 Progress and Cohort Three Country Compact**

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WORLD BANK GROUP THE WORLD BANK IFC MIGA

Global Energy Alliance for people and planet

09:00 – 09:25 **M300 Day Opening Remarks**

Speakers



Damilola Ogunbiyi

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



Erik Fernstrom

Incoming Director, Energy and Infrastructure Africa East, World Bank



H.E. Honourable Dr. Kgosientsho Ramokgopa

Minister of Electricity & Energy, South Africa

09:25 – 10:00 **Plenary Session – M300 Stocktake**

10:00 – 18:00 **M300 Energy Compact Deep Dive**

10:00-11:00
M300 Energy Compact Deep Dive – Gabon

11:00-11:20 Networking Coffee

11:20-12:20
M300 Energy Compact Deep Dive – Central African Republic

12:20-13:20 Networking Lunch

13:20-14:20
M300 Energy Compact Deep Dive – Djibouti

14:20-15:20
M300 Energy Compact Deep Dive – Cabo Verde

15:20-16:20
M300 Energy Compact Deep Dive – Rwanda

16:20-16:35 Project Signing (TBC)

16:35-17:00 Networking Coffee

17:00-18:00
M300 Energy Compact Deep Dive – Uganda

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. French – English Translation **09:00-09:20** **Fireside Chat 1** **Special Guest:** **H.E. Honourable Samantha Graham-Marè**, 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**	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**	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**	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**

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

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

Rushaiya Ibrahim-Tanko

Global Policy Director, The Energy for Growth Hub

Speakers

Alison Chikova

Chief Engineer, Planning & Operations, Southern African Power Pool (SAPP)

Mike Teke

Group CEO, Seriti Resources

Owen Silavwe

CEO, Copperbelt Energy Corporation

Monie Captan

Deputy CEO, West Africa, Petrodex

Zoisa North-Bond

CEO, Octopus Energy Generation

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octopus energy

10:15 — **Exhibition**

10:15 – 10:45 **Networking Coffee**

10:45

Room – VOLTA

10:45 – 12:00

Large Scale Economies

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

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French – English Translation

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

Room – ZAMBEZI

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

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

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Room – CONGO

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 strenghthening 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

Dhireshni Chowthee

Principal, Power & Renewables Finance, Nedbank CIB

Speakers

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

Room – NILE

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

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	Room – ZAMBEZI	Room – CONGO	Room – NILE
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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

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

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

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Hosted Boardroom

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

- Understand how CICSA's 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 CICSA 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

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UNEP

Speakers

Sara Elhag

Head of Energy Division, African Union Commission (AU)

14:45 **Exhibition**

14:45 – 15:15 **Networking Coffee**

15:15

Room – VOLTA

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

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

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

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

Room – CONGO

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 Bogolo Joy Kenewendo

Minister of Minerals & Energy, Botswana



H.E. Honourable Lejone Mpotjoane

Minister of Energy & Mines, Lesotho



Tunde Arisekola

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



Alistair Ruiters

Special Advisor: Investment Promotion, The Presidency, South Africa

Room – NILE

15:15 – 16:30 **Hosted Boardroom**

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

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Building Africa's Prosperity



Gracelin Baskaran

Director, Critical Minerals Security Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)



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



Cosmas Chiteme

Group Energy Manager, Tharisa



Marco Wentzel

CEO, Trans Hex Group

15:15 **Room – ZAMBEZI**

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 **aef 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

09:30 – 10:45 **Hosted Boardroom**

Powering Regional Integration in Southern Africa: Long Term Planning, Market Evolution and Investment Pathways in the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP)

The panel highlights the importance of regional power system planning and market development in Southern Africa, including the ongoing update of the SAPP Generation and Transmission Master Plan.

- It will explore how evolving market structures, new market products, and deeper regional electricity trade can strengthen market participation and renewable energy integration
- The discussion will also examine the role of DFIs, private sector actors, and technical assistance programmes in enabling investment and supporting regional market development

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Room – LIMPOPO

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



Akinwole II Omoboriowo

Chairman & CEO, Genesis Energy



Serdar Kumbasar

Business Development Director, Karpowership

Room – ZAMBEZI

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

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

Interactive Workshop

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11:45 – 12:45

Decentralised Energy: Building Your Business Leadership and Powering Community Transformation

Interactive Workshop

Room – NILE

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

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

Interactive Workshop

11:15

Room – VOLTA

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)

Room – LIMPOPO

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 Mabiala

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

Room – ZAMBEZI

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	**Networking Villages**	
	12:30 – 13:30	**aef 2026 Farewell Lunch**
12:45	12:45 – 14:30	**YES! Networking Lunch**