



## FORUM DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2023

KEYNOTE SESSION		
CREATING WEALTH FOR THE DRC AND AFRICA'S BATTERY METALS INDUSTRY VALUE CHAIN		
[Le Capitol Room]		
The DRC-Africa Battery Metals Forum will contribute to the establishment of an inclusive and equitable battery metals industry, support large-scale sustainable growth, local enhancement and socio-economic development.		
Brought you by:		
		
10:00 -10:05	Opening remarks and program announcement	Audrey Bading Mve, Stakeholder- Program Director, Vuka Group, South Africa
10:05-10:10	Opening remarks from the chairman	Joachim Nzuzi, Chief of Staff, ERG Africa
10:10 – 10:15	Welcome address: The vision of the event.	Samukelo Madlabane, Event Director, VUKA Group, South Africa
10:20 – 10:25	Background information on the DRC mining and its strategic positioning in Africa	Vuko Ndondo Kakule, Deputy General Manager, CCB, DRC
10:25 – 10:35	Opening remarks from the sponsor	Zhou Jun, Vice-President of CMOC, TFM Administrator and KFM Managing Director, DRC
10:35 – 10:45	General thinking and market overview: <i>“Electrical vehicles represent a \$7 trillion market opportunity between today and 2030, \$46 trillion between today and 2050” . (Bloomberg Nef report 2021)</i>  What does this represent for DRC?	Jean-Batiste Ntagoma Kushinganine, Professor, Catholic University of Bukavu/ Congo Challenge, DRC
10:45 – 10:55	Keynote address: Batteries for Africa How we make sure the continent benefits for the green transport revolution	Shantha Bloemen, Founder/ CEO, Mobility for Africa, Zimbabwe
10:55 – 11:00	Welcome address: Setting up a system that will contribute to the establishment of an inclusive, an equitable and sustainable industrialisation, that will support large-scale local beneficiation, and socio-economic development in the DRC.	Saturnin Wangwamba, Secretary General, Ministry of Industry DRC
11:00 – 11:15	Ministerial address: Ministry of Industry, represented by the Ministry of External Trade	Jean-Lucien Bussa, Minister of External Trade, DRC
11:15 – 11:30	Networking coffee break	



**Session 1:**  
**A MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVE:**  
**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE BATTERY AND METALS INDUSTRY**  
**(Le Capitol Room)**

Brought to you by:




<b>Chairperson</b>		Richard Robinson, Senior Minerals Advisor, USAID, DRC
11:30 – 11: 40	<b>Presentation:</b> Making the DRC a major lithium producer	Serge Ngandu, Director of Corporative Affairs, AVZ MINERALS, DRC
11:40 – 11:45	Q&A session	
11:50 - 12:00	<b>Presentation:</b> “Opportunities and challenges with DRC’s nascent lithium industry.”	Eric Allard, Chief Executive Officer, Tantalex Lithium Resources, Canada
12:00 – 12:05	Q&A session	
12:10 – 12:20	<b>Presentation:</b> The current state of the pre-feasibility study of the economic free zone-where are we at?	Adorin Amngaihnm Guite, General Manager ARISE IIP, India
12:20 – 12:25	Q&A session	
12:30 – 13:45	<b>Networking lunch</b>	

**Session 2:**  
**DIALOGUE ON LOCAL TRANSFORMATION**  
**Mines and Industry**  
**(Le Capitol Room)**

<b>Chairperson</b>		Didier Kaku, Inspector General of Mines, DRC
14:00 -15:00	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your understanding of the African mining vision, the strategic integration and the positioning of the DRC</li> <li>Which battery types will maximize Africa’s value chain potential?</li> <li>Why would we want to prevent the replication of the Chinese model. They are the market leaders now and to a large extent, there is a lot to learn from the model.</li> <li>Leave no one behind: developing an inclusive battery metals value chain that addresses the socio-economic challenges of the DRC.</li> <li>Developing a win-win partnership model for artisanal and large-scale producers</li> <li>What is the future of EV in Africa? Decarbonize transport or industrialise the continent.</li> <li>DRC- Zambia partnering in battery production- what this means for the continent?</li> <li>How do we remain cost competitive and deliver at speed?</li> <li>Then when we get there, how do we navigate geopolitical tension in terms of our off takers?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hon. Paul Chanda Kabuswe, Minister of Mines and Minerals Development, Zambia</li> <li>H.E Antoinette N’samba Kalambayi, Minister of Mines, DRC</li> <li>Saturnin Wangwamba, Secretary General, Ministry of Industry, DRC</li> </ul>



15:00– 15:10	Q&A session	
15:10 – 15:30	Networking refreshment break	
<b>Session 3:</b> <b>LOCAL PROCESSING AND BENEFICIATION:</b> <b>MINING OPERATORS’ OPINION AND CONTRIBUTION</b> <b>(Le Capitol Room)</b>		
Brought to you by: 		
<b>Chairperson</b>		Prof. Dieudonné-Louis Tambwe, Deputy Director, CTCPM, Ministry of Mines, DRC
15:30 – 16:20	<b>Panel Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the key drivers needed to incentivize domestic processing of raw materials?</li> <li>• How do we guarantee the sustainability of the energy supply to mines?</li> <li>• How would miners contribute to the overall picture, by creating charters, creating skills development programs that are needed to the downstream?</li> <li>• How would miners adjust the price structure to meet the global market?</li> <li>• What will be the new business model?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eric Allard, Chief Executive Officer, Tantalex Lithium Resources, Canada</li> <li>• Serge Ngandu, Director of Corporate Affairs, AVZ MINERALS, DRC</li> <li>• Wang Quan, Chairman of Board of Directors of TFM</li> </ul>
16:20 – 16:30	Q&A session	
17:30	NETWORKING COCKTAIL AND END OF DAY 1	



## FORUM DAY 2 – THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2023

Session 4: ENERGY TRANSITION METALS, STRATEGIC ISSUES AND COMPLIANCE WITH OPERATING AND PRODUCTION STANDARDS (Le Capitol Room)		
Chairperson		Jean-Batiste Ntagoma Kushinganine, Professor, Catholic University of Bukavu/ Congo Challenge, DRC
09:00 – 09:50	<b>Panel Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensuring a sustainable, transparent, and responsible supply chain in the DRC</li> <li>Enforcing existing standards and regulations for battery metals in the DRC</li> <li>Can the DRC produce battery metals that are compliant to global ESG standards?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lucy Tamlyn, US Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Congo</li> <li>Dorothee Masele, Community Relations Manager, TFM, DRC</li> <li>Molebogeng Mazibuko, Associate Vice-President, AFC, Nigeria</li> </ul>
09:50 – 10:00	Q&A session & session turnover	
10:00 – 10:20	Networking coffee & refreshment break	
Session 5: THE AFRICAN BATTERY METALS VISION AND THE BUSINESS MODEL FOR THE CONTINENT (Le Capitol Room)		
Chairperson		Prof. Hercule Kalele Mutondo, Director of the Congolese Council of Battery and Representative of the Center of Excellency for Advanced Research on Batteries, DRC
10:30 -11:20	<b>Panel Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishing a viable financial market to support Africa battery metals value chain: lessons from other countries.</li> <li>Roadmap to attracting domestic value addition investment and manufacturing in the DRC.</li> <li>Boosting regional cooperation through the Africa Free Trade Continental Agreement.</li> <li>What conditions must be met for other nations to collaborate with and support the DRC's economic transition plan?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sebastien Goethals, Managing Director, CITILINKS, Netherland/ China</li> <li>Vuko Ndondo Kakule, Deputy General Manager, CCB, DRC</li> <li>Prof. Jahaziel Nkere Buliba, Official University of Bukavu, DRC</li> </ul>
11:20 – 11:30	Q&A session & session turnover	



Session 6: THE INTER-MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE: ON THE REVITALIZATION OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES <u>Portfolio-Energy-Finance</u> (Le Capitol Room)		
<b>Chairperson</b>		Christian Lukusa, Managing Partner, Momentum Attorneys & Advisors, DRC
11:40 – 12:30	<b>Panel Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What revitalization policy does the government intend to put in place to revive public enterprises producing strategic transition minerals in the DRC?</li> <li>Promoting battery production as a lever for economic development for the energy transition.</li> <li>How to guarantee the supply of energy for the operations of the special economic zone?</li> <li>What are the financial measures provided for in the specifications to support Congolese economic operators towards the transition?</li> <li>How do we attract and de-risk foreign investment?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adèle Kahinda Mayina, Portfolio minister, DRC*</li> <li>Nicolas Kazadi, Minister of Finances, DRC*</li> <li>Olivier Mwenze Mukaleng, Minister of Hydraulic resources and Electricity, DRC*</li> </ul>
12:30 – 12:40	Q&A session	
12:40 – 13:50	Networking lunch	
Session 7: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC PLAN AND ITS IMPACT (Le Capitol Room)		
<b>Chairperson</b>		Joachim Nzuzi, Chief of Staff, ERG Africa
14:00 – 14:50	<b>Panel Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What steps does the DRC have in place to tackle skill gaps and promote talent development in the battery metals industry?</li> <li>Building sustainable partnerships with civil societies to build a transparent and accountable battery industry in the DRC.</li> <li>Creating jobs and improving livelihoods through the development of a thriving battery metals industry in the DRC</li> <li>How effectively are we reinvesting the money from the mining sector to other sectors such agriculture, education, and building small-medium enterprises to feed into supply chains?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matilda Schedwin, European Union Deputy Ambassador to the DRC</li> <li>George Bokondu Mukuli, Program Director, SARW, DRC (Civile Society)</li> <li>Prof. Hercule Kalele Mutondo, Director of the Congolese Council of Battery and Representative of the Center of Excellency for Advanced Research on Batteries, DRC</li> <li>Laura Gerritsen, Director, Fair Cobalt Alliance, Netherland</li> </ul>
14:50 – 15:00	Q&A session	
15:00 – 15:30	Networking refreshment break	



<b>SESSION 8: POWERING AFRICA E-MOBILITY: PAVING THE WAY TO CLEAN TRANSPORT ON THE CONTINENT (Le Capitol Room)</b>		
<b>Chairperson</b>		Marie Badiane Mbuyu, Of Counsel, Attorney at Law, Alexander and Partner, Germany
15:35 –16:20	<b>Panel Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matchmaking between e-mobility projects, financiers, and EV manufacturers</li> <li>What incentives will we offer to people to purchase electrical vehicles?</li> <li>And how do we develop the required infrastructures that will support the e-mobility?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shantha Bloemen, Foundeur/ CEO, Mobility for Africa, Zimbabwe</li> <li>John Dunlop, USAID Mission Director, US Government (USG)</li> <li>Sebastien Goethals, Managing Director, CITILINKS, Netherland/ China</li> </ul>
16:20 –16:30	Q&A session- session turnover	
<b>Session 9: CLOSING REMARKS THE NEXT STEPS: RECOMMENDATIONS AND DIRECTIONS (Le Capitol Room)</b>		
<b>Chairperson</b>		Vuko Ndondo Kakule, Deputy General Manager, CCB, DRC
16:45 -16:50	<b>Closing remarks: List of recommendations and take aways for the following year</b>	Vuko Ndondo Kakule, Deputy General Manager, CCB, DRC
16:50 -17:00	<b>Closing remarks</b>	Saturnin Wangwamba, Secretary General, Ministry of Industry, DRC
17: 30	<b>END OF DRC-AFRICA BATTERY METALS # SEASON 1</b>	