



# DRC MINING WEEK

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# SHAPING MINING IN THE DRC

“This milestone edition [DRC Mining Week 2025] is a moment to not only reflect on twenty years of shaping the industry but to solidify our Vision 2025–2030, where energy and infrastructure will unlock the full potential of our critical minerals.”

**H.E. Judith Suminwa Tuluka, Prime Minister, DRC**

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# PREPARING FOR DRC MINING WEEK 2026

2026 promises to deliver an unforgettable edition of DRC Mining Week, the largest mining and infrastructure platform in the DRC and the Copperbelt, bringing together over 16,500 attendees from 51+ countries.

The DRC stands at the heart of global demand for critical minerals, including copper and cobalt, which are powering the global energy transition. With expanding infrastructure, new special economic zones (SEZs), strengthened regulatory frameworks, growing international partnerships, and the development of the Lobito Corridor, 2026 represents a pivotal moment for investors, operators, service providers, and off-takers.

## WHY ATTEND



Meet with 1,500+ mining executives and government officials in the DRC.



Stay ahead with first-hand project insights and updates from top global mining houses.



Gain a deeper understanding of commodity trading and market trends that will drive 2026 and beyond.



Network with leading financiers and investors eager to support sustainable mining initiatives in the region.

## WHY ATTEND?

- **Strategic networking and business development:** Network with over 1,500 executives, government officials, investors, and solution providers and access premium mining operators.
- **Business matchmaking:** Pre-arrange targeted meetings with relevant stakeholders, ensuring productive interactions and partnership development.
- **Market insights and knowledge acquisition:** High-level conference sessions: 25+ expert-led sessions on sustainability, compliance, market dynamics, and energy security.
- **Technology and innovation showcase:** Discover solutions from 280+ global exhibitors, including international pavilions (EU, US, China, UK, South Africa, Zimbabwe)
- **Live demos and workshops:** Infrastructure deficits and gaps hinder mineral supply chains. Learn about new projects, including upgrades to rail, port, and road infrastructure, as well as equipment.

## WHAT SETS THIS EDITION APART?

### Who should be at DRC Mining Week?

The ultimate meeting point for decision-makers and innovators driving growth in the mining and energy sectors. If you're serious about influencing the future of mining in the DRC, this is where you need to be.

Ideal for:

C-suite and senior executives from mining companies

Investors, financiers, private equity, and lenders

Exploration and geology specialists

Engineering and project development leaders

Energy, logistics, water, and infrastructure executives

ESG, sustainability, and community engagement leaders

OEMs, solution providers, and technology innovators

Government, policy makers, and regulators

Business owners and contractors

# CONTENT & NETWORKING

## YOUR CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

### Pre-Conference (16 June 2026)

#### Investing in the DRC's Energy Sector Forum

Get the most out of the energy opportunities in the DRC; Addressing the lack of energy capacity and, infrastructure roadblocks while building sustainable energy plans to support mining activities.

#### Site visit

Kamoa Copper S.A. is our site visit sponsor this year, offering attendees a unique opportunity to experience a world-class copper operation first-hand.



### Main Conference & Exhibition (17–19 June 2026)

#### High-level conference sessions

Stay updated on the latest developments in the DRC mining landscape with our expert speakers from the public and private sectors.

Topics covered include:

- Power-to-mines: The energy myth among mining companies, the national utilities, and power project investors
- Expert think-tank: Addressing the elephant in the room: Facing real issues preventing mining sector development
- OECD standards: Stimulating responsible investment in CRM value chain
- Minerals exploration: From geological uncertainty to strategic planning

#### WOMEN - Mines & Leadership Forum

Be part of this game-changing platform; Meet the women who are making a significant impact on the mining sector in the DRC.

#### Key features

- Ambassador's Forum (strictly by invitation)
- Value Chain Investment Forum
- Regional Integration Forum
- CEO Roundtable (strictly by invitation)

## YOUR SOCIAL AGENDA



Networking



Business matchmaking



Networking sessions

# BUSINESS MATCHMAKING

MAXIMISE YOUR PARTICIPATION AND  
SCHEDULE ALL YOUR BUSINESS MEETINGS  
DURING DRC MINING WEEK!



## WHY USE BUSINESS MATCHMAKING?

This programme enables you to be proactive before arriving at the event and by maximising the networking experience! By researching event profiles, you can select exactly who you want to meet, send a meeting request, book a meeting, and confirm all your meetings at convenient times for the meeting invitees.

Online diaries allow you to track your meeting requests in a real-time environment, providing up-to-date information through your private matchmaking account.

**FOLLOW THESE EASY STEPS TO MEET YOUR NEXT BUSINESS PARTNER WITH THE BUSINESS MATCHMAKING PLATFORM AVAILABLE TO CONFERENCE DELEGATES, EXHIBITORS, SPONSORS, AND SPEAKERS.**

Lookout of further information once we launch the platform

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# PRE-CONFERENCE

TUESDAY, 16 JUNE 2026

SEPARATELY  
BOOKABLE TICKET

VENUE: LUBUMBASHI GOLF CLUB

## MORNING SESSIONS

### INVESTING IN THE DRC'S ENERGY SECTOR FORUM

#### DEVELOPING A STRONGER AND RELIABLE POWER SECTOR THROUGH REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

Chairperson: Joel Musikingala, Renewable Energy Project Developer, DRC

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#### WELCOME ADDRESS FROM THE SPONSOR

Hervé Nsuka, Regional Director responsible for Haut-Katanga, Grand Kasai and Maniema, Vodacom Business, DRC

#### GROUP 1: SECURING ENERGY SUPPLY: CHALLENGES AND PATHWAYS

Participants:

- Karel Luhonda, Country General Manager and Deputy General Manager, CEC, DRC
- Sylvie Olela Ondimba, Honorary Chair, ARE, DRC
- Didier Ngabu, Executive Head of Department, Energy & Infrastructure Engineering, Vodacom Business, DRC
- Gracia Munganga, DRC Development Director, CrossBoundary Group

#### GROUP 2: STIMULATING GROWTH THROUGH REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Participants:

- Patrick Edmond, Senior Director, J.S. Held, Strategy & Risk Advisory, UK
- Blaise Mastaky Birindwa, Deputy Managing Director, FPI, DRC
- Antonio Capone, Head of Cooperation, European Union Delegation to the DRC
- John Kanyoni, Managing Director, Tembo Power, DRC\*
- Cyrille Mutombo, Country Director, Kibali Barick\*

### REFRESHMENT & NETWORKING BREAK

#### OUTLOOK FOR THE ELECTRICITY SECTOR IN THE DRC

Host: Pierre-Marie Cussagnet, Energy Consultant, PMC Energy Consulting, France

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#### PRESENTATION 2

Gracia Munganga, DRC Development Director, CrossBoundary Group, DRC

#### PRESENTATION 3: SMALL-SCALE HYBRID WIND AND SOLAR POWER – HAUT-KATANGA (FEC HAUT KATANGA)

Esperance Belau Lila, Chair of the National Commission for Women Entrepreneurs and Director, FEC, DRC

#### PRESENTATION 4

Hubert Mukendi, Founder, Qanchis, South Africa

### NETWORKING LUNCH

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## AFTERNOON SESSIONS

### POWER INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE DRC: ADVANCING STRATEGIC ENERGY PROJECTS

Host: Hugues Nkulu, Consultant, Group TIA, DRC

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#### Participants:

- Sneha Chug, Director, Solutions4Energy (Vinmart Group), DRC
- Stéphane Belot, Operations Director, ABC Contracting, Belgium
- Blaise Mastaky Birindwa, Deputy Managing Director, FPI, DRC

### FIRESIDE CHAT: ONE-ON-ONE DISCUSSION WITH THE MINISTER OF HYDRAULIC RESOURCES AND ELECTRICITY

Host: Landry Djimpe, Managing Partner, Innogence Consulting, DRC

### THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN REVITALISING THE ENERGY SECTOR

Guest: Minister of Hydraulic Resources and Electricity, DRC\*

### CLOSING REMARKS

John Kanyoni, Managing Director, Tembo Power, DRC\*



\* Invited

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# OPENING KEYNOTE

WEDNESDAY, 17 JUNE 2026

VENUE: MAIN PLENARY - MARQUEE 1

**Chairperson: Henry Désiré N'Zouzi, Consultant Media & Diplomatic Global Speaker, Belgium**

## WELCOME ADDRESS

**From the organisers**  
Samukelo Madlabane, Event Director, VUKA Group, South Africa

**From the Chamber of Mines**  
Kassongo Bin Nassor, President, Chamber of Mines, DRC

**From the host province: Haut-Katanga**  
H.E. Martin Kazembe Shula, Vice-Governor of Haut-Katanga Province, DRC

**Making DRC Mining Week the Strategic Hub for Critical Minerals**  
Simon Tuma Waku, President of the strategic board of the DRC Mining Week

## OPENING REMARKS

**From the session sponsor**  
Marie-Gabrielle, Director General, Standard Bank, DRC

**FEC and the mining industry**  
Robert Malumba Kalombo, President, FEC National, DRC\*  
Alain Foka, Independent Journalist & Documentary Filmmaker, Afo Media, France

## KEYNOTE AND MINISTERIAL ADDRESS

### Keynote addresses

- Marie-Chantal Kaninda, President, Glencore, DRC/ Chairman, KCC
- Gracelin Baskaran, Director Critical Mineral Security Program, CSIS, USA
- Marit Y. Kitaw, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECA, Ethiopia

**Ministerial address and opening of the 2026 edition**  
Hon. Louis Watum Kabamba, Minister of Mines, DRC

VIP tour of the exhibition

**Networking cocktail**  
**Networking happy hour**



# CONFERENCE AGENDA

THURSDAY, 18 JUNE 2026

VENUE: MAIN PLENARY - MARQUEE 1

## MORNING SESSIONS

### FOCUS ON THE DRC AND THE REGION

#### AN OVERVIEW AND UPDATE ON PROJECT DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRY AND THE REGION

Chairperson: Bryan Mav, Sales Manager, Modernes Construction, DRC

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#### PRESENTATION

Tarik Lefriyekh, Director General, RAWSUR, DRC

#### PRESENTATION

Yves Binzunga, Deputy Managing Director, EQUITY BCDC, DRC

#### DELIVERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF COPPER SUPPLY: OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DRC AND THE REGION

Xie Hao, Deputy General Manager - Technology and Operations Assurance, MMG, DRC

#### PRESENTATION

Jessica Nyachiro, Managing Director, CRDB Congo SA, DRC

#### 120 YEARS OF GECAMINES: OVERVIEW

Host: Bryan Mav, Sales Manager, Modernes Construction, DRC

Guest: Baraka Kabemba, Director General, Gecamines, DRC



#### EXPERTS THINK-TANK

#### ADDRESSING THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: FACING REAL ISSUES THAT PREVENT THE MINING SECTOR FROM DEVELOPING

Chairperson: Gaëtan Munkeni, Deputy Managing Director, Access Bank, DRC

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Panel discussion:

- What is the 'elephant in the room' for the DRC's mining sector?
- Strengthening governance and transparency: A roadmap to combatting corruption and maximising the mining sector's contribution to the DRC's development
- How to respond to generational infrastructure deficits, growing geopolitical constraints, and persistent social tensions that influence the country's development
- Moving beyond the 'elephant in the room': What concrete measures will transform the DRC from a regional player into a global hub for critical minerals, while ensuring tangible benefits for local communities?

Participants:

- Landry Djimpe, Managing Partner, Innogence Consulting, DRC
- Popol Mabolia, Director General, Mining Cadastre, DRC
- Hugues Nkulu Ngoy, Consultant, TIA, DRC

#### NETWORKING LUNCH

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## AFTERNOON SESSIONS

### THE VISION FOR THE MINING SECTOR IN THE DRC AND THE COPPERBELT FIRESIDE CHAT: ONE-ON-ONE DISCUSSION WITH THE MINISTER OF MINES

Chairperson: Chris Vandome, Senior Research Fellow, Chantham House, UK

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### THE VISION OF THE MINISTRY OF DIGITAL ECONOMY

Guest: H.E. Augustin Kibassa Maliba Lubalala, Minister, Ministry of Digital Economy, DRC

### CRITICAL MINERALS, GLOBAL IMPACT: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT, GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY

Chairperson: Bertrand Montebault, Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer LPP, France

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#### KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

Marie-Chantal Kaninda, President, Glencore, DRC/ Chairman, KCC.

#### Panel discussion:

- How are mining companies turning critical minerals into global impact and tangible local development?
- What does "global responsibility" mean for a mining company operating in the DRC?
- What bold decisions need to be made today to ensure that the energy transition generates real value for Africa?

#### Participants:

- Baraka Kabemba, Director General, Gecamines, DRC
- Marit Y. Kitaw, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECA, Ethiopia
- Ian McCary, Chargé d'affaires, US Embassy
- Jean Marc Kilolo, Economist, UNECA, Addis Abeba

## REFRESHMENT & NETWORKING BREAK

### SUPPLY CHAIN TRACEABILITY: LEVERAGE RESPONSIBLE SOURCING FOR CRITICAL MINERALS INVESTMENT IN THE AFRICAN COPPERBELT

Chairperson: Jacques Mukonga, Lawyer, Mukonga & Associées, DRC

#### Panel discussion:

- How can we leverage the influence of traders, blended finance mechanisms, and access to new markets to overcome energy and infrastructure bottlenecks and accelerate local value creation?
- How can OECD due diligence standards serve as a concrete lever to attract greater and more diversified investment in the Copperbelt, the DRC, and Zambia?
- Adoption of common standards: Can this contribute to risk management, maintaining the social acceptability of projects, and stabilizing investment in the context of energy transition?
- Introducing the AXIS (Asset-eXchange-Impact-Sovereign) National Program and the GoldConnect Initiative: a new mechanism to structure gold supply chains, guarantee transparency and traceability of flows in the DRC.

#### Participants:

- Eric Kalala, Director General, EGC, DRC
- Jean-Jacques Kayembe, National Coordinator, ITIE, DRC
- Eldon Khuty, Managing Director, AGL, DRC
- Susannah McLaren, Head of Responsible Sourcing and Sustainability, Cobalt Institute, UK

# CONFERENCE AGENDA

FRIDAY, 19 JUNE 2026

VENUE: MAIN PLENARY - MARQUEE 1

## MORNING SESSIONS

### FOCUS ON THE DRC AND THE REGION

#### PROJECT LINE-UP: AN OVERVIEW AND UPDATE ON PROJECT DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRY AND THE REGION

Modérateur: Bryan Mav, Sales Manager, Modernes Construction, DRC

#### ADVOCACY: THE LOBITO CORRIDOR: WHAT IS THE VOICE AND ROLE OF WOMEN, YOUTH, AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES?

Dorothee Masele, National Coordinator, WIM, DRC

### REFRESHMENT & NETWORKING BREAK

### INFRASTRUCTURE DEFICIT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

#### MINERALS EXPLORATION: FROM GEOLOGICAL UNCERTAINTY TO STRATEGIC PLANNING

Chairperson: Joachim Nzuzi, Chief of Staff, ERG Africa

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Participants:

- Benjamin Katabuka, General Director, Kobold Metals, DRC
- Medard Kubanza, Director General, Xcalibur Smart Mapping, DRC
- Hervé Theveniaut, Area Manager for Centrale Africa, BRGM, France
- Raoul Wazenga, Managing Director, Service National Géologique du Congo, DRC

### NETWORKING LUNCH

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### POWER TO MINES

#### THE ENERGY MYTH AMONG MINING COMPANIES, THE NATIONAL UTILITIES, AND POWER PROJECT INVESTORS

Chairperson: Jean Paul Ilunga Mbayo, Power Engineer, Kibali Barrick, DRC

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Participants:

- H.E. Aimé Sakombi Molendo, Minister, Ministry of Hydraulic Resources and Electricity, DRC
- Eric Monga, Director General, Kipay Investments, DRC
- Marc Nyunzi Mutambala, Capital Markets Manager, FSD Africa, Kenya
- Major Sikaundi, Managing Director, CEC, DRC
- Hugo Sinza, External Relations Manager, TFM, DRC

### REFRESHMENT & NETWORKING BREAK



# CONFERENCE AGENDA

FRIDAY, 19 JUNE 2026

VENUE: MAIN PLENARY - MARQUEE 1

## AFTERNOON SESSIONS

### BEST PRACTICES, CAPACITY BUILDING, AND GLOBAL POSITIONING

#### YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS PROGRAMME (YEP): INTEGRATION OF THE NEW GENERATION IN THE MINING SECTOR FOCUS: YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Chairperson: Jonathan Makolo, Country Director, Ovation, DRC

##### Panel discussion:

- Navigating the mining recruitment lifecycle: A step-by-step breakdown.
- What professional integration policy does the government have in place for young people interested in the mining sector?
- Skills shortage in the mining sector: Strengthening apprenticeship programmes through a skills development initiative for school leavers and students to be work-ready.
- How can training centres, private initiatives, mining companies, and the government work together to ensure the sustainable integration of young people into mining professions and secure employment?
- What is the business case for financial institutions to invest in youth-led ventures within the mining sector?

##### Participants:

- H.E. Raissa Malou DINANGA, Minister of State, Minister of National Education and New Citizenship, DRC
- Fanon Beya Ngombe, Director General, National Employment Agency (ONEM), DRC
- Patrick Gaincko, Founder & Expert, Olive People, Belgium
- Joel Mokomba, Provincial Director, INPP Haut-Katanga, DRC

### REFRESHMENT & NETWORKING BREAK

#### THE PARADIGM SHIFT GEOPOLITICS & STRATEGIC ALIGNMENTS

Chairperson: Hugues Nkulu Ngoy, Consultant, TIA, DRC

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##### Panel discussion:

- How is the DRC positioning itself in this race among giants for its critical minerals?
- What are the DRC's strategic priorities and strategic objectives to ensure the sustainable growth of its critical minerals?
- How can we ensure that the interests of partners are aligned with those of the country and serve the interests of the Congolese nation?
- Critical or strategic minerals: Which will the DRC benefit from?

##### Participants:

- Hon. Louis Watum Kabamba, Minister of Mines, DRC

### CLOSING CEREMONY

Chairperson: Henry Désiré N'Zouzi, Consultant Media & Diplomatic Global Speaker, Belgium

#### QUICK SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM DRC MINING WEEK 2026

- Kassongo Bin Nassor, President, Chamber of Mines, DRC
- H.E. Martin Kazembe Shula, Governor of Haut-Katanga Province, DRC\*
- Hon. Louis Watum Kabamba, Minister of Mines, DRC\*

# WOMEN-MINES & LEADERSHIP AGENDA

FRIDAY, 19 JUNE 2026

VENUE: BUKAVU ROOM

## AFTERNOON SESSIONS

**FOCUS: FINANCING WOMEN IN MINING: UNLOCKING ACCESS TO CAPITAL AND MICROFINANCING  
THE MEETING PLACE FOR WOMEN IN THE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY IN AFRICA  
(BY INVITATION ONLY AND ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED)  
Chairperson: Elo Walha, Managing Director, Mwinda Group Consulting, DRC**

### WELCOME ADDRESS FROM THE SPONSOR

Kevin Ngunga, Deputy Managing Director, Fonarev, RDC

### WELCOME ADDRESS AND PROJECT PRESENTATION FROM THE SPONSOR:

Representative, MMG, DRC

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS 1

Marie-Chantal Kaninda, President of Glencore DRC, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Kamoto Copper Company, DRC

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS 2

H.E. Julie Shiku, Minister, Ministry of Portfolio, DRC

## ACTIVITY 1 INTERVIEW

### FINANCIAL SPOTLIGHT: MICROFINANCE PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN IN THE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY

Joel Kabuya, Directeur General Adjoint, Ecobank, RDC

### INSPIRING TALK: A WOMAN'S JOURNEY IN THE MINING INDUSTRY

Stephanie Taky Zita, CEO & Founder, Taky Corp, DRC

## ACTIVITY 2 INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION

Building Financial Pathways for Women in Mining

- In the context of the Democratic Republic of Congo, what are the main obstacles preventing women entrepreneurs in mining from accessing financing, and how can financial institutions better respond to these realities?
- What types of support mechanisms such as cooperatives, mentorship programmes or public-private initiatives could better support women entrepreneurs operate in the mining value chain in the DRC?
- What type of technical training and capacity-building programmes are needed to help Congolese women strengthen their participation and leadership in mining activities?
- How can empowering women in mining contribute to stronger economic development and more resilient communities in the DRC?

Participants:

- Jeanine Mabunda Lioko, Associé, Crysos Coopérative RDC
- Tatiana Nguya, Présidente du Comité des femmes entrepreneurs : FEC Haut-Katanga
- Joe Lumbana, Directeur général, MTC, RDC
- Mbembo Bemba, Directeur Général Adjoint, Firstbank, RDC
- Eliane Mboso, General Manager Human Resources, Mutanda mining, DRC

## REFRESHMENT & NETWORKING BREAK



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# INDUSTRY + AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 17 JUNE 2026

VENUE: BUKAVU ROOM

## MORNING SESSIONS

### INTEGRATING EFFECTIVE ESG REGULATIONS ARTISANAL MINING: ADDRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL AND SECURITY RISKS

Chairperson: Bryan Mav, Sales team & brand Manager, Modernes Construction, DRC

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#### WELCOME ADDRESS FROM THE SPONSOR

Taty Furume, Deputy Managing Director, M-Pesa, DRC

#### GROUP 1: ECONOMY, FORMALISATION AND RESPONSIBLE VALUE CHAINS

Focus Understanding the real contribution of ASM to the DRC economy and identifying practical pathways for its integration into formal and responsible value chains.

Panel discussion:

- What is the actual contribution of artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) to the DRC's economy today?
- Why does ASM continue to operate largely informally despite ongoing formalisation efforts?
- Where do the main barriers lie (regulation, taxation, market access, local governance)?
- What concrete initiatives can progressively integrate ASM into responsible supply chains?
- What alternative solutions can help gradually reduce illegal mining activities?

Participants:

- Bandi Mbubi, Executive Director, Fair Cobalt Alliance, DRC
- Lefranc Basima Busane, Head of the Social Affairs Department, Kibali Barrick, DRC
- Jean Paul Kapongo Kadiobo, General Director, SAEMAPE, DRC

#### GROUP 2: GOVERNANCE, ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL IMPACT

Focus: Exploring the social and environmental impacts of ASM, as well as practical management tools adapted to the realities of artisanal and small-scale mining in the DRC.

Discussion Points

- How can simplified Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) be adapted and implemented within the realities of ASM in the DRC?
- How can ESMPs be effectively integrated into often informal artisanal mining areas?
- Which social and human rights impacts require stronger oversight and protection?
- What best practices already exist in environmental and social management within the ASM sector?
- What role should civil society and international institutions play?

Participants

- Christian Bwenda Katobo, Coordinator, Protection of Miombo Ecoregions in Congo (Civil Society Representative), DRC
- Hervé Nsuka, Regional Director responsible for Haut-Katanga, Grand Kasai and Maniema, Vodacom Business, DRC
- Patrice Vahard, Country representative and Director, OHCHR, United Nations Joint Human Rights Office (UNJHRO), DRC



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THURSDAY, 18 JUNE 2026

VENUE: BUKAVU ROOM

## MORNING SESSIONS

### VALUE CHAIN INVESTMENT FORUM STIMULATING PROFITABLE INVESTMENT IN THE DRC

#### PROMOTING WIN-WIN PARTNERSHIPS TO STRENGTHEN THE MINING VALUE CHAIN IN THE DRC

Chairperson: Christian Tshimanga, Managing Partner, Finance Consulting, DRC

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#### WELCOME ADDRESS FROM THE SPONSOR

Joel Kabuya, Deputy General Manager, Ecobank, DRC

#### BUILDING A RESILIENT AND INTEGRATED MINING VALUE CHAIN IN THE DRC

- How do we define a win-win partnership in the DRC?
- What concrete strategies should be implemented to enable the DRC to derive greater benefit from the added value downstream in the value chain (processing, refining, battery manufacturing, and distribution) and transform its mineral wealth into genuine economic sovereignty?
- How do responsible sourcing initiatives influence investment decisions in the DRC?
- If the DRC aims to become a regional hub for critical minerals, how can it adjust its fiscal framework and strengthen investment protection to remain competitive with its neighbours?
- What measures are planned to ensure transparency and fairness in public-private partnerships?

Participants:

- Wael Jaber, Vice President, Mining & Metals, Wood Mackenzie, UAE
- Prof. Dieudonné-Louis Tambwe, Coordonnateur, CTCPM, DRC
- Edmond Cibamba Diata, Founding Partner, Elite Law Firm, DRC
- Emile Luketa, Legal Head, Glencore, DRC

#### PROMOTING WIN-WIN PARTNERSHIPS TO STRENGTHEN THE MINING VALUE CHAIN IN THE DRC

Chairperson: Pierre Proesmans, Partner, DALDEWOLF, Belgium

#### FINANCING THE MINING VALUE CHAIN: DE-RISKING INVESTMENTS AND SCALING PARTNERSHIPS

- What makes mining and downstream projects in the DRC bankable today?
- How do financial institutions assess risk in the DRC compared to other African markets?
- What financing structures (PPPs, blended finance, guarantees) are most effective in unlocking investment?
- Should regional cooperation be driven by competition or by integrated value chains and how does this impact investment decisions?

Participants:

- Léopold Peti Peti, Regional Director, Katanga & East, Ecobank, DRC
- Olajide Ayeronwi, Managing Director, FirstBank, DRC
- Yves Binzunga, Deputy Managing Director, EQUITY BCDC, DRC
- Serge Bilambo, Deputy Chief Executive, Standard Bank, DRC

# INDUSTRY + AGENDA

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VENUE: BUKAVU ROOM

## MORNING SESSIONS

### BUSINESS CLIMATE AND INVESTMENT IN THE MINING VALUE CHAIN IN THE DRC: ONGOING REFORMS, ACHIEVEMENTS, AND OUTLOOK

Chairperson: Albert Kabeya, Senior Consultant and Co-founder, Brain Consulting Services, DRC

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#### A WELCOME ADDRESS FROM THE ORGANISERS

Rachel Pungu, General Manager, ANAPI, DRC

Participants:

- Kassongo Bin Nassor, President, Chamber of Mines, DRC
- Popol Mabolia, General Manager, CAMI, DRC
- Prof. Jean-Marie Kanda, Senior Advisor to the President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo on energy matters.

#### NETWORKING LUNCH

## AFTERNOON SESSIONS

VENUE: LUBUMBASHI GOLF CLUB

### CEO ROUNDTABLE - FORUM FOCUS: MINING & SECURITY THE EXECUTIVE BUSINESS FORUM RESERVED FOR CEOs OF MINING COMPANIES! [STRICTLY BY INVITATION ONLY]

Chairperson: Kassongo Bin Nassor, President, Chamber of Mines, DRC

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#### FOCUS: MINING & SECURITY

This CEO Round Table will bring together key industry leaders, policymakers, and private sector executives to discuss the future of mining in the DRC. The discussion will explore critical priorities including artisanal mining, operational safety and risk management, CSR commitments, and the role of the private sector in shaping a shared vision for the industry.

#### NETWORKING HAPPY HOUR

# INDUSTRY + AGENDA

FRIDAY, 19 JUNE 2026

VENUE: BUKAVU ROOM

## MORNING SESSIONS

### REGIONAL INTEGRATION FORUM (COLLABORATION–INFRASTRUCTURE–INDUSTRIALISATION)

#### EMPOWERING REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT: TRANSFORMING AND UNLOCKING ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGH PPPS IN THE DRC AND THE REGION

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#### INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PPPS FOR ROADS, RAILWAYS, PORTS, AND AIRPORT UPGRADES.

Participants:

- Eldon Khuty, Managing Director, AGL, DRC
- Firmin Lotambo Nkake, Deputy Managing Director, Public-Private Partnership Advisory and Coordination Unit (UC-PPP), DRC
- Bernard BEYA, CEO Liquid Intelligent Technologies, DRC

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#### PRIORITISING INDUSTRIALISATION IN THE DRC THROUGH LOCAL PROCESSING

Chairperson: Abdou Sarr, Project Manager for Training, Employment and Entrepreneurship/UEE, Enabel, Senegal

Participants:

- Blaise Mastaki Birindwa, Deputy Managing Director, FPI, DRC
- Olivier Maponga, Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Zambia
- Serge Bilambo, Deputy Chief Executive, Standard Bank, DRC

### THE AMBASSADOR'S FORUM NETWORKING BUSINESS LUNCH REINFORCING REGIONAL COLLABORATION BY PROMOTING BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES AND INVESTMENTS IN DRC (STRICTLY BY INVITATION)

Chairperson: Serge Nawej, Partner, ADNA Law, DRC

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- H.E. Ogawa Hidetoshi, Ambassador, Embassy of Japan in DRC
- Kerstin Lindberg Karlstrom, Chargé d'affaires, Embassy of Sweden to the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- H.E. Zoë Ware MVO, Ambassador, Embassy of UK in DRC
- H.E. Mekuria Getachew Worku, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the DRC

# TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS

## TECHNICAL WORKSHOP TENT - NEXT TO THE TENNIS COURTS

17 JUNE 2026

### SETTING THE STAGE: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

#### DRC MINING BY AIRTEL BUSINESS

Participants:

- Francis Arnaud Okouele, Director, Airtel Business DRC
- Luc Serviant, Group Enterprise Director, Airtel Africa, Dubai

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#### TECHNICAL WORKSHOP | DIGITISING MINERALS

##### DATA FOR DEVELOPMENT: LINKING THE DIGITAL MINING INDUSTRY TO NATIONAL AND REGIONAL BENEFIT

Participants:

- Dr Christopher Vandome, Director, Critical Minerals Initiative, Chatham House, UK
- Timo Roujean, Country Director, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, DRC

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### NETWORKING BREAK

#### SUSTAINABLE MINING

##### BUILDING A RESPONSIBLE FUTURE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Participants:

- Solene Tshilobo, President, ONG Adepesidi
- Josué Ntumba, Coordinator responsible for project development, monitoring, and training, ONG Adepesidi

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#### YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAM (PART 2)

##### CONNECTING YOUNG TALENT WITH OPPORTUNITIES: EMPOWERING ENTREPRENEURS AND GRADUATES IN THE DRC MINING SECTOR

Host: Nadège Noah, Expert in Training and Employment Support, Coordination for Haut-Katanga and Lualaba, Enabel

Participants:

- Ghislain Kabumba R. Baderha Consultant – Expert & Formateur en milieu Universitaire/Professionnel, DRC
- Cedrick Swan, Senior Advisor OD/Talent, MMG, DRC
- Sonya Aline Massangu, Managing Director, COPY'N MORE, DRC
- Buddy Mukadi, Ministerial Adviser for Vocational Training, INPP, DRC

#### INTEGRATING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INTO PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Facilitators:

- Ken Sangwa, Technical Sales Engineer, Panaco, DRC
- Patty Kazadi, Electrical Project Engineer, Panaco, DRC

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#### LAURIER WELL-BEING AND PERFORMANCE IN THE MINING ENVIRONMENT: INTEGRATING LOCAL FIELD PROTECTION SOLUTIONS INTO HSE POLICIES

Facilitator: Aurélie Nguwa, Founder & Manager, Laurier Cosmetic, DRC

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18 JUNE 2026

### SECURING THE FUTURE OF MINING

#### FROM COPPER TO CAREERS: TURNING LOBITO CORRIDOR INVESTMENTS INTO LOCAL JOBS

Participants:

- Nathalie Vounck, Program Manager, Kameo Center of Excellence (KCE)
- Erick Lwamba, President of the Board, AGRICO SA
- Stefan Crets, Executive Director, CSR Europe
- Désiré Mbay Mukoj, General Director, STL

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#### SELF-SERVICE ENERGY

Facilitator: Taraji Ebondja Dominguez, Founder/CEO, Ted Holding, DRC

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#### YOUR GLOBAL CONNECTIVITY PARTNER

Facilitator: Johan SELS Managing Executive Vodacom Business DRC

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#### FROM DATA TO DECISION: AI FOR ORIENTING HUMAN ATTENTION IN MINING OPERATIONS

Facilitators:

- Karim Noorani, Managing Director, UNI-GROUP / Unicomplex Congo (Kinshasa, DRC)
- Dipendra Rele, Divisional Sales Head MEA, Tor.ai Limited FZCO (Nairobi, Kenya)

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19 JUNE 2026

### FROM OPPORTUNITIES TO MINING DEALS

#### **PRESENTATION OF THE KEY PRIORITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM'S (UNS) JOINT PROGRAMME FOR THE MINING SECTOR IN THE DRC**

Facilitators: United Nations experts

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#### **FROM MINE TO MARKET: BUILDING RESPONSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE ARTISANAL MINING CHAINS IN THE DRC**

Facilitator: Armel Nganzi, Technical Advisor, Impact association, DRC

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#### **FROM LOCAL CONTENT TO VALUE CREATION: MB SERVICES' EXPERIENCE WITHIN THE CONGOLESE MINING ECOSYSTEM**

Facilitator: Migrace Mbayo, Directeur Général, MB SERVICE, DRC

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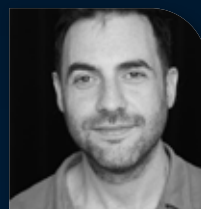
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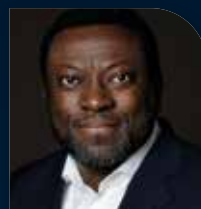
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