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Nigeria Mining Week
13-15 October 2025
Abuja Continental Hotel
Nigeria
Theme: Nigerian Mining: From Progress to Global Relevance

Main Conference Day 2
Date: 15 October 2025
Venue: Ballroom 1 & 2

| Time | Session |
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| | Chairperson: Dr. Dieter Bassi, Director – Energy, Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) |
| 08:00 - 09:25 | Registration & Coffee |
| 09:30 – 09:40 | <p>Presentation</p> <p>Leveraging the Domestic Experience: Need for Homegrown Strategy for Advancing the Mineral and Mining Sector.</p> <p>Professor Akinade Shadrach Olatunji, Senior Project Consultant, Rapidlink Resources</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Sponsored by Rapidlink Resources</i></p> |
| 09:40 – 09:50 | <p>Presentation</p> <p>NASD PLC – SMDF Collaboration: Accelerating Nigeria’s Mining Sector</p> <p>In 2025, NASD Plc and the Solid Minerals Development Fund (SMDF) began driving awareness on the critical role of long-term patient capital in Nigeria’s mining industry. Building on two webinars, this session deepens collaboration among miners, investors, regulators, and service providers to expand capital market funding, manage risks, and strengthen sustainable investment frameworks. This presentation seeks to highlight capital requirements, funding options, and risks across mining project stages, while fostering stronger collaboration between the capital market and mining ecosystem to build a robust knowledge base, improve risk assessment, and drive sustainable, long-term investment into Nigeria’s mining sector.</p> <p><i>Abdulmajeed Amussah, Technical Adviser to the Executive Secretary/CEO of SMDF - Solid Minerals Development Fund</i></p> |
| 09:50 – 10:35 | <p>Fireside Chat</p> <p>Nigeria’s Urgent Path to Global Mining Competitiveness: Crafting an Exploration Strategy</p> <p>With the right exploration strategy, Nigeria can revive legacy assets and claim a leading role in Africa’s energy transition. Anchored to Africa Agenda 2063, a bold strategy could revive brownfields, generate Greenfields, and restore competitiveness for mining-led industrialisation.</p> <p>Talking Points:</p> |



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1. Why is a national exploration strategy critical for Nigeria now, and how can it serve as the foundation for developing Nigeria's exploration industry and how can Nigeria deliberately link exploration outcomes to mining, mineral processing, and beneficiation?
2. What governance reforms are most urgent to be prioritised in the exploration strategy to develop Nigeria's exploration industry?
3. How can Nigeria's exploration strategy align with Agenda 2063 and the African Mining Vision, while also securing its role in the energy transition?

Moderator: : 'Lumun Amanda Feese, CEO, RBI Perse Advisory Ltd/Co-Facilitator, Industrial PC, Nigerian Economic Summit Group

Panellists:

Prof Olusegun O. Ige, Director-General, Nigerian Geological Survey Agency (NGSA)
Prof. Olugbenga Okunlola, President, Geological Society of Africa
Partha Ghosh, Mining Head, African Industries Group

09:50 – 10:35

Panel Discussion

Unlocking Small-Scale Mining Finance: The Missing Link Between Exploration and Production

Description:

Nigeria's explorers usually hold small-scale mining leases (SSML) to help fund exploration through production. However, they face crippling equipment costs, foreign exchange pressures, limited capital, and high inflationary pressures. This session explores innovative financing solutions, including leasing and insurance, royalty and streaming deals, BOT infrastructure, and trade finance, while highlighting the roles of banks, DFIs, trading houses, and strategic partners in unlocking SSMLs as a revenue bridge for funding grassroots and early-stage exploration.

Talking Points:

1. What are the financing struggles and opportunities for EL operators with SSMLs, and what support do they need to generate revenues for exploration?
2. What role can strategic partners play in de-risking SSML projects, primarily through offtake, equity participation, and ECA-backed finance?
3. What policy and institutional frameworks are needed to support SSML operators in accessing finance, improving technical capacity, and formalising operations to build credibility with investors and partners?

Moderator: *Olawale Olusi, Director - Deals, PwC Nigeria*

Speakers:

Amina Ruth Sijuwade, Director, Iron Ore Mining Limited
Abubakar Bello, Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, NEXIM Bank
Engr. Akinrogunde Akintunde, Director – Artisanal & Small -Scale Mining Department, Ministry of Solid Minerals Development

10:35 – 10:55

Coffee & Networking



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| 11:00 – 11:45 | <p>Fireside Chat</p> <p>From Raw Exports to Value Chains: Building Nigeria’s Mineral Beneficiation and Processing Strategy</p> <p>Africa’s industrial growth depends on seamless pipelines linking exploration, mining, and value addition. Countries that have built this linkage are poised to benefit, provided the right enabling environment is in place. For Nigeria to catch up, this session will discuss the need for a beneficiation strategy that links exploration, mining, processing, industry, trade, investments, skills, innovation, and infrastructure, among others, and creates the right enabling environment, aligned with the frameworks outlined in Agenda 2063 for mining, industrialisation, and trade.</p> <p>Talking Points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How important is mineral beneficiation to the Nigerian economy?2. Can Nigeria’s dormant brownfield mines become quick wins to feed value-add industries and what lessons can Nigeria learn from South Africa’s beneficiation strategy?3. How have countries like South Africa, Morocco, and Namibia leveraged exploration, mining, and beneficiation pipelines to anchor beneficiation, and what lessons can Nigeria adapt to link mining to industrialisation? <p>Moderator: <i>Bilqis Audu, Head of Operations, Miners Association of Nigeria</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p><i>Engr. Abdul Rafiu Badru, Mining Director, Matrix Group</i> <i>Engr. Hassan Umar, President, Nigerian Society of Mining Engineers</i> <i>Engr. Shuaibu Bello, Chief Executive Officer, Kaduna Mining Development Company (KMDC)</i></p> |
| 11:45 – 12:30 | <p>Fireside Chat</p> <p>Power–Mining Integration in Nigeria: Opportunities and Risks <i>Will Nigeria’s mines remain isolated power enclaves—or become anchors for electrification and industrialisation?</i></p> <p>As Nigeria’s mining sector expands, integrating energy infrastructure becomes critical to reduce costs, improve reliability, and support industrialisation. This session explores how shared power models, regulatory alignment, and commercially viable energy frameworks can unlock mining-led development.</p> <p>Talking Points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How can Nigeria proactively plan for rising mining power demand by developing scalable, low-cost energy models that reduce dependence on diesel and enhance the grid?2. How can Nigeria coordinate planning between the Ministries of Power, Solid Minerals, Finance, Budget & Planning, Industry, Trade, and Investment, and the mining industry for Nigeria’s future power–mining integration, especially as mining expands over the next 10–15 years? <p>Moderator: <i>Lumun Amanda Feese, CEO, RBI Perse Advisory Ltd/Co-Facilitator, Industrial PC, Nigerian Economic Summit Group</i></p> |



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| | <p>Panellists <i>Edmund Phillip, Managing Director, Kamino Energy Ltd, Technology & Development Advisor, Enatura Nigeria Limited</i> <i>Rahila Thomas, Country Director, Energy Market & Rates Consultants (EMRC) Nigeria/ Co-Facilitator (Energy), Industrial Policy Commission, Nigerian Economic Summit Group</i></p> |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch & Networking |
| 14:00 – 14:45 | <p>Fireside Chat</p> <p>Unlocking Nigeria’s Quarrying Potential for Infrastructure Growth</p> <p>Description: Quarrying is the backbone of Nigeria’s infrastructure ambitions, feeding directly into road construction, housing development, and industrial expansion. Despite its strategic importance, the sector remains under-leveraged. This session explores how quarrying can be scaled sustainably, attract investment, and adopt innovative technologies to meet national infrastructure goals.</p> <p>Talking Points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How is Solar Nigachem adapting its quarry operations to meet the growing demand from Nigeria’s housing and road construction sectors? 2. How is African Industries Group integrating automation and ESG principles into its quarrying strategy to drive sustainable growth? 3. What regulatory reforms are needed to advance sustainable quarrying practices and ensure alignment with global standards across Nigeria’s infrastructure-driven mining sector? <p>Moderator: Tundun Taiwo, Vice Chairman, Mining Law Committee NBA-SBL</p> <p>Speakers: <i>Alhaji Yusuf A. Muibi, Executive Director, Sales, Solar Nigachem Limited</i> <i>Engineer Abdulahi, Director, Metals and Minerals strategy, African Industries Group</i> <i>Josephine Gompil Kuni Nuhu, Principal Partner, JK Nuhu & Associates</i></p> |
| 14:50 – 15:10 | <p>Presentation</p> <p>Why Sustainability Matters for Nigeria’s Mining Future</p> <p><i>Marilyn Obaisa-Osula, Partner and Head of ESG Sustainability & Climate Change, PwC Nigeria</i></p> |
| 15:10 – 15:30 | Coffee & Networking |
| 15:30 – 16:45 | <p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Embedding ESG in Junior Mining: Winning Investor Confidence and Community Trust</p> <p>ESG is now a decisive factor in mining investment, shaping both risk and opportunity. For Nigeria’s junior miners, compliance with environmental and social standards and winning the social license to operate is costly but essential to attract investors and finance. This session explores practical ESG pathways, compliance support, and showcases impact investing models from the oil and gas sector.</p> |



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| | <p>Talking Points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How do investors evaluate ESG compliance when considering investments in junior mining projects, and what standards do you expect companies to meet? What have been your biggest ESG challenges as a junior miner, and how have you balanced compliance with operational realities? What practical steps can junior miners take to embed ESG principles from the outset, and how can they demonstrate commitment to sustainability despite limited resources or technical capacity? <p>Moderator: Marilyn Obaisa-Osula, Partner and Head of ESG Sustainability & Climate Change, PwC Nigeria</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p>Nana Skari Maidugu, Head of Sustainability and ESG, NSIA: Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority Seun Olatunji, Director, SBOG LTD</p> |
| 16:45 – 17:15 | <p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Driving Sustainable Growth – ESG Excellence and Technical Innovation in Nigeria’s Mining Sector</p> <p>Moderator: Elizabeth Akiboye, Onyen</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p>David M, HSE Coordinator (Environment), Segilola Resources Operating Limited Benson Onwusa, Sustainability Officer, Segilola Resources Operating Limited Bolaji Alayande, Community and Stakeholder Development, Segilola Resources Operating Limited Femi Olubi, Exploration Manager, Segilola Resources Operating Limited</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Sponsored by Segilola Resources Operating Limited</i></p> |
| 17:15 – 17:30 | <p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Cyril Azobu, Partner & Mining Leader, PwC, Nigeria Dele Ayanleke, President, Miners Association of Nigeria Hon. Dr. Oladele Henry Alake, Honourable Minister of Solid Minerals Development</p> |
| 17:45 | <p>End of Day 2</p> |





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Nigeria Gold Day

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Date: 15 October 2025 – Day 2

Venue: ASO Hall

| Time | Session |
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| 08:00 – 09:00 | Registration & Coffee |
| 09:00 – 09:10 | Company Spotlight Driving Nigeria’s Gold Mining Success – The Segilola Story <i>Austin Menegbo, Country Manager, Segilola Resources Operating Limited</i> |
| 09:10 – 09:20 | Company Spotlight Unlocking Regional Gold Opportunities <i>Edamisan Olajide Toyo, Chief Financial Officer, Kursi Group</i> |
| 09:20 - 10:05 | Panel Discussion Building a World-Class Gold Exploration Program in Nigeria <p>A strong well designed and executed exploration program is the foundation of a viable gold industry. This session unpacks what makes an exploration project “game-changing”: from identifying credible targets, balancing drilling with geological understanding, to building a resource base that attracts investors. It also stresses prudence in decision-making through commodity cycles.</p> <p>Talking Points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What defines a strong exploration project that can attract investors and identify game-changing targets and how can companies balance drilling to demonstrate mineability versus resource expansion? 2. How can NGSA’s pre-competitive data and mapping guide gold mining companies toward game-changing targets? 3. What are the key elements of designing a phased exploration program—from geochemical surveys to drilling—that maximizes data quality while keeping costs under control in Nigeria’s geological context? 4. How can digital logistics and supply chain technologies improve the efficiency and scalability of gold exploration programs, particularly in remote or infrastructure-challenged regions of Nigeria? <p>Moderator: <i>Habeeb Jaiyeola, Partner and Head Mining Sector Business Development, PwC Nigeria</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p><i>Femi Olubi, Senior Geologist, Segilola Resources Operating Limited</i></p> |



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| | <p><i>Prof Olusegun O. Ige, Director-General, Nigerian Geological Survey Agency (NGSA)</i> <i>Umar Habeeb, Lead Geologist, Kursi Group</i> <i>Bashir Zakari, Managing Director Metaforá International Services Ltd</i></p> |
| 10:05 – 10:25 | Coffee & Networking |
| 10:25 – 11:10 | <p>Fireside Chat High-Level Investment & Financing</p> <p>Talking Points:</p> <p>Role of SMDF in project funding and sector support Attracting foreign direct investment (FDI) into Nigeria’s gold value chain Innovative financing models from West Africa’s mining successes and accessing commercial bank financing for gold mining and processing. What role can development finance institutions like AFC play in de-risking gold mining investments in Nigeria?</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Amira Adamu Waziri, Senior Advisor, Mining and Policy to the Honourable Minister for Solid Minerals</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p><i>Representative, Solid Minerals Development Fund (SMDF)</i> <i>Ibrahim A. Abdullahi, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Nasarawa Investment & Development Agency</i></p> |
| 11:10 – 11:40 | <p>Ministerial Address <i>Hon. Dr. Oladele Henry Alake, Minister of Solid Minerals Development</i></p> |
| 11:40 – 12:20 | <p>Fireside Chat</p> <p>Responsible Gold Mining – Environmental & Social Practices</p> <p>Talking Points:</p> <p>How can mining companies build meaningful, long-term relationships with host communities to secure a social license to operate? What environmental safeguards should be embedded during the exploration phase to ensure responsible gold mining from the outset? What lessons has Segilola learned in managing community expectations and delivering shared value through responsible mining practices?</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Dr Aminu Abdullahi Isyaku, Chair, UNESCO International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme (IGGP), Nigeria National Committee</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p><i>Omaojo Ogedoh, Executive Director, MOG Foundation</i> <i>Kieran Harrington, Senior VP – Exploration, DFR Gold</i> <i>Bolaji Alayande, Community and Stakeholder Development, Segilola Resources Operating Limited</i></p> |
| 12:20 – 14:00 | Lunch & Networking |
| 14:00 – 14:45 | Panel Discussion |



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| | <p>Building Successful Small-Scale Gold Mining Projects</p> <p>Description: Small-scale mining leases (SSMLs) can bridge the gap between grassroots exploration and industrial mining, but success requires robust planning, engineering input, and credible due diligence. This session explores how to develop bankable SSML projects, secure capital, and present credible mine plans that attract investors while ensuring safe and responsible operations.</p> <p>Talking Points:</p> <p>Exploration Foundations for SSMLs: What level of geological investigation is sufficient to delineate a viable SSML within an exploration license? For artisanal or small-scale miners without exploration licenses, what practical steps or partnerships can help identify promising areas?</p> <p>Engineering and Metallurgy in SSML Success: Why is mining engineering essential in SSML development? How can well-structured mine plans and modular processing systems improve recovery rates and project bankability without overwhelming capital costs?</p> <p>Financing Criteria and Institutional Support: What do financiers and development banks look for before backing SSML projects? What level of due diligence, reporting, and ESG planning is required? What risks are most concerning to lenders, and how can small-scale miners mitigate them?</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Rose Chundung Ndong, President, Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society (NMGS)</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p><i>Professor Akinade Shadrach Olatunji, Senior Project Consultant, Rapidlink Resources</i> <i>Engr. Hassan Umar, President, Nigerian Society of Mining Engineers</i> <i>Hope Yongo, Technical Adviser to the Managing Director/CEO, NEXIM</i></p> |
| 14:45 – 15:30 | <p>Fireside Chat</p> <p>Unlocking Nigeria’s Gold Potential: Reviving Brownfields and Building Flagship Projects for Investment</p> <p>Description: Gold offers Nigeria a pathway to boost mining attractiveness due to its high commercial value, quick development timelines, and appeal to junior miners. With a brief legacy of gold mining, proven reserves, and Segilola’s 2022 success, Nigeria can drive mineral exploration and production by reviving brownfield sites held by the Nigerian Mining Company (NMC) and</p> |



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| | <p>private companies in Birnin Gwari in Kaduna, Bin Yauri in Kebbi, and Ilesa in Osun state, while targeting greenfield prospects. This session explores how partnerships, geoscience, finance, exploration, and mining strategies can transform these brownfield assets into flagship projects that attract sustainable investment.</p> <p>Talking Points: What lessons from Segilola’s history and success can guide the development of future large-scale gold mines from the brownfield gold assets in Kaduna, Kebbi, and Osun? How NSMC intends to strategically assume legacy NMC titles and brownfield assets to catalyse sector-wide revitalisation.</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Olufunmilayo Olaniyi, Director, Nigeria Solid Minerals Company</i></p> <p>Speakers: <i>Engr. Dauda Awojobi, Government Liaison and Permitting Coordinator, Segilola Resources Operating Limited</i> <i>Martins Imonitie, CEO, Nigeria Solid Minerals Company</i> <i>Habeeb Jaiyeola, Partner and Head Mining Sector Business Development, PwC Nigeria</i></p> |
| 15:30 – 15:40 | <p>Technical Presentation</p> <p>Innovative Financing of Gold Exploration and Small-Scale Mining in Nigeria</p> <p>Description: Funding remains the most significant bottleneck for Nigeria’s gold sector, even for small-scale mining leases (SSML). This session explores innovative financing: joint ventures between indigenous title holders, crowdfunding, royalty and streaming models, crowdfunding, and even alternative trading systems (ATS) for private equity. Experts debate practical pathways to unlock private capital for small-scale gold mining. This technical presentation will seek to respond to the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Should Nigeria develop a model joint venture/partnership framework for indigenous title holders, and what benefits could shared risk and collaboration bring to the gold sector? 2. <i>What will financiers look for before providing capital for SSML mine development? How much due diligence is required, and what risks do financiers weigh in small-scale mining?</i> 3. Can Nigeria adapt alternative trading systems (ATS), including blockchain-based exchanges, or private equity models to fund SSML gold projects, considering global trends in mining finance? 4. Can royalty, streaming, and crowdfunding models be applied to fund Nigeria’s SSML gold projects? What institutional, legal, and financial enablers are essential for these mechanisms to succeed? <p>Presenter: <i>Equarekhide Longe, Managing Director, NASD PLC</i></p> |
| 15:40 – 16:00 | <p>Spotlight Session</p> <p>Africa Gold Success Stories – Lessons for Nigeria</p> |
| 16:00 – 16:10 | Closing Remarks |
| 16:10 | End of Forum |



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Steel Forum

Date: 15 October 2025 – Day 2

Venue: Tamarind A&B

| Time | Session |
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| 08:00 – 09:00 | Registration & Coffee |
| 09:00 – 09:10 | Welcome Address <i>Dr. Chris Isokpunwu, Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Steel Development, Nigeria</i> |
| 09:15 – 09:25 | Ministerial Address & Official Opening The Vision for Nigeria's Steel Industry - A Master Plan for Growth <i>Honourable Prince Shuaibu Abubakar Audu, Minister of Steel Development, Nigeria</i> |
| 09:30 – 09:40 | Keynote Address Bridging the Gap – Investment Opportunities in Nigeria's Steel Demand-Supply Imbalance <i>Mr. Amit Ranjan, Plant Head Abuja Steel Mill, Africa Industries Group</i> |
| | <i>Sponsored by African Industries Group</i> |
| 09:45 – 09:50 | Goodwill Message <i>Ms Vartika Rawat, Acting High Commissioner, High Commission of India</i> |
| 09:55 – 10:30 | Fireside Chat Nigeria's Abundant Resources – The Foundation for a Thriving Steel Industry Description: This in-depth presentation will provide a detailed geological and economic analysis of Nigeria's vast proven mineral reserves critical for steel production. It will cover major deposits of high-grade iron ore (with specific focus on Itakpe and other significant sites), coking coal, limestone, and other essential metallic minerals such as Lead-Zinc, Copper Ore, Ferromanganese, Lithium Ores, and Silica. The presentation will leverage recent data from initiatives like NIMEP, focusing on data-driven insights into exploration potential, resource quality, and accessibility for investors. Talking Points: |



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1. What is the current status of NIOMCO's operations at Itakpe, and what strategic steps are being taken to scale production and meet national steel demand?
2. How is NSRMEA using recent exploration data to identify and prioritize new deposits of iron ore, coking coal, and other steel-related minerals?
3. What role can Ajaokuta play in transforming Nigeria into a regional steel hub, and what are the key enablers needed to operationalize its full capacity?

Moderator: *Ime Ekrikpo, Director, Metallurgical Raw Materials Development and Investment, Ministry of Steel Development*

Speakers:

Engr. Isinmidun Loto, Sole Administrator, National Iron Ore Mining Company

Michael Kolawole Ogunbiyi, Director-General, National Steel Raw Materials Exploration Agency (NSRMEA)

Prof. Nasir Naeem. A, Managing Director, Ajaokuta Steel Company Limited (ASCL)

Engr Abdulraman S. Ottan, (Ph. D), Mining Engineer and Project Development Expert

Panel Discussion

Local Value Addition & ESG Standards – Attracting Responsible Capital

Description:

This panel will explore the critical nexus between government policies promoting in-country mineral value addition and the increasing global emphasis on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) standards. The discussion will cover how Nigeria is actively creating an enabling environment for responsible mining and processing, attracting capital from investors committed to sustainable development. Panelists will share best practices, discuss regulatory incentives, and highlight the long-term benefits of integrating ESG principles into steel sector investments.

Talking Points:

10:35 – 11:20

- How is African Industries Group integrating ESG principles into its operations, and what impact has this had on attracting responsible investment?
- What specific policy instruments or incentives is the Ministry implementing to promote local value addition and ESG-aligned investments in steel?
- What are the key ESG benchmarks investors look for in steel and mining projects, and how can Nigerian companies position themselves to meet these expectations?

Moderator:

Dr Sulaiman Liman, National Secretary, Miners Association of Nigeria

Panelists:

Taiwo Okeowo, Director, Corporate Affairs, African Industries Group

A.T. Umar, Director, Steel and Non-Ferrous Metals Department, Ministry of Steel Development

Oluwakayode Ashamu, Sustainability Manager, PwC Nigeria



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| 12:20 - 13:30 | Lunch & Networking |
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| 13:35 – 13:45 | <p>Presentation</p> <p>The Metallurgical Industry Bill – A New Era of Regulation and Opportunity</p> <p>Description:</p> <p>This presentation will provide a detailed and authoritative explanation of the recently proposed Metallurgical Industry Bill. The speaker will elaborate on its implications for effective regulation of the steel sector, outlining how it will introduce enhanced operational safeguards, ensure compliance with national economic directions, and foster a more organized, transparent, and attractive investment climate. The session will highlight how this legislative framework is designed to provide greater certainty and protection for investors.</p> <p>Speaker: <i>Ime Ekrikpo, Director, Metallurgical Raw Materials Development and Investment, Ministry of Steel Development</i> <i>Engr. Frederick Ewa, Director Metallurgical Inspectorate, Ministry of Steel Development</i></p> |
| 13:50 – 14:00 | <p>Presentation</p> <p>West Africa’s Steel Hub – Nigeria’s Strategic Advantage</p> <p>Description:</p> <p>This session will powerfully articulate Nigeria’s strategic geopolitical and economic position within the West African sub-region as a burgeoning steel hub. The speaker will highlight key advantages, including Nigeria’s immense market size, abundant natural gas resources (crucial for energy-intensive steel production), and the significant accumulation of metallic scrap, which has already fostered a cluster of mini-steel mills.</p> <p>Speaker: <i>Dr. Emeka Okengwu, Development Economist and Financial Expert</i></p> |
| 14:05 – 15:50 | <p>Open Forum</p> <p>Investor Q&A and Deal Facilitation</p> <p>Description:</p> <p>This highly interactive session will provide a direct conduit for potential investors to engage with key stakeholders. It will be an open forum for attendees to ask questions directly to government officials, industry leaders, legal experts, and financial advisors. The moderator will also facilitate initial deal discussions and matchmaking opportunities, encouraging concrete steps towards investment and collaboration.</p> <p>Focus Points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Direct engagement with key stakeholders 2. Clarifying investment processes and opportunities |



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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Legal and financial advisory for prospective investors 4. Facilitating partnerships and deal-making 5. Building investor confidence through transparency |
| 15:50 – 16:00 | Closing Remarks and Call to Action <i>Dr. Chris Isokpunwu, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Steel Development, Nigeria</i> |
| 16:00 | End of Forum |



Date: 15 October 2025 – Day 2

Kaduna Mining Development Company (KMDC) Deal Room

Date: 14 October 2025 – Day 1

Brought to you by: Kaduna Mining Development Company (KMDC)

| Time | Session |
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| 09:30 – 09:40 | Recap of Day 1 & Outline of Day 2 |
| 09:45 – 09:55 | Presentation NEITI |
| 09:55 – 10:05 | Presentation Africa Finance Corporation |
| 10:05 – 10:15 | Presentation Cedrus Group Africa |
| 10:15 – 10:25 | Presentation Local Led Development |
| 10:25 – 10:45 | Coffee & Networking |
| 10:50 – 11:00 | Presentation Zoom Lion |
| 11:10 – 11:25 | Presentation Hygeia HMO |
| 11:25 – 12:25 | Success Story African Mines |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch & Networking |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | Open Forum & Matchmaking |
| 15:00 – 16:00 | Deal Facilitation (MOU Signing) |
| 16:00 – 16:05 | Official Closing of the Deal Room |
| 16:05 | End of Deal Room Day 2 |





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Technical Workshops

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| 08:00 – 09:00 | Registration & Coffee |
| 09:00 – 10:00 | Training & Technical Workshop <i>Brought to you by Kursi Group & Guideline Geo</i> |
| 10:15 – 11:15 | <p>Presentation & Technical Workshop (Session 2)</p> <p>Exploration in Nigeria: The Mineral Systems and Exploration Approaches in Nigeria</p> <p>Building on the session one, this session moves to looking at the mineral systems of Nigeria within the context of the tectonic development. It will start by defining and summarizing the known (and some as yet unknown) mineral systems and discussing in more detail some of the tectonic controls for some of the major commodities in the country. We will also examine some of the exploration approaches that can be employed for the discovery and delineation of these commodities. The session will conclude with a discussion of resource development and the importance of implementing QA/QC procedures in an exploration program.</p> <p><i>Dr. Warwick Crowe, Chief Geologist, Titan Minerals Ltd.</i></p> <p><i>Brought to you by Titan Minerals Limited</i></p> |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | <p>Technical Workshop (Presentation/Demo)</p> <p>Rokbak ADTs in Action: Where Grit Meets Innovation</p> <p><i>Paul Culliford, Rokbak Regional Sales Manager (EMEA)</i> <i>Matthew Khouri, HMD Chief Executive Officer</i></p> <p><i>Brought to you by HMD Group</i></p> |
| 13:35 – 13:45 | Video Presentation <i>XUGONG NIGERIA LIMITED (XCMG)</i> |
| 14:00 – 14:15 | Project Update Presentation <i>Brought to you by African Industries Group (AIG)</i> |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | <p>Technical Discussion</p> <p>Unlocking Nigeria’s Gemstone Economy: From Artisanal Trade to Global Market Player</p> <p>Description: Nigeria holds vast untapped gemstone reserves, yet the sector remains largely informal and under-leveraged. With global demand rising for ethically sourced and traceable gemstones,</p> |



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Nigeria has a unique opportunity to transition from artisanal mining to a structured, export-driven industry. This technical session will provide practical insights into how beneficiation, certification, and cooperative models can unlock investor confidence and position Nigeria as a competitive player in the global gemstone market.

Talking Points:

1. What steps is GMMAN taking to support artisanal miners in transitioning to formal, traceable, and globally competitive gemstone operations?
2. How can Nigeria scale up gemstone cutting, polishing, and certification to meet international market standards and attract premium buyers?

Moderator: *Tope Adebajo, Chief Executive Officer, Laurel School of Mine*

Speakers:

Engr. Adeniran Ajibade, President, Gemstones Miners and Marketers Association of Nigeria (GMMAN)

Rev. Zaphania Ndaja, Chief Executive Officer, Zaray Gems

15:30

End of Day 2 Technical Sessions