

# The 3rd AFRICAN FORUM ON MINING

**THEME:** “The Africa Mining Vision at 16: Achievements, Challenges and Opportunities”

**DATE:** 19-21 March 2025

**VENUE:** African Union Commission (AUC) Headquarters, Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

DAY 1: Wednesday 19 March 2025			
	Topic	Presenter	Organization
Session #1	Africa Forum on Mining III		
08.00-09.00	Registration	All Participants	
Overall Moderator: Ms. Caroline Obure, AMDC			
<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b> <i>New Conference Center</i>			
Venue & Time	MC = Medium Conference Hall SC3 = Small Conference Hall 1 SC4 = Small Conference Hall 2		
1	MC 09.00-09.30	<b>Opening ceremony</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Anthony Brand, Expert, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS)</li> <li>Mr. Gianluca Azzoni; Head of the Policy &amp; Cooperation Section at the EU Delegation to the AU</li> <li>Mr. Matthias Naab, Director, UNDP Regional Service Center-RSCA</li> <li>Mrs. Ron Osman, Director Industry, Minerals, Entrepreneurship and Tourism (IMET), African Union Commission</li> </ul>	

	09.30-10.00	<b>Photo Ceremony/ Health Break</b>		
2	<b>MC</b> 10.00-10.20	<b>Keynote Presentation:</b> • <b>Dr. Marit Kitaw, Interim Director, AU-AMDC</b>	Keynote presentation: <i>Dr. Marit Kitaw, Interim Director, AU-AMDC</i>  • <b>AMDC's Achievements in the implementation of the AMV: Challenges and Opportunities and update on ratification status</b>	AMDC
3	<b>MC</b> 10.20-11.20	<b>Panel Discussion:</b> Reflections on AMV at 16 and Way forward	Chair/ Moderator: <b>Panelists</b> • <b>Mr. Antonio Pedro, Deputy Executive Secretary, Program Support, UNECA</b> • <b>Ms. Nellie Mutemeri, Founder and Mining Practice Director, MutConsult</b> • <b>Mr. Kojo Busia, Executive Director, Green Minerals Africa</b> • <b>Ms. Nancy Kgengwenyane, InnoLead</b> • <b>Mr. Frank Mugenyi, Global Executive Director, MADI</b> • <b>Mr. Claude Kabemba, SARW</b>	<b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Mkhululi Ncube, AMDC
4	<b>MC</b> 11.20-11.30	<b>Presentations</b> Mr. Tunde Arisekola, Senior Advisor on GMIS, AU-AMDC	Presentations: • <b>Geological and Mineral Information Systems (GMIS) and AMREC PARC, Achievements, Challenges and Opportunities</b>	AMDC
5	<b>MC</b> 11.30-11.40	Mr. Mkhululi Ncube, AU-AMDC	• <b>ASM - Achievements, Challenges and Opportunities</b>	AMDC
6	<b>MC</b> 11.40-11.50	Mr. Theophilus Adoko	• <b>Presentation of AMGF Assessments of DRC, Ghana, Gabon, Morocco, Zambia</b>	AMDC
7	<b>MC</b> 11.50-12.05	Dr. Marit Kitaw	• <b>The African Green Minerals Strategy</b>	AMDC

8	MC 12.05-12.20	Mr. Alex Berkenstein	● The African Green Minerals Observatory			SAIIA	
9	MC 12.20-13.00	Moderated discussion	Reflections on AMV at 16: <i>Way forward</i> Open discussions with the Audience			Chair: Ms Caroline Obure, AMDC	
	13.00-14.00	Lunch Break					
		Africa Forum on Mining III					
		Parallel Sessions			Parallel Sessions		
10	SC3 14.00-15.00	Minerals Based Industrialization: Challenges, Opportunities and practical solutions	Chair/ Moderator: Jean-Marc Kilolo, UNECA ● Mr. Maurice Miema, DRC ● Mr. Edward Shabani, Zambia ● Mr. Nassim Oulmane, UNECA ● Mr. Nafal H Mohammed, AfreximBank ● Mr. Tabi T. Tabi, Granville Energy ● Mr. Jerry Ahadjie, AfDB		11	SC4 14.00-15.30  Harmonized geological information on Strategic Minerals of Africa : Achievements, Challenges and Opportunities	Chair/Moderator: Prof. Gbenga Okunlola  Discussants ● Ms. Anna Nguno ● Dr. Rokhaya Samba ● Tunde Arisekola ● Mosa Mabuza ● Maspalma Samson
12	SC3 15.00-16.00	Realizing Africa’s Potential in Minerals Value Chains in the Competitive International Environment : Challenges and opportunities	Chair/ Moderator: Kossi Toulassi, AUDA NEPAD Panelists: ● Dr. Kojo Busia, Green Minerals Africa ● Mr. Tresor Chovu, Chovu Holdings ● Dr. Amany Asfour, Africa Business Council (ABC) ● Mr. Leshilo William, AngloGoldAshanti				

13	<b>SC3</b> 16.00-17.00	<b>Innovators and Investors in Mineral Value Chains</b> in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities	<b>Moderator/ Chair: Mr. Mkhululi Ncube, AMDC</b> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Tatenda Mungofa, MUREZA</li><li>• Ms Nere Amiko, Kian Smith</li><li>• Mr. Tshepo Modiba, Afrivolt,</li><li>• Ms. Ada Thelma, Zoe Diamonds</li><li>• Mr. Apollo Buregyeya, EcoConcrete</li><li>• Mr. Keith Nare, Digging Deep</li></ul>	14	<b>SC4</b> 15.30-17.00	<b>AMREC- PARC</b> Achievements, Challenges and Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Chair/ Moderator</b> Mr. Alex Nwegbu</li><li>● <b>Discussants:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Prof. Okunlola (GSAf)</li><li>● Mr. Deng Ngang Denge</li><li>● Prof. Meck Lydia</li><li>● Prof. Nude Prosper</li><li>● Prof. Theophile Mbarga</li><li>● Ms. Gloria Simubali</li></ul></li></ul>
	17.00	<b>Health Break/ Networking</b>					
<b>END OF DAY 1</b>							

<b>DAY 2: Thursday 20 March</b>		
<b>Parallel Sessions</b>		<b>Parallel Sessions</b>

15	<b>SC3</b> 08.30-09.30	Review of <b>AMGF Assessments</b> for DRC, Ghana, Gabon. Morocco, Zambia and discussions on upcoming AMGF country assessments	<b>Chair/ Moderator: Theo Adoko, AMDC</b> <b>Presenters:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Mtwalo Musoni, Zambia</li> <li>Mr. Fabien Mayani, DRC</li> <li>Ms Patricia Obiang, Gabon</li> <li>Mr. Abdallah MOUTTAQI Morocco</li> </ul> <b>Discussants:</b> EU-TAF, Consultants from Algeria, Cameroon, Madagascar, Uganda	16	<b>SC4</b> 09.30-13.00	<b>AMREC</b> Implementation Strategies Across Africa  Parallel session/ <b>Workshop</b>	Chair/Moderator Prof.Opafunsho Zacheus  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bob Felix Ocitti</li> <li>Prof. Nude Prosper</li> <li>Dr.Kwayisi Daniel</li> <li>Dennis a. Mwalongo</li> <li>Assine Tshibubudze</li> <li>Paulo Tanganha</li> </ul>
17	<b>SC3</b> 09.30-10.30	The AMV at 16: Findings of the Review of the AMV Action plan	<b>Chair/Moderator: Afshin Nazir Braganza, AFRODAD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Kenneth Okwaroh, ACEPIS</li> <li>Clara Mutanda, Int. IDEA</li> <li>Ms Meseret Zemedkun, UNEP</li> <li>Mr. Philip Kilonzo, PACJA</li> <li>John Oduk, AFRODAD</li> </ul>				
	10.30-11.00	<b>Health Break</b>					
18	<b>SC3</b> 11.00-12.00	The AMV at 16: Lessons on elaborating and implementing <b>Policies and Regulatory Frameworks</b>	<b>Chair/Moderator: Mr. Amani Mhinda, AfriCatalyst</b> <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Lebajoa Khoathane, Lesotho</li> <li>Mr. Ghynel Konkou, Rep. of Congo</li> <li>Mr. Kprigbene Wanda, Togo</li> <li>Ms. Chenai Mukumba, TJN-A</li> </ul>	19		Harmonized <b>geological information</b> on Strategic Minerals of Africa	<b>Chair/Moderator: Prof. Gbenga Okunlola</b>  <b>Discussants/presenters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. Theophile Mbarga</li> <li>Mr. Denge Ngang Denge</li> <li>Ms. Cristelle Nlikoh</li> <li>Dr. Kwayisi Daniel</li> <li>Prof. Okunlola Olugbenga</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Mohamed Stevens, ALSF</li> <li>Mrs. Clemence Nare, IGF</li> </ul>				Chair/Moderator: Mr. Alex Nwegbu
20	<b>SC3</b> 12.00-13.00	<b>Harmonization of policies at the sub-regional level (RECs)</b> - progress towards Regional Mining Visions	<b>Chair/ Moderator:</b> Mr. Emmanuel K. Bensah, AfCFTA Policy Network <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Themba Khumalo, AfCFTA</li> <li>Mr. Innocent Makwiramiti, COMESA</li> <li>Ms. Diane Sayinzonga, UNCTAD</li> <li>Mr. Jules Touka, ECCAS</li> <li>Mr. Vusi Mabena, MIASA</li> <li>Mr. Sanjay Awasthi, TemboSteel</li> </ul>				<b>Discussants/presenters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mosa Mabuza</li> <li>Mr. Dennis Mwalongo Amos</li> <li>Dr. David Kohza</li> <li>Shadrack Dobe</li> <li>Mr. Evans Khamala</li> <li>Gerald Mwila</li> </ul>
<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>							
21	<b>SC3</b> 14.00-15.00	<b>Women in Mining:</b> Opportunities and Challenges in AMV implementation industrial revolution	<b>Moderator/Chair:</b> Ms Zenzi Awases <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amb. Regina Edzuwah, WiMiN</li> <li>Ms. Alaka Lugonzo, Global Witness</li> <li>Ms Noreen Kidunduhu, AWEIK</li> <li>Ms. Pascaline Makani</li> <li>Ms. Georgette Barnes</li> <li>Ms. Monica Gichuhi</li> </ul>	22	<b>SC4</b> 14.00-15.00	Building <b>Institutional and Human Capacities</b> required for the energy transition and digitalization	<b>Chair/ Moderator:</b> John Sloan, UNECA <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. Jean- Marie Kanda, University of Lubumbashi</li> <li>Dr. Alecia NDHLOVU, UCT</li> <li>Mr. James Mazimba, GPLTC, Zambia</li> <li>Ms. Letitia Jentel, SAIIA</li> <li>Prof. Aga Tersoo, University of Jos</li> </ul>

23	<b>SC3</b> 15.00-16.00	<b>AMV at 16: Governance, Challenges and Opportunities</b>	<b>Moderator/Chair:</b> Dr. Claude Kabemba <b>Panelists</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Karabo Chadzingwa, APRM</li> <li>• Mr. Gerald Byarugaba, OXFAM-Africa</li> <li>• Mr. Maguwu Farai, CNRG</li> <li>• Mr. Mukasiri Sibanda. StoptheBleeding</li> <li>• Mr. Silas Olang, NRG</li> </ul>	24	<b>SC4</b> 15.00-16.00	AMV at 16: lessons in <b>Addressing Legacy and Environmental Issues</b> to ensure climate-smart mining	<b>Chair: Ms. Penny Van der Pallen, TWN-A</b> <b>Panelists</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Meseret Zemedkun , UNEP</li> <li>• Ms Emily Alewo, Nigeria</li> <li>• Mr. Farai Mutondoro, ZELA</li> <li>• Ms. Nancy Kgengwenyane, Innolead</li> <li>• Dr. Mithika Mwenda, PACJA</li> </ul>
25	<b>SC3</b> 16.00-17.00	<b>Youth involvement in the mining sector</b>	<b>Chair/ Moderator:</b> Thabani Mlilo, Moahi Solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Sephela Makete Thema, Fraser Alexander</li> <li>• Ms. Lightness Mushi, Twimin</li> <li>• Mr. John Magok, AUC</li> <li>• Ms. Lindokuhle Khuzwayo, Anglo American</li> <li>• Ms. Thekla Muthero, EMAN</li> </ul>	26	<b>SC4</b> 16.00-17.00	AMV at 16: <b>Infrastructure, Investment and Financing</b> : Challenges and Opportunities	<b>Chair:</b> Mr. Jean-Marc Kilolo, UNECA <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Jerry Ahadjie, AfDB</li> <li>• Mr. Idris Mouchilli, COEGA</li> <li>• Mr. Keith Nare, DiggingDeep</li> <li>• Mr. Albert Nyakujarah, Afreximbank</li> <li>• Ms. Bohitle Vanessa, Headspring Investments</li> </ul>
<b>END OF DAY 2</b>							
<b>DAY 3: FRIDAY 21 MARCH</b>							

27	<b>MC</b> 08.30- 10.30	<b>Addressing ASM issues in the mining sector, especially on green minerals: Pathways to transforming the ASM sub-sector into a viable agent for sustainable economic development.</b>	<b>Moderator/ Chair:</b> Lacina Pakoun, ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme, UNDP <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gavin Hilson</li> <li>• Nellie Mutemeri</li> <li>• Hope Kyarisiima, ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme, UNDP</li> <li>• Clever Sithole</li> <li>• Prosper Nude</li> <li>• Mecktilder Mchomvu</li> <li>• Tashinga Kanyemba</li> <li>• Gibson Kawago</li> <li>• Emily Alewo</li> <li>• Mkhululi Ncube</li> <li>• Mr. Philip Kilonzo, PACJA</li> <li>• Muthero Thekla Nduva, EMAN</li> </ul>
	10.30-11.0 0	<b>Health Break</b>	
28	<b>MC</b> 11.00-11.4 5	<b>Pathways to transforming the ASM sub-sector into a viable agent for sustainable economic development.</b>	<b>ASM session continued</b>



29	<b>MC</b> 11.45-12.30	Main outcomes of the meeting from the various sessions and way forward:	<b>Rapporteurs</b>
30	<b>MC</b> 12.30-13.00	Closing remarks by AU	
	13.00-14.00	<b>LUNCH</b>	
		<b>END OF FORUM</b>	