



8th Annual Mining on Top Africa

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MOTA 2025 - THE PREMIER ANNUAL FORUM SHOWCASING AFRICA'S MINING INDUSTRY RETURNS TO PARIS FROM THE 2 – 3 JULY 2025

Mining on Top Africa (MOTA), the premier African mining congress, returns to Paris, France, for its 8th annual edition, from the **2 – 3 July at Meliá Paris La Défense**.

MOTA 2025 is your gateway to thriving in Africa's rapidly evolving mining landscape. Running under the theme of **"Partnering for Prosperity: Maximising the Benefits of Africa's Geological Endowments,"** this two-day event unites industry leaders, investors, policymakers and innovators to drive sustainable, globally competitive mining across Africa.

Over the years MOTA has established itself as the premier platform for discussions on strengthening Europe-Africa alliances in the mining sector, and provides an ideal networking opportunity for European industry players to connect with mineral and metal explorations companies from across Africa

During the 2025 event, discussions will revolve around how mining industry investors can be reassured, and their capital safeguarded, even in the event of political uncertainty and upheaval. Focus will be directed on what needs to be implemented between Europe and Africa to foster mutually beneficial mining cooperation.

Our excellent line up of speakers will delve into questions such as - What is possible now, soon and further ahead for the development of Africa's mining sector? Are global expectations currently unrealistic and unreachable or can partnerships with Europe help Africa achieve optimum mining practices aligned with international goals - how can the continents cooperate to form a win-win partnership?



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Key Sessions – Why You Cannot Miss This Event

1. Country spotlight sessions

The Hon. Mohamed Lamine Sy Savane, Minister Director of the Government Cabinet, Prime Minister's Office of the Republic of Guinea will highlight the administrative reforms and development prospects: Guinea at the heart of an economic and social transformation

Mr Seydou Moussa KONE, Managing Director of SODEMI, Société pour le Développement Minier de la Cote d'Ivoire, will speak on driving mining growth in country and SODEMI's strategic priorities through its Mineral Analysis Laboratory, geological and geophysical research services, and highlight investment opportunities currently under development.

Other countries featured will include: **Senegal, DRC, Ghana and Mauritania** among others

2. Implementing frameworks to align with global policies and principals to attract investment

This panel discussion will focus on how mining frameworks need to adapt to incorporate achievable local content policies, increase infrastructure development and attract investment across the mining value chain, while ensuring transparency and good governance

Featured speakers include:

- **Stéphane Brabant, Senior Partner, Trinity LLP**
- **Andrea Vissol, Strategy and Policy Expert, ENABEL - Agence Belge du developement, Belgium**
- **Michael Edem Akafia, President, Ghana Chamber of Mines and Vice President, External Affairs, Goldfields**

3. Funding Africa's Mining Sector



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Financing new mines is a risky business, especially when factoring in geopolitical and economic aspects, necessary infrastructure build, and compliance with ESG requirements. Panellists will look at the need to invest in more mining projects from commissioning and beyond to keep up with global mineral and metal needs, the emerging funding trends and opportunities for transition finance, and highlight green finance mechanisms and detail how mining companies can access sustainable financing.

Panellists include:

- **Anass Joundy**, Associate Director, EBRD
- **James Kenny**, Chief Executive Officer, Frontier Rare Earths
- **Franklin Edochie**, Senior Vice President and Head of Metals & Mining desk, AFC
- **James Wallbank**, Managing Partner, Ibaera Capital

4. Building value adding mining capacities – defining value chain strategies for transformative growth

Panellists will explore strategies for beneficiation and industrialization, meeting the investment needs for value chain strategies, forging strong partnerships with international experts to understand and set realistic value adding goals from mine to market plus what needs to be done to meet European standards for exported products to allow for more local participation and industrialisation for economic development.

The speaker lineup includes:

- **Ewa Katarzyna Klimowicz**, Senior Strategy and Partnerships Officer, Extractives Global Programmatic Support, World Bank
- **Ismael Diakite**, President of the Chamber of Mines of Guinea and Chief Representative of the SMB Winning Consortium
- **Dr Chukwuemeka (Chux) Onaa**, Regional Manager, Africa & North America, Mining & Minerals OEMs, VDMA
- **Jason Brewer**, Chief Executive Officer, Marula Mining



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5. Improving mining sustainability – working towards excellence in ESG and implementing ethical mining practices

As the push to integrate ESG practices throughout the entire mining value chain intensifies, industry experts will explore how governments can incorporate artisanal mining and responsible mineral sourcing into their ESG strategies. They will also emphasize the need for transparent, compliant reporting with measurable ESG and sustainability outcomes, and examine how Europe-Africa partnerships can support environmentally responsible and sustainable mining practices.

Industry speakers include:

- **Adrian Mill**, Managing Director, ESS (Environmental and Social Sustainability)
- **Susannah McLaren**, Head of Responsible Sourcing & Sustainability, Cobalt Institute
- **Tidiane Barry**, Vice President, West Africa and General Manager of the Essakane Mine in Burkina Faso, IAMGOLD
- **Pierre Petit-De Pasquale**, Standards Director at IRMA – Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance
- **Mzila Mthenjane**, CEO, Minerals Council South Africa

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