



West and Central Africa (WaCA) Mining Summit & Expo

25-26 September 2025
Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast City
Accra, Ghana



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WaCA Mining is the Definitive Mining Industry Event

Now in its 11th edition, the West & Central Africa Mining Summit & Expo (WaCA Mining) has earned its reputation as the premier gathering for mining leaders, investors, governments, and solution providers operating in one of the world's most resource-rich but complex regions.

West and Central Africa continues to attract global mining interest - from Ghana's expanding gold production and Guinea's world-class bauxite deposits to the DRC's dominance in cobalt and critical minerals. Recent developments, such as the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) implementation, infrastructure expansion projects, and increased green energy investments, are unlocking new opportunities for growth and value addition.

However, the region is also navigating significant challenges: regulatory shifts in key jurisdictions, community relations and ESG expectations, artisanal mining formalization, and the volatility of commodity prices. Climate resilience, decarbonization strategies, and securing financing for sustainable operations have become front-of-mind issues for both policymakers and mining executives.

WaCA Mining stands at the intersection of these opportunities and challenges - providing a trusted platform for strategic dialogue, partnership building, and knowledge sharing.

Join us at the **11th WaCA Mining Summit & Expo 2025** to be part of the strength, resilience and progress of the region's mining community as the West and Central African mining primes itself for new exploration, consolidation and growth.

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Turning Challenges into Competitive Advantage: A Strategic Imperative for Mining Leaders in West & Central Africa

The mining sector in West & Central Africa is navigating a pivotal moment. Success demands decisive action to overcome critical hurdles - from infrastructure and regulatory uncertainty to financing and ESG expectations - while aggressively pursuing untapped opportunities that can unlock lasting value, drive sustainable growth, and position your organization as a regional leader.

Key Challenges

- ❖ Infrastructure bottlenecks in power, transport, and water access.
- ❖ Regulatory and policy uncertainty affecting investor confidence.
- ❖ Financing constraints for exploration and project development.
- ❖ Security risks, political instability, and artisanal mining conflicts.
- ❖ ESG and community engagement pressures to meet global standards.
- ❖ Skills gaps and shortage of local technical expertise.

Strategic Opportunities

- ❖ Vast untapped reserves of gold, bauxite, manganese, iron ore, copper, and battery minerals.
- ❖ Rising global demand for transition minerals, opening export and investment potential.
- ❖ Strong potential for in-country refining, beneficiation, and downstream value addition.
- ❖ Expanding scope for public-private partnerships to close infrastructure gaps.
- ❖ Opportunity to lead globally in responsible, sustainable mining practices.
- ❖ Leapfrogging to advanced mining and environmental technologies for efficiency and safety.

Featured Industry Speakers Include



Hon Samuel A. Jinapor
Minister
Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources (Ghana)



Dr Oseadeeyo Nana Kum Kodie
Founder & CEO
Dadaba Group (Ghana)



Dr Toni Aubynn
CEO
Petroleum Hub Development Corporation (Ghana)



Abdoul Aziz Idrissa
Head of ASM Promotion and Supervision
Ministry of Mines (Niger)



Richard Kofi Afenu
CEO
Extractive Resources Consultancy Services (Ghana)



Dr Georgette Barnes Sakyi-Addo
President, Women in Mining Ghana and Executive Director, Georgette Barnes Ltd (Ghana)



Dr Assheton Stewart Carter
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Vedanta Resources (Ghana)



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There is renewed and strategic revival in mining in West and Central Africa. Major new projects, mineral geopolitics, and infrastructure alignment are coalescing to make the region a magnet for renewed investment and innovation.

Key Drivers of the Mining Revival

1. Simandou Iron-Ore Mega Project (Guinea)

Guinea's Simandou project - the world's largest untapped high-grade iron ore deposit - is finally advancing, with production expected to begin by late 2025. The project includes a 600+ km railway and new deep-water port infrastructure, with an estimated investment of at least USD 11.6 billion to USD 20 billion.

2. Gold Output Recovery & Critical Minerals

In Mali, gold production is expected to rebound in 2025 following the resolution of disputes with Barrick Gold, aiming for 54.7 metric tons. Additionally, the Goulamina lithium mine began production late in 2024, poised to produce substantial lithium spodumene in 2025 - signaling entry into the critical minerals race.

3. Value Addition & Beneficiation

Gabon is prioritizing local processing of manganese ahead of a scheduled ban on raw ore exports by 2029, appointing dedicated leadership to drive value chain transformation. Meanwhile, in Mali, the construction of a Russia-backed gold refinery signifies a push toward domestic processing to curb smuggling and enhance revenue retention.

4. Strategic Priority & Resource Sovereignty

Burkina Faso has moved to boost control over its gold sector - building a domestic refinery and nationalizing foreign-owned mines - to strengthen economic returns and governance.

Why Attend the Summit & Expo

❖ Independent and Authoritative

The only summit bringing together all international, regional and domestic mining firms, technology companies and solutions providers in the eco-system in a single convenient setting for maximum engagement with government officials, investors and suppliers.

❖ Seize Opportunities

Probe the exciting opportunities for market participants.

❖ Learn

Learn from regulators, policy markets and investors on the latest plans, targets and critical success factors.

❖ Risk Management

Evaluate the complexities involved in each investments and how to maximise your ROIs.

❖ Evaluate

The business case for technology adoption and customer delivery.

❖ Network

Meet and engage key stakeholders and decision makers that are driving the transformation of the extractive industry in West & Central Africa.

❖ Best Practices

Profit from strategies and technical know-how from successful operations and projects in the region.

Who Should Attend the Summit

- Mining, Exploration and Energy Firms
- Government Authorities, Minerals Commissions and Ministries
- Minerals Processing Companies
- Advisory Services: Tax, Legal, Security, Political and Sovereign Risk
- Education and Research Providers
- Industry Associations and Trade Bodies
- Mine Infrastructure Specialists
- Waste Management and Site Rehabilitation Services
- Heavy Machinery and Power Systems Providers
- Transport, Storage and Logistics Services
- Surveillance and Security Specialists
- Airlines and Catering Services
- Health and Safety Experts
- Drilling and Blasting Companies
- Laboratories
- Engineering and Chemicals Manufacturers
- Regulation and Inspection Services
- Mining Support Services and Suppliers
- Renewable Energy and Energy Efficient Technologies
- Financiers, Brokers, Analysts and Fund Managers
- Investors

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Programme Agenda

DAY ONE: Thursday 25 September

8.15	On-Site Registration
SESSION 1: Driving Africa Mining Vision	
9.15	Welcome by Organiser
9.10	Summit Chairman's Remarks
9.30	GUEST-OF-HONOUR OPENING ADDRESS H E Emmanuel Kofi Buah, Minister of Lands & Natural Resources (Ghana)
9.45	HOST ADDRESS: Decentralizing Regulation and Licensing for a Modern, Responsible Mining Sector in West Africa Martin Kwaku Ayisi, CEO, Minerals Commission (Ghana)
10.15	INDUSTRY KEYNOTE: Strategic Evolution in African Gold Mining – An Approach to Sustainable Growth, Portfolio Optimization and Community Development Abdul Rahman Amoada, <i>Managing Director (Africa & Canada), Newmont Corporation (to be confirmed)</i>
10.45	Morning Networking & Refreshments Break and Exhibition Visit
SESSION 2: Advancing ESG and Responsible Sourcing in West & Central Africa's Mining Sector	
11.15	Future Proofing WACA's Leadership in Responsible Mining ESG performance integration into mining operations; Responsible sourcing frameworks and due diligence requirements; Aligning sustainability standards with evolving regulatory expectations; Demonstrating positive impact / legacy through strengthening local content and value addition. Dr Assheton Stewart Carter, <i>Executive Chair, TDi Sustainability</i> and <i>Chief Investment Officer, Impact Capital</i> (UK)
11.45	Integrating ESG and Social Performance into Mining Strategies Toni Aubynn, CEO, Petroleum Hub Development Corporation (Ghana)
12.15	ESG Integration in Mineral Supply Chains: Aligning African Mining with Global Expectations <i>Speaker to be advised</i>
12.45	Networking Luncheon and Exhibition Visit
SESSION 3: Critical Minerals and The Future of African Mining	
14.00	Growing Global Demand for Lithium, Cobalt, and Rare Earths: Where Does West and Central Africa Stand? Representative, <i>Metals and Mining, BloombergNEF</i> (UK) <i>(to be confirmed)</i>
14.30	Battery Minerals in West Africa: Where Do We Stand? As the world races toward decarbonization by 2030, West Africa holds vast potential in key battery minerals such as lithium, cobalt, graphite, manganese, and more. This session examines regional opportunities, from developing processing hubs and industrialized value chains to becoming global OEM suppliers. We explore whether collaboration through regional frameworks or national strategies can best drive local value addition, economic transformation, and West Africa's role in the global green energy future. Richard Kofi Afenu, CEO, Extractive Resources Consulting Services (Ghana)
15.00	Afternoon Networking & Refreshments Break and Exhibition Visit
SESSION 4: Unlocking Capital for Mining Expansion	
15.30	Unlocking Africa's Mineral Wealth for Green Growth: AfDB's Approach to Financing Value Addition, Infrastructure and Responsible Mining Jerry Ahadjie, Chief Minerals Officer, African Development Bank
16.00	An Innovative System For Metalliferous Mining Global Business Development – Focus West Africa and Middle East Showcasing a proven model that has attracted USD 4 billion in investments in high-risk markets through strategic de-risking, integration of JORC and NI 43-101 standards, and building investor trust. Incorporating ESG and sustainability beyond global expectations, the system revived five dormant mines into high-margin, sustainable operations using big data, ERP, IoT, automation, and robotics – enhanced by cost-effective drone, digital twin, and extended reality technologies. Ralph Rossouw, <i>Managing Director & Country Manager, Vedanta Resources</i> (South Africa / Ghana)
16.30	Tokenizing Minerals for Shared Prosperity: The Role of Digital Assets in Africa's Mining Future Mamadou K Toure, <i>Chairman & CEO, Ubuntu Capital</i> (Cote d'Ivoire) <i>(invited)</i>
17.00	Close of DAY ONE

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DAY TWO: Friday 26 September

SESSION 5: Women in Mining and Inclusive Growth	
9.00	Summit Chairman's Remarks
9.05	PANEL: Technical Trailblazers – Women Leading Innovation and Operations in African Mining  This session aims to spotlight the growing contributions of women in technical disciplines such as geoscience, engineering, metallurgy, mining operations, and plant management. As the mining sector advances toward greater digitalization, environmental accountability, and skills transformation, the role of women in technical leadership is more crucial than ever. Moderator: Georgette Barnes Sakyi-Addo, <i>President, Women in Mining Ghana</i> and <i>Executive Director, Georgette Barnes</i> (Ghana)
SESSION 6: From ESG to ROI – Building Sustainable and High-Performance Mining in Africa	
10.00	Ethical Mining and Carbon Integration: Africa's Strategic Advantage in the Global Energy Transition As Africa positions itself at the heart of the global energy transition, the responsible development of critical minerals has become a strategic priority. In this session, Dr. Kodie will share practical insights on aligning ethical gold and mineral extraction with carbon offsetting frameworks, ensuring investor confidence while delivering ESG results. Drawing from case studies in Ghana and cross-border experience via his UK ventures, he will explore how pan-African collaboration, climate finance and community development can drive a mining sector that is both profitable and sustainable. Dr Oseadeeyo Nana Kumi Kodie, <i>Executive Chairman, The Private Office of Dr Kodie</i> , and <i>Founder, Dadaba Group</i> (Ghana)
10.30	Morning Networking & Refreshments Break and Exhibition Visit
11.00	Institutional Capability Building in Mining to Drive Value Mining companies face a shortage of technical talent and rising operational complexity. This presentation showcases a proven approach to structured technical problem solving that empowers in-house teams to resolve long-standing issues and improve performance. Drawing on real-world examples from mining and processing operations, we explore how to embed this methodology into the organisation, creating a lasting capability for continuous improvement and long-term value. Eriks Ciguzis & Baglan Sultanbek, <i>Managing Directors for Metals and Mining, Alvarez & Marsal</i> (UAE)
11.30	Driving Mining Excellence: Strategy, Digital Innovation and Real World Results Agesan Rajagopaul, <i>Partner, McKinsey & Co</i> (South Africa / Ghana)
12.00	From Challenge to Solution: Practical Approaches to Water Management in the Mining Sector <i>Speaker to be advised, Miwatek</i> (South Africa / Ghana)
12.30	Harnessing Software & Data to Attract Investment in Mining <i>Speaker to be advised, Seequent</i> (New Zealand / Ghana)
13.00	Networking Luncheon and Exhibition Visit
SESSION 7: Securing Africa Resources	
14.00	Resource Security and Sovereign Control: Repositioning National Geological Agencies as Strategic Enablers of African Mining Dr Hermann Ilboudo, <i>General Director, BUMIGEB</i> (Burkina Faso) <i>(to be confirmed)</i>
14.45	Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining and Security in AES Countries Artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) sustains millions in West Africa and contributes significantly to mineral output. In Niger, Burkina Faso, and Mali, however, the gold rush has coincided with rising extremism, organized crime, and climate pressures, deepening governance and security challenges. This presentation explores innovative solutions to help governments restore stability, formalize ASM, protect communities and the environment, and maximize the sector's contribution to sustainable development. Abdoul Aziz Idrissa, <i>Head of ASM Promotion and Supervision, Ministry of Mines</i> (Niger)
15.30	Afternoon Networking & Refreshments Break and Exhibition Visit
SESSION 8: From Last Blast to New Beginnings – Beyond Closure	
16.00	A Mine Ends. Then What? Doing More with Our Holes in the Ground (Virtual Presentation) As the mining sector faces unprecedented levels of closure, the challenge is no longer just making sites "safe, stable, and non-polluting." This session redefines closure as a transition – an opportunity to restore ecosystems, revitalise communities, and create new economic futures. Peter Whitbread-Abrutat, <i>Founder & Director, Future Terrains Intl</i> (UK)
16.30	Close of DAY TWO and The Summit

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