



Conference Programme

Welcome

Tuesday 2 September 2025

17:00 **Welcome Reception**, Mas Vino - Pan Pacific Hotel Lobby * **sponsored by Steptoe** 
*All delegates welcome

Day One

Wednesday 3 September 2025

07:15 Arrival, Tea, Coffee and Registration

Session One: Chair - Liam Twigger, Argonaut

08:30 **Welcome: Bill Repard**, Executive Chairman, Paydirt Media Pty Ltd (5)
08:35 **Opening Address (virtual): Hon. Penny Wong**, Leader of Government in the Senate & Minister for Foreign Affairs, Commonwealth of Australia (5)
08:40 **Hon. Ntsokoane Samuel Matekane**, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Lesotho (20)
09:00 **Brendan Harris**, CEO & Managing Director, Sandfire Resources Ltd (25)
09:25 **Sophie Proud**, Manager, BHP Xplor (20)
09:45 **Adam Wooldridge**, CEO, Cobre Ltd (15)
10:00 **Questions** (5)
10:05 **Opening Panel – Agenda setting: Where will ADU 2025 take us?** (Moderator: **Dominic Piper**), **Berenice Owen-Jones**, Australian High Commissioner to Accra, **Joe Tapera Mhishi**, Ambassador of Zimbabwe to Australia
Sherif Andrawes, Global Natural Resources & Energy Lead, BDO, **Kate Apostolova**, Partner at Clifford Chance (45)
10:50 **Morning Tea**, Exhibition Area, **sponsored by Beltz Mining** 

Session Two: Chair - Naphtally Mafa, Africa Resources Development

11:05 **Phumzile Mgcina**, Deputy Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources, Republic of South Africa (20)
11:25 **Brad Rogers**, CEO & Managing Director, Jupiter Mines Ltd (25)
11:50 **Denis Waddell**, Chairman, Orion Minerals Ltd (15)
12:05 **Tozama Kulati Siwisa**, Executive Director (West Wits MLI) and Head of Corporate Affairs, West Wits Mining Ltd (15)
12:20 **Roger Baxter**, Executive Chairman, Southern Palladium Ltd (15)
12:35 **Mzila Isaac Mthenjane**, CEO, Minerals Council South Africa (15)
12:50 **Questions** (5)
12:55 **Buffet Lunch**, Exhibition Area, **sponsored by BHP** 

Session Three: Chair - Wamunyina Mahalihali, African Mining Professionals Association of Australia Inc. (AMPAA)

13:40 **Hon. Kenneth Zikhale Ng'oma, M.P.**, Minister of Mining, Republic of Malawi (20)
14:00 **Teck Lim**, Chief Financial Officer, Lindian Resources Ltd (15)
14:15 **Hon. Hassan Ali Joho, EGH**, Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs, Republic of Kenya (20)
14:35 **Tim Carstens**, Executive Vice President, Heavy Mineral Sands Operations, Base Resources Ltd (25)
15:00 **Alex Otto**, Chief Geologist, Deep Yellow Ltd (15)
15:15 **Questions** (5)
15:20 **Panel: From Feasibility to Financing why Projects Succeed or Fail at the DFS stage**, (Moderator: **Cathy Nader**, Nedbank), **Kevin Balloch** (Base), **Craig Barnes** (Deep Yellow), **Teck Lim** (Lindian), **Karl Cicanese** (Lycopodium) (45)
16:05 **Afternoon Tea**, Exhibition Area, **sponsored by South African Airways (SAA)** 

Session Four: Chair - Marie Tekou, Bishop Resources NL

16:20 **Hon. Winston Chitando**, Minister of Mines and Mining Development, Republic of Zimbabwe (20)
16:40 **Tafadzwa Chinamo**, CEO, Zimbabwe Investment and Development Agency (ZIDA) (25)
17:05 **Andrew Grove**, Managing Director & CEO, Aura Energy Ltd (15)
17:20 **David Michael**, Director, Bishop Resources NL (15)
17:35 **Questions** (5)
17:40 **Cocktail Function**, Exhibition Area, **sponsored by African Gold Ltd** 



Conference Programme

Day Two

Thursday 4 September 2025

07:30 Arrival Tea, Coffee and Registration

Session One: Chair - Doug Horak, Australia-Africa Minerals and Energy Group (AAMEG) Sponsored by K&L Gates

- 08:30 **Hon. David Michael MLA**, Minister for Mines and Petroleum, Government of Western Australia (15) 
- 08:45 **Hon. Karim Badawi**, Minister of Petroleum and Minerals Resources, Arab Republic of Egypt (20)
- 09:05 **Stewart Bailey**, Chief Sustainability and Corporate Affairs Officer, AngloGold Ashanti Ltd (15)
- 09:20 **Hon. Emmanuel Armah-Kofi Buah**, Minister for Lands and Natural Resources, Republic of Ghana (20)
- 09:40 **James Wallbank**, Managing Partner, Azumah Resources Ghana Ltd (15)
- 09:55 **Phil Russo**, Managing Director, Toubani Resources Ltd (15)
- 10:10 **Questions** (5)
- 10:15 **Panel: Agendas, agreements and arbitration: Ensuring investments stay away from disputes**
(Moderator: **Michael Washbourne**), **Rodolphe Ruffié-Farrugia** (K&L Gates), **John Welborn** (Fenix Resources Ltd) (45)
- 11:00 **Morning Tea**, Exhibition Area, sponsored by **Global Drilling & Exploration Group** 

Session Two: Chair - Nkandu Beltz, Beltz Mining

- 11:15 **Hon. Ismael Nabe**, Minister for Planning and International Cooperation, Republic of Guinea (20)
- 11:35 **Andrew Pardey**, Managing Director, Predictive Discovery Ltd (15)
- 11:50 **Matthew Wilcox**, Managing Director & CEO, Robex Resources Inc (15)
- 12:05 **Dr. AbdulRahaman Shabani Mwaga**, Commissioner for Minerals, United Republic of Tanzania (20)
- 12:25 Fireside chat with **Jeff Quartermaine**, Managing Director & CEO, Perseus Mining Ltd (30)
- 12:55 **Arnaud Kouassi**, Advisor, Ministry of Mines, Petroleum and Energy, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (15)
- 13:10 **Justin Tremain**, Managing Director, Turaco Gold Ltd (15)
- 13:25 **Caigen Wang**, Managing Director, Aurum Resources Ltd (15)
- 13:40 **Adam Oehlman**, CEO, African Gold Ltd (15)
- 13:55 **Questions** (5)
- 14:00 **Buffet Lunch**, Exhibition Area, sponsored by **Turaco Gold Ltd** 

Session Three: Chair - Dalitso Banda, Bennett

- 14:45 **Hon. Olivier Herindrainy Rakotomalala**, Minister of Mines, Republic of Madagascar (20)
- 15:05 **Peter Bird**, Managing Director & CEO, Akora Resources Ltd (15)
- 15:20 **Ivan Murphy**, Chair, Harena Resources PLC (15)
- 15:35 **Hon. Mohlomi Moleko**, Minister of Natural Resources, Kingdom of Lesotho (15)
- 15:50 **Questions** (5)
- 15:55 **Panel: A sound alternative: How hybrid financing models are changing funding** (Moderator: **Dominic Piper**), **Julian Andrews** (DeTerra), **Sean Russo** (Noah's Rule), **Kakenenwa Muyangwa** (ZCCM-IH), **Nene Addo** (Afrimaxbank), **Andrew Grove** (Aura Energy) (45)
- 16:40 **Afternoon Tea**, Exhibition Area, sponsored by **Clifford Chance** 

Session Four: Chair - Kaday Conteh, Forever Projects

- 17:00 **Nene Addo**, Senior Manager for Project and Asset Based Finance, Afrimaxbank (15)
- 17:15 **Dr. Casty Nyaga-Hughes**, Executive President, Organisation of African Communities in WA (OACWA) (10)
- 17:25 **Questions** (5)
- 17:30 **AAMEG Awards Ceremony**, followed by **AAMEG Cocktail Function**, sponsored by **CrossBoundary Energy** 



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Day Three

Friday 5 September 2025

07:30 Arrival Tea, Coffee and Registration

Session One: Chair - Jeff Hart, Paydirt Media

- 08:45 **Hon. Dr Anne Aly MP**, Minister for International Development, Multicultural Affairs and Small Business, Parliament of Australia (20)
09:05 **Engr. Yusuf Faruk Yabo**, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Solid Minerals Development, Republic of Nigeria (15)
09:20 **Vincent Kedi**, Commissioner, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Republic of Uganda (20)
09:40 **Sam Hosack**, Managing Director, Prospect Resources Ltd (15)
09:55 **Salif Boussim**, Director of Cabinet, Republic of Burkina Faso (20)
10:15 **Mirey Lopez**, General Manager – Sustainability, West African Resources Ltd (15)
10:30 **Questions** (5)
10:35 **Panel: Local legacy: Mining as the springboard for local economies** (Moderator: **Michael Washbourne**), **Mirey Lopez** (West African Resources), **Tzila Katzel** (Sandfire Resources), **Melanie Pollard** (Perseus Resources), **Nkandu Beltz** (Beltz Mining), **Zara Fisher** (Perenti) (45)
11:20 **Morning Tea**, Exhibition Area, sponsored by **Toubani Resources** 

Session Two: Chair - Meriel Steadman, Piper Alderman

- 11:40 **Dr. Julien Cooper**, Lecturer in Archaeology, Macquarie University (15)
11:55 **Doug Horak**, CEO, Australia-Africa Minerals & Energy Group (AAMEG) (20)
12:15 **Dr. Graham Forward**, Founding Director & CEO, Australian Doctors for Africa (15)
12:30 **Questions** (5)
12:35 **Panel: Rocks in the downstream – The critical minerals conundrum** (Moderator: **Dominic Piper**)
Panellists TBC (45)
13:20 **Buffet Lunch**, Exhibition Area, sponsored by **Deep Yellow Ltd** 
14:20 **Networking drinks**, Mas Vino, Pan Pacific Hotel Lobby
- 18:00

AFRICA DOWNUNDER

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Additional Functions

TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

17:00 Welcome Reception, sponsored by Steptoe

Mas Vino, Pan Pacific Perth

**Free attendance to ADU delegates. Just Walk In!*

WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

11:30 – 13:30 Uganda High Commission Canberra, Networking Lunch at Africa Down Under

Silver Room, Novotel Perth Langley

**Free attendance! No Registration required. Just Walk In!*

14:30 – 16:30 Zambia | The Gem of African Mining

Novotel Perth Langley Hotel

**Free attendance to ADU delegates (RSVP required).*

14.30 – 16.30 Highlights on Lesotho's Key Investment Opportunities

**Free attendance! No Registration required. Just Walk In!*

17:40 Cocktail Function Sponsored by African Gold Ltd

Exhibition Area, Pan Pacific Perth

**Free attendance to ADU delegates. Just Walk In!*

18:45 – 22:00 Africa Down Under Ministerial Dinner

State Reception Centre, Kings Park, West Perth

**Strictly by invitation only. Sponsored by Perseus Mining.*

THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

07:15 – 08:45 Africa Down Under | Africa Geopolitical Update Breakfast , sponsored by Control Risks

Silver Room, Novotel Perth Langley

**RSVP required.*

09:00 – 11:30 Join Us for the Zimbabwe Mining Investment Breakfast Forum

Ballroom South, Novotel Perth Langley

**RSVP required.*

13:00 – 14.30 South Africa Investment Luncheon

Meeting on 5 , Level 5, Pan Pacific Perth

**Free attendance! No Registration Needed. Just Walk In!*

13:00 – 15:00 MAKE IT KENYA | Investing in the Mining Sector Luncheon

Ballroom South, Novotel Perth Langley

**RSVP required.*

13:00 – 15:00 Egyptian Investment Seminar | Luncheon

Silver Room, Novotel Perth Langley

**Free attendance! No Registration Needed. Just Walk In!*

14:00 – 15:30 Reimagining Africa – Australia Mining Partnerships | From Policy Stability to Shared Prosperity organised by African Mining Professionals Association of Australia (AMPAA)

Boardroom, Pan Pacific Perth

**Free attendance to ADU delegates.*

16:00 Africa Down Under Football Cup

Wellington Square, Perth

**All welcome.*

18:00 AAMEG Africa Awards Ceremony

Plenary, Pan Pacific Perth

**Free attendance to ADU delegates. Just Walk In!*

AAMEG Awards Cocktail Function

Exhibition Area, Pan Pacific Perth. Sponsored by CrossBoundary Energy

**Free attendance to ADU delegates. Just Walk In!*

FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

09:00 – 11:30 Join Us for the Zimbabwe Energy Investment Breakfast Forum

Ballroom, Novotel Perth Langley

**RSVP required.*

08:30 – 10:00 Gallagher Geopolitical Panel Breakfast Discussion, From Risk to Reward: Protecting African Projects in a Turbulent World

Silver Room, Novotel Perth Langley

**By invitation only.*

10:00 The official launch ceremony of the AUS-DRC CBID

Boardroom, Pan Pacific Perth

**Free attendance to ADU delegates.*

12:30 – 14:30 Invest in Côte d'Ivoire: A Land of Opportunities in the Mining and Energy Sector (Luncheon)

Silver Room, Novotel Perth Langley

**Free attendance to ADU delegates. Just Walk In!*

16:00 – 17:30 Australia-Africa Diaspora Investment Forum Boardroom, Pan Pacific Perth

**Free attendance to ADU delegates.*

14:20 – 18:00 Networking Drinks

Mas Vino, Pan Pacific Perth

**Free attendance to ADU delegates.*

18:00 – 23:00 WA African Community Awards Gala 2025

**Booking Required.*

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