



DRC MINING WEEK

EXPO & CONFERENCE

16 JUNE 2026: ENERGY INVESTMENT FORUM & SITE VISIT

17-19 JUNE 2026: CONFERENCE, FORUMS, TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS & EXHIBITION

PULLMAN LUBUMBASHI GRAND KARAVIA HOTEL, DRC



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

THE MEETING PLACE
FOR MINING
STAKEHOLDERS DOING
BUSINESS IN THE DRC
AND THE COPPERBELT

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DAY 1
17 JUNE

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND OPENING CEREMONY



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CHAIR	VENUE	MAIN PLENARY - MARQUEE 1
WELCOME ADDRESS:		
From the organisers <i>Samukelo Madlabane, Event Director, VUKA Group, South Africa</i>		
From the Chamber of Mines: <i>Bin Nassor Kasongo, Senior Advisor for Special Affairs, TFM/ President, Chamber of Mines, DRC*</i>		
From the host province: Haut-Katanga <i>H.E. Martin Kazembe Shula, Governor of Haut-Katanga Province, DRC*</i>		

OPENING REMARKS:
From the session sponsor <i>Marie-Gabrielle, Managing Director, Standard Bank, DRC</i>
FEC and the mining industry: <i>Robert Malumba Kalombo, President, FEC National, DRC*</i>

KEYNOTE AND MINISTERIAL ADDRESS:
Keynote address 1:
Keynote address 2:
Keynote address 3:
Ministerial address and opening of the 2026 edition <i>Hon. Louis Watum Kabamba, Minister of Mines, DRC*</i>
VIP tour of the exhibition
Welcome cocktail*

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DAY 2
18 JUNE
MORNING ACTIVITIES

TRACK 1 FOCUS ON THE DRC AND THE REGION			
Regional focus	1- PROJECT LINE-UP AN OVERVIEW AND UPDATE OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRY AND THE REGION		
CHAIR		VENUE	MAIN PLENARY - MARQUEE 1
Presentation 1:			
Presentation 2:			
Presentation 3:			
Next session			
2- 120 YEARS OF GECAMINES: OVERVIEW			
CHAIR		VENUE	MAIN PLENARY - MARQUEE 1
Interview:			
Next session			
Local and international focus	3- EXPERTS THINK-TANK ADDRESSING THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: FACING REAL ISSUES PREVENTING MINING SECTOR DEVELOPMENT		
<i>Despite its uncountable natural resources and untapped potential, DRC faces persistent challenges ranging from governance gaps, corruption, infrastructure deficits, geopolitical limitation and social unrest hindering the country's development. In this session, experts will identify the real issues, confront realities and propose effective approaches to these issues for an inclusive growth of the sector.</i>			
CHAIR		VENUE	MAIN PLENARY - MARQUEE 1
Panel discussion:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where is the big elephant in the mining sector in the DRC? • How can governance and transparency in natural resource management in the DRC be strengthened to effectively fight corruption and improve the sector's impact on national development? • How to respond to generational infrastructure deficits, growing geopolitical constraints, and persistent social tensions that influence the country's development? • Preventing the growth of the elephant for a better life: what concrete measures could be put in place to transform the DRC from a player to a global hub for critical minerals, while ensuring tangible benefits for local communities? 			
Q&A session			

12:00 - 14:00
 Networking lunch open to:
 VIPs
 Delegates
 Sponsor delegates
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Lunch areas:
 VIP Paillot
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TRACK 2 THE VISION FOR THE MINING SECTOR IN THE DRC AND THE COPPERBELT		
CHAIR	VENUE	MAIN PLENARY - MARQUEE 1
1- FIRE CHAT ONE-ON-ONE DISCUSSION WITH THE MINISTER OF MINES RETHINKING THE DRC MINING MODEL		
Local focus	2- SUPPLY CHAIN TRACEABILITY: LEVERAGE RESPONSIBLE SOURCING FOR CRITICAL MINERALS INVESTMENT IN THE AFRICAN COPPERBELT	
<p><i>The growing demand for minerals for the energy transition and strategic technologies can contribute to sustainable development in the Copperbelt. Efforts to address energy and infrastructure bottlenecks in the region are picking up. Advances in value addition have only been incremental though, and greater investment from more diverse sources is needed to meet the ambitions of DRC and Zambia policymakers. This session will look at avenues for leveraging OECD due diligence standards—already part of regional commitments on minerals transparency to stimulate investment. It will explore several dimensions of the standards-investment nexus, spanning their role as a shared language for risk management, stabilising projects by maintaining social license to operate, making use of traders’ leverage to address adverse impacts and accessing blended finance and new markets.</i></p>		
CHAIR	VENUE	MAIN PLENARY - MARQUEE 1
Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we leverage the influence of traders, blended finance mechanisms, and access to new markets to overcome energy and infrastructure bottlenecks and accelerate local value creation? • How can OECD due diligence standards serve as a concrete lever to attract greater and more diversified investment in the Copperbelt, the DRC, and Zambia? • Adoption of common standards: Can this contribute to risk management, maintaining the social acceptability of projects, and stabilizing investment in the context of energy transition? • Introducing the AXIS (Asset-eXchange-Impact-Sovereign) National Program and the GoldConnect Initiative: a new mechanism to structure gold supply chains, guarantee transparency and traceability of flows in the DRC 		
Q&A session		
Refreshment & networking break		
Local and international focus	3 -TBC	
<p><i>As the global demand for critical minerals increases, there is a growing importance for the incorporation of responsible sourcing practices throughout the mining supply chain. As one of the leading producers of critical minerals essential for the energy transition, the DRC can facilitate the sustainable and credible transformation of its national mining sector by aligning to global assurance frameworks such as the Copper Mark. These frameworks offer the opportunity to strengthen cooperation between the government, mining companies and financial institutions to make the DRC a mining model for Africa.</i></p>		
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Panel discussion:		
Q&A session		
END OF DAY 2		
Networking cocktail offered by		

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TRACK 3
INFRASTRUCTURE DEFICIT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Local focus	1 - MINERALS EXPLORATION: FROM GEOLOGICAL UNCERTAINTY TO STRATEGIC PLANNING	
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The DRC mining sector offers major operations the opportunity to develop key mining projects. However, over the years, the risk of potential reserve depletion has increased. It is therefore essential for the DRC to prioritize the study and exploration of new mineral deposits. This session will map out areas of potential mineral deposits for new exploration, adapted technologies to support the research and exploration and long-term strategies needed to attract junior mining and capital for exploration and investment.

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Panel discussion:

- Strengthening the national exploration strategy in order to anticipate the potential depletion of reserves and ensure the long-term sustainability of the mining sector?
- Exploring the “Airborne and Geological Geophysical Mapping Project: the new hope to modernise national geological mapping and improve the governance of geoscientific data
- What incentives and partnership approaches are being proposed to attract junior mining companies in order to raise capital for new exploration and investment?

Q&A session

Local focus	2 - POWER TO MINES THE ENERGY MYTH BETWEEN MINING COMPANIES, THE NATIONAL UTILITIES AND POWER PROJECTS INVESTORS	
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According to a 2023 report by the World Bank, the SE4ALL global monitoring framework, the International Energy Agency and the Energy Sector Management Assistance Program (ESMAP) the DRC has an electrification rate of 22.1%, placing it among the lowest rates in sub-Saharan Africa. With mining operations suffering from an appalling lack of consistent power supply from the national utility (SNE), mining companies are increasingly finding alternative solutions by developing their own power plants to avoid reliance on the national grid. In this session, experts in mining operations, investors in power projects and government representatives will address the energy deficit, the lack of collaboration power to mines and the lack of financial support on power projects for local investors.

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Welcome address:

Panel discussion:

- Rethinking the model of collaboration between mining operators and Independent Power Producers
- Addressing the myth in the national utility company and electricity shortage: how to come out of blackout?
- What financing mechanisms, regulatory frameworks, and public-private partnerships are needed to support local energy investments and reduce mining companies' dependence on isolated solutions?

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TRACK 4 BEST PRACTICES, CAPACITY BUILDING AND GLOBAL POSITIONING		
Local focus	1 - YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS PROGRAMME (YEP): INTEGRATION OF THE NEW GENERATION IN THE MINING SECTOR FOCUS: YOUTH EMPLOYMENT	
<p><i>YEP is DRC Mining Week's new initiative to empower and encourage young entrepreneurs and students who are interested in the mining ecosystem to become more involved in mining conversations and to be the game changers of tomorrow. In this session, young talents will share their opinions on the system of integrating young entrepreneurs into the mining environment and the role that universities should play in collaborating with mining companies.</i></p>		
CHAIR	VENUE	MAIN PLENARY - MARQUEE 1
Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding the recruitment system in the mining sector: what is the process? What professional integration policy does the government have in place for young people interested in the mining sector? Skills shortage in the mining sector: strengthening apprenticeship programs through a skills development initiative for school leavers and students to be work -ready. How can training centers, private initiatives, mining companies, and the government work together to ensure the sustainable integration of young people into mining professions and secure employment? Is it in the interest of banks and financial institutions to finance young people interested in the mining sector? 		
Q&A session		
International focus	2 - BEST PRACTICE EXTERNAL PERSPECTIVE FOR BETTER DEVELOPMENT LEARNING FROM COUNTRIES THAT ARE INDUSTRY LEADERS	
<p><i>Known for its vast reserves of cobalt, copper, diamonds, gold, tin and its untapped lithium reserves, the DRC is still facing challenges related to governance, security, infrastructure and ESG compliance. Aspiring to be a world hub for critical minerals, the DRC could draw inspiration from leading mining nations such as Botswana, Chile, Indonesia and Canada, particularly in transforming its mineral resources into sustainable development, economic diversification beyond raw materials and governance.</i></p>		
CHAIR	VENUE	MAIN PLENARY - MARQUEE 1
Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can the DRC move beyond the traditional extractive model to become a true global hub for critical minerals, while promoting economic diversification and local value creation? What concrete lessons can the DRC learn to improve its governance, strengthen ESG compliance, and transform its critical minerals into levers for sustainable development? 		
Q&A session		
Local focus	3 - FIRE CHAT ONE-ON-ONE DISCUSSION WITH THE MINISTER OF FINANCE	
CHAIR	VENUE	MAIN PLENARY - MARQUEE 1
TAXATION AT THE HEART OF THE MINING SECTOR		





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Local and international focus	4- THE PARADIGM SHIFT GEOPOLITICS & STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS		
<i>Governance challenges, geopolitical considerations and national security issues pose considerable obstacles to managing critical raw mineral supply chains and are a stumbling block for some potential investors and private companies. This session will examine how geopolitical interests and evolving global partnerships influence critical mineral value chains in the DRC and explore innovative partnership-driven mechanisms to mitigate risk and strengthen resilience.</i>			
CHAIR	VENUE	MAIN PLENARY - MARQUEE 1	
<p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the DRC positioning itself in this race among giants for its critical minerals? • What are the DRC strategic priorities and strategic objectives to ensure sustainable growth of its critical minerals? • How can we ensure that the interests of strategic partners are aligned with those of the country and serve the interests of the Congolese nation? • Critical or strategic minerals which of those will the DRC benefit from? • How is the DRC positioning itself in relation to the appetite of countries such as Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, and the United Arab Emirates for critical minerals? • How does the appetite of new partners differ from that of existing partners, and who defines the roadmap? 			
Q&A session			
CLOSING CEREMONY			
QUICK SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM DRC MINING WEEK 2026			

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