



**DRC MINING
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INDUSTRY + DAY 1

17 JUNE 26

MORNING ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY 1:	
INTEGRATING EFFECTIVE ESG REGULATIONS	
Local and regional focus	<p>FOCUS: ARTISANAL MINING: ADDRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS AND FORMALISATION</p> 
Venue	Bukavu room
<p><i>For decades, artisanal mining has always been at the centre of all conversations in the DRC mining sector. This activity poses serious environmental risks and puts artisanal miners in constant danger. These impacts are the result of unregulated practices by illegal miners. This session will address the environmental challenges around the mines, explore community and government involvement in finding solutions for formalisation, and realistic regulation approaches that integrate miners into transparent supply chains.</i></p>	
<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the real contribution of artisanal mining to the DRC's economy today? • Why does ASM continue to operate mainly informally despite efforts to formalise it? Where is the obstacle? • Is formalisation enough to reduce environmental damage and human losses? What is missing? • Will the DRC ever comply with international ESG standards, given the current risks associated with ASM? • How can simplified environmental management plans (SEMPs) be integrated in a way that is tailored to the realities of ASM in the DRC? • Best practices: What alternative solutions and integration initiatives can economic operators and the government put in place to gradually reduce the number of illegal miners? What has already been done? 	
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ACTIVITY 2: WOMEN - MINES & LEADERSHIP FORUM	
Local focus	<p>FOCUS: FINANCING WOMEN IN MINING: UNLOCKING ACCESS TO CAPITAL AND MICROFINANCES</p> <p>THE MEETING PLACE FOR WOMEN IN THE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY IN AFRICA</p> <p>[By invitation only]</p> 
Venue	TBC
<p><i>Women play a vital role in Africa’s mining industry but continue to face barriers in accessing finance. This forum will explore eligibility criteria with financial institutions to improve funding opportunities for women in the extractive industry in the DRC and in the region.</i></p> <p><i>The discussion will focus on inclusive financial mechanisms and government regulations that support these women to promote their economic empowerment, sustainable growth, and financial independence.</i></p>	

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INDUSTRY + DAY 2
18 JUNE
MORNING ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY 3: VALUE CHAIN INVESTMENT FORUM STIMULATING PROFITABLE INVESTMENT IN THE DRC	
<p><i>Given the DRC's ambition and determination to transition from being a mere player to a global hub for critical minerals, the country needs to forge win-win partnerships in key strategic areas while encouraging investment.</i></p> <p><i>The forum will explore key incentives put in place to encourage local and foreign investors, examine win-win partnerships that are beneficial to all parties, and discuss the country's business climate in the current geopolitical context.</i></p>	
Local and international focus	FOCUS 1: PROMOTING WIN-WIN PARTNERSHIPS TO STRENGTHEN THE MINING VALUE CHAIN IN THE DRC 
Venue	Bukavu Room
Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we define a win-win partnership in the DRC? • Is the DRC currently competitive at regional level in terms of attracting downstream investment? • What concrete strategies should be implemented to enable the DRC to derive greater benefit from the added value downstream in the value chain (processing, refining, battery manufacturing and distribution) and transform its mineral wealth into genuine economic sovereignty? • • What are the main obstacles perceived by international investors (taxation, energy, legal certainty, governance)? • How do responsible sourcing initiatives influence investment decisions in the DRC? • If the DRC aims to become a regional hub for critical minerals, how can it adjust its fiscal framework and strengthen investment protection to remain competitive with its neighbours? • What measures are planned to ensure transparency and fairness in public-private partnerships? 	
Next Focus	
Local focus	FOCUS 2: BUSINESS CLIMATE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (Hosted by ANAPI) 
Venue	Bukavu Room
Move to the main plenary	





AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY 4:

CEO ROUNDTABLE

The Executive Business Forum

A table where CEOs of mining companies and government officials sit to address pressing issues affecting the sector.

FOCUS: MINING & SECURITY



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Venue TBC

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INDUSTRY + DAY 3

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MORNING ACTIVITIES

<p style="text-align: center;">ACTIVITY 5: REGIONAL INTEGRATION FORUM (COLLABORATION–INFRASTRUCTURE–INDUSTRIALISATION)</p>	
Regional focus	<p style="text-align: center;">EMPOWERING REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT: TRANSFORMING AND UNLOCKING ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGH PPPs IN THE DRC AND THE REGION?</p>
Venue	Bukavu Room
<p><i>The Democratic Republic of Congo and its neighbours have recognised the potential of their natural resources and the attention they attract from powerful lobbies. The global demand for critical minerals places the DRC in a strategic position for great development projects.</i></p> <p><i>However, faced with numerous challenges, the country is also aware that cross-border economic integration and infrastructure development are essential to boost trade, fostering prosperity and unlocking economic growth in the DRC and the region.</i></p> <p><i>The forum will examine the region’s potential, discuss industrialisation priorities, and infrastructure opportunities through PPPs for roads, railways, ports, and airport upgrades. While questioning the DRC’s position in relation to the efforts made by other countries.</i></p>	
<p>Group 1: Infrastructure development through PPPs for roads, railways, ports and airport upgrades.</p> <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All eyes on the Lobito corridor Project: Is the DRC ready to play its part? • Plan: What action plan and activities does the DRC plan to implement along the corridor? • What role do banks and financial institutions play in financing projects such as corridors, road infrastructure, railways, and dry ports, which are necessary for the region’s development? • How are SADC countries preparing to manage corridor projects and develop win-win partnerships in areas such as digitisation and new technologies, capacity building, waste management, and transportation? • Best practice: What lessons can be learned from examples of successful PPPs, in areas such as: One-stop-border post? 	

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- **Harmonised policies:** what prevents regional countries from creating a common policy on transportation, customs procedures and regulation to strengthen cross-border partnership, and improve regional integration and development?

Group 2: Prioritising industrialisation in the DRC through local processing

Panel Discussion:

- **Strategic focus:** Which sector of the mining industry is likely to stimulate industrialisation and reduce dependence on informal artisanal mining in the DRC?
- Can the special economic zone model alone accelerate industrialisation?
- Is industrialisation possible without fundamental reform of the energy sector?
- Is local transformation economically viable without major tax incentives?
- What model of industrialisation would be suitable for the DRC, and how can it learn from successful countries with large populations?
- If the DRC's critical minerals are so attractive to the whole world, when will there be a reform of the code on industrialisation and local transformation?
- What mechanisms should be put in place to identify small informal businesses, group them by sector of activity, and formalise them as a starting point?

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MIDDAY ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY 6:

**THE AMBASSADOR'S FORUM
NETWORKING BUSINESS LUNCH**

Reinforcing regional collaboration

by

promoting business opportunities and investments in DRC



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Venue

Bukavu room

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