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## Future of Energy Conference 2024

Harnessing Africa's Resource Wealth: Fueling  
Innovation for Equitable Energy Access

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**2024**



# Welcome Note from Conveners



We welcome you to the 2024 Future of Energy Conference (FEC).

Despite significant strides in energy development across Africa, the challenge of energy access remains one of the continent's most pressing issues. Over 600 million people still lack reliable access to energy, leaving many communities in a state of energy poverty. Addressing this challenge requires accelerating energy deployment and embracing cleaner and more sustainable energy solutions for all.

To tackle these challenges, it is crucial to bring together all relevant stakeholders to review national policies and collaboratively chart a sustainable path forward. Our commitment to narrowing the energy access gap must align with the global push toward energy transition while prioritizing equitable and sustainable solutions for the African continent. How do we achieve this most optimally and sustainably? This is the central question the Future of Energy Conference seeks to address.

By convening relevant stakeholders to explore policy options, we hope to encourage African governments and policymakers to harness the continent's vast resource wealth to fuel innovation and advance equitable energy access. This conference aspires to stimulate informed decision-making and foster collaboration that drives sustainable development. We are confident these exchanges will galvanize and enhance action towards a greener and more equitable Africa.

We are profoundly grateful to our key partner, Enzi Ijaye Africa Initiative, for their invaluable collaboration. We also extend our sincere appreciation to the many institutions hosting sessions on the sidelines of the conference, whose contributions enrich the discourse and broaden the impact of this event. Our heartfelt thanks to the Ford Foundation, Oxfam, Global Witness, and the Natural Resource Governance Institute for their generous support in making this significant conference possible.

Finally, we warmly thank our distinguished guests and participants, both those attending in person and those joining us virtually from around the world. Your participation is invaluable as we collaborate to shape Africa's energy future.



# The Future of Energy Conference

The Future of Energy Conference (FEC) takes the place of the annual Africa Oil Governance Summit (AOGS) as the flagship program of the Africa Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP). This change aligns with a broader focus on energy sector governance, extending beyond the previous emphasis solely on oil and gas governance. Consequently, FEC is dedicated to critically exploring the energy transition within the African context.

Given the global urgency of the energy transition and abundant natural resources in Africa, there is a compelling need for continent-wide discussions. Through expert deliberations and collaborations, the goal is to leverage this transition's potential to shape a sustainable, innovative, and resilient future for Africa. Additionally, the conference aims to secure commitments from African leaders to promote optimal utilization of the continent's energy resources, thus driving economic prosperity, enhancing energy security, and championing climate action.

The main objective of the Future of Energy Conference is to examine Africa's energy needs and the range of resources and technologies that can sustainably reduce energy poverty and advance industrial growth. The Conference presents a timely platform for stakeholders to converge, dialogue, and chart a course towards an inclusive and sustainable energy future for Africa. By fostering collaboration, innovation, and knowledge exchange, the Conference aims to catalyze actionable solutions and forge cross-border partnerships that propel Africa towards the future we want.

FEC 2024 is structured around three broad categories: plenary sessions, side events, and exhibitions over three days. The plenary sessions are interspersed with keynote speeches, paper presentations, expert submissions, and panel sessions on issues focused on the theme. Further, there are concurrent side events after the opening plenary by partners and other like-minded institutions across various sectors, including governments, the private sector, academia, CSOs, multilateral institutions, etc. Topical discussions at these events would stem from the varying sub-themes of the Conference that contribute to achieving the overall objective. Each day will be crowned with the innovation challenge, where contestants pitch their innovative energy solutions. The winner(s) will be announced at the Conference's closing ceremony on Day 3. The Conference also provides a platform for the exhibitions of innovative energy solutions and products from startups, small and medium-scale businesses, academia, and other Corporations across the value chain.



# Program Outline - Day 1

Monday, 26th August, 2024 (Adesa Pavilion & Omanyen Hall)

| TIME              | ACTIVITY   |
|-------------------|--|
| 8:00am - 9:00am   | <b>Arrival &amp; Registration</b>  |
| 9:15am - 9:25am   | <b>Welcome Address &amp; Opening:</b> Mr. Benjamin Boakye (Executive Director, Africa Centre for Energy Policy)  |
| 9:25am - 9:35am   | <b>Address by Guest Speaker:</b> Hon. Herbert Krapa (Minister of State at the Ministry of Energy, Ghana)   |
| 9:35am - 09:50am  | <b>Keynote Address:</b> H.E. Mohamed Nasheed (Secretary General, Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) & Vulnerable Twenty Group (V20); Former President, Maldives)   |
| 9:50am - 10:00am  | <b>Musical Interlude</b>   |
| 10:00am - 10:20am | <b>THEMATIC DISCUSSION</b><br><b>Topic:</b> Innovation, Research and Development in Africa's Energy Systems  |
| 10:30am - 12:00pm | <b>Paper Presentation:</b> Mr. Yaw Appiah Lartey (Partner & Africa Leader for Infrastructure & Capital Projects (I&CP) and Economic Advisory in Deloitte Africa)<br><b>Panel discussion</b><br><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Valerie Labi (Co-Founder & CEO, Wahu Mobility)<br><b>Discussants</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Prof. Francis Kemausuor (Dean, Faculty of Mechanical &amp; Chemical Engineering, KNUST)</li><li>2. Dr. David Ofori-Dorte (Senior Partner, AB &amp; David Africa)</li><li>3. Dr. Riverson Oppong (CEO, Association of Oil Marketing Companies, Ghana)</li><li>4. Hon. Phiona Nyamuturo (Minister of State, Ministry of Energy &amp; Mineral Development, Uganda)</li><li>5. Mr. Kabayo Muhau (Co-Founder &amp; President, Zambian Electric Mobility Innovation Alliance)</li></ol> <b>Q &amp; A Session and Moderator's summary of deliberations</b> |
| 12:00pm - 12:45pm | <b>Coffee/Health Break and Visit to Exhibition Booths</b>  |
| 12:50pm - 2:20pm  | <b>Side Events</b>   |
| 2:30pm - 3:30pm   | <b>Innovation Challenge</b>  |
| 3:30pm - 3:45pm   | <b>Recap, Closing, and Lunch</b>   |

# Side Events - Day 1

Monday, 26th August, 2024 (Omanye Hall)

| TIME             | EVENT DETAILS  |
|------------------|--|
| 12:50pm – 2:20pm | <p><b>Accelerating Sustainable Mobility: The Future of Electric 2 and 3 - Wheelers in West Africa</b><br/><b>Host:</b> The Electricity Hub<br/><b>Venue:</b> Omanye Hall 1</p> <p><b>Bridging the Gap: Integrating Youth, Women, and Persons with Disabilities into the Net-Zero Energy Workforce</b><br/><b>Host:</b> Strategic Youth Network for Development (SYND)<br/><b>Venue:</b> Omanye Hall 2</p> <p><b>Regional collaboration for emissions management in Sub-Saharan Africa: towards effective management of methane and short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs) in the energy sector</b><br/><b>Host:</b> Stakeholder Democracy Network (SDN)<br/><b>Venue:</b> Omanye Hall 3</p> <p><b>Green Electrification for Rural and Underserved Communities in Africa: The Role of Smart Biogas Technology (SBT)</b><br/><b>Host:</b> Go Green Smart Biogas Technology (SBT) Project<br/><b>Venue:</b> Omanye Hall 4</p> |

# Program Outline - Day 2

Tuesday, 27th August, 2024 (Adesa Pavilion & Omanyee Hall)

| TIME              | ACTIVITY  |
|-------------------|---|
| 8:00am - 9:00am   | <b>Arrival &amp; Registration</b>   |
| 9:00am - 9:05am   | <b>Welcome Address &amp; Recap of Day 1:</b> Mr. Charles Wanguhu (Director, Enzi Ijaye Africa Initiative)   |
| 9:05am - 9:15am   | <b>Address by Guest Speaker:</b> Hon. Dr. Mohammed Amin Adam (Minister for Finance, Ghana)  |
| 9:15am - 9:25am   | <b>Address by Guest Speaker:</b> Dr. Ifeoma Charles-Monwuba (Director/Representative, UNOPS Ghana Multi-Country Office - Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone)  |
|                   | <b>THEMATIC DISCUSSION</b><br><b>Topic:</b> Climate Finance, Infrastructure Development, and Investment   |
| 9:25am - 9:45am   | <b>Paper Presentation:</b> Mr. Paul Ocran (Ghana Country Coordinator, Africa Carbon Markets Initiative, Sustainable Energy for All)   |
|                   | <b>Panel discussion</b><br><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Cheryl Otoo (Senior Manager, Deloitte Financial Advisory)  |
| 9:45am - 11:25am  | <b>Discussants</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Dr. Ifeoma Charles-Monwuba (Director/Representative, UNOPS Ghana Multi-Country Office - Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone)</li><li>2. Dr. Olufunso Somorin (Regional Principal Officer, African Development Bank)</li><li>3. Ms. Nafi Chinery (Africa Director, Natural Resource Governance Institute)</li><li>4. Ms. Rachael O. A. Antwi (Group Head, Sustainability, Environmental &amp; Social Risk, Ecobank Transnational Incorporation)</li><li>5. Ms. Juliana Bempah (Principal Programme Officer, Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana)</li></ol> <b>Q &amp; A Session and Moderator's summary of deliberations</b> |
| 11:25am - 11:50am | <b>Coffee/Health Break and Visit to Exhibition Booths</b>   |
| 11:50am - 3:00pm  | <b>Side Events</b>  |
| 3:05pm - 4:05pm   | <b>Innovation Challenge</b>   |
| 4:05pm - 4:15pm   | <b>Recap and Closing:</b> Ms. Ikal Ang'elei (Director, Friends of Lake Turkana; Board Chair, Africa Centre for Energy Policy)   |

# Side Events - Day 2

Tuesday, 27th August, 2024 (Omany Hall)

| TIME             | EVENT DETAILS  |
|------------------|--|
| 11:50am – 1:20pm | <p><b>Innovating the Future: Zambia's Energy Transition and E-Mobility Revolution</b><br/>Host: Zambian Electric Mobility Innovation Alliance (ZEMIA)<br/>Venue: Omany Hall 1</p> <p><b>Modernizing Legal Frameworks and Revenue Management for a Sustainable Energy Future in Ghana</b><br/>Host: Africa Entrepreneurship Dialogue (AfED)<br/>Venue: Omany Hall 2</p> <p><b>Corruption; a Major Hindrance to Africa's Transition to Sustainable Energy</b><br/>Host: HEDA Resource Centre<br/>Venue: Omany Hall 3</p> <p><b>Key Strategies for Methane Reduction in Ghana</b><br/>Host: Environmental Protection Agency Ghana<br/>Venue: Omany Hall 4</p> <p><b>Green Digital Transformation: How Digital Innovation Drives Green Transition for a Sustainable Future</b><br/>Host: Africa Center for Digital Transformation (ACDT)<br/>Venue: Virtual Platform (Google Meet)</p> |
| 1:30pm – 3:00pm  | <p><b>Localizing Clean Cooking Solutions: Harnessing Ethanol for Affordable and Sustainable Energy Access</b><br/>Hosts: ACEP, Ghana Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, SDG Advisory Unit<br/>Venue: Omany Hall 1</p> <p><b>Industrial policy priorities for Ghana in a context of energy transition and industrial decarbonisation</b><br/>Hosts: King's College London, University of Aberdeen, The British Academy<br/>Venue: Omany Hall 2</p> <p><b>Promoting Inclusive Energy Transition in West Africa: Ensuring Equity for Oil-Rich Communities</b><br/>Host: Spaces for Change (S4C)<br/>Venue: Omany Hall 3</p> <p><b>Future of Oil and Gas in facilitating access to affordable and reliable energy for Africa</b><br/>Host: SPE Ghana Section<br/>Venue: Omany Hall 4</p>   |



# Program Outline - Day 3

Wednesday, 28th August, 2024 (Omany Hall)

| TIME              | ACTIVITY  |
|-------------------|---|
| 8:00am- 9:00am    | <b>Arrival &amp; Registration</b>   |
| 9:00am – 9:10am   | <b>Welcome Address &amp; Recap of Day 2:</b> Dr. Charles Gyamfi Ofori (Policy Lead, Climate Change and Energy Transition, ACEP)   |
| 9:10am – 9:20am   | <b>Address by Guest Speaker:</b> Mr. Sulemanu Koney (CEO, Ghana Chamber of Mines)   |
| 9:20am – 9:30am   | <b>Address by Guest Speaker:</b> Hon. Phiona Nyamutoro (Minister of State, Ministry of Energy & Mineral Development, Uganda)  |
| 9:30am - 9:40am   | <b>Address by Guest Speaker:</b> Dr. Marit Kitaw (Interim Director, African Minerals Development Center)  |
| 9:40am– 11:40am   | <b>THEMATIC DISCUSSION</b><br><b>Topic:</b> From Minerals to Clean Energy; Building an Integrated Regional Value Chain of Energy Transition Technologies<br><br><b>Paper Presentation:</b> Mr. Ian Gary (Executive Director, Financial Accountability & Corporate Transparency Coalition)<br><br><b>Panel discussion</b><br><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Nelly Busingye (Partnership and Institutional Learning Manager, Tax Justice Network Africa)<br><br><b>Discussants</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Dr. Marit Kitaw (Interim Director, African Minerals Development Center)</li><li>2. Dr. Oliver Maponga (Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa)</li><li>3. Dr. David Ofosu-Dorte (Senior Partner, AB &amp; David Africa)</li><li>4. Ms. Providence Mavubi (Director of Industry &amp; Agriculture, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa)</li><li>5. Mr. Titus Gwemende (Division Director, Opportunity &amp; Equity, Open Society Foundations)</li></ol><br><b>Q &amp; A Session and Moderator's summary of deliberations</b> |
| 11:40am – 12:00pm | <b>Coffee/Health Break and Visit to Exhibition Booths</b>   |
| 12:00pm – 1:30pm  | <b>Side Events</b>  |

# Program Outline - Day 3

Wednesday, 28th August, 2024 (Omany Hall)

| TIME            | ACTIVITY   |
|-----------------|--|
| 1:30pm - 3:00pm | <p><b>THEMATIC DISCUSSION</b></p> <p><b>Topic:</b> Driving Sustainable and Equitable Energy: Enhancing Funding Strategies for Effective Advocacy and Impact</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Benjamin Boakye (Executive Director, Africa Centre for Energy Policy)</p> <p><b>Discussants</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms. Sandra Kidwingira (Africa Economic Justice Programme Manager, Diakonia Africa)</li><li>Mr. Titus Gwemende (Division Director, Opportunity &amp; Equity, Open Society Foundations)</li><li>Ms. Rita Effah (Senior Climate Finance Officer, African Development Bank)</li><li>Mr. Mohamed Sultan (Regional Lead, Africa, Global Methane Hub)</li></ol> <p><b>Q &amp; A Session and Moderator's summary of deliberations</b></p> |
| 3:00pm – 3:30pm | <b>Innovation Challenge Finals</b>   |
| 3:30pm – 4:00pm | <b>Conference Communique, Closing Remarks, and Lunch</b>   |

# Side Events - Day 3

Wednesday, 28th August, 2024 (Omanye Hall and Labadi Suite)

| TIME             | EVENT DETAILS  |
|------------------|--|
| 12:00pm – 1:30pm | <p><b>Optimising Revenue Mobilisation from Africa's Quarry Sub-Sector: Lessons from Ghana</b><br/><b>Host:</b> Oxfam NORAD &amp; ACEP<br/><b>Venue:</b> Omanye Hall 1&amp;2</p> <p><b>African Lithium strategies - an ETH-NADEL and NRCI alumni event</b><br/><b>Host:</b> ETH-NADEL<br/><b>Venue:</b> Omanye Hall 3</p> <p><b>Unlocking Africa's Wealth; The Path to Mineral Value Addition and Beneficiation</b><br/><b>Host:</b> Global Witness<br/><b>Venue:</b> Omanye Hall 4</p> <p><b>Promoting Women Participation in Africa's Extractive Value Chain</b><br/><b>Host:</b> ACEP &amp; Women in Mining Ghana<br/><b>Venue:</b> Labadi Suite</p> |

# Conveners



## **Benjamin Boakye**

Executive Director, Africa Centre for Energy Policy

Benjamin Boakye is an Energy Governance Professional and the Executive Director of the Africa Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP). In this role, he provides strategic oversight for delivering ACEP's vision of an Africa where energy and extractive resources are utilized for economic transformation and sustainable, inclusive development. Prior to becoming the Executive Director, he served as the Deputy Executive Director, Programmes Director, and Operations Director, managing the Research Unit and the Programmes Unit.

Over the last decade, Ben has contributed to the extractive sector governance in Ghana and Africa, with much focus on corporate governance, institutional development, fiscal governance, contract governance, local content development and the evolution of legal frameworks for the effective management of extractive resources. He has written extensively on these areas in the petroleum, mining, and power sectors. He has recently contributed a book chapter on "Utilizing Ghana's Gas Resources: Implications for Industrial Development and Inclusive Growth" to a Palgrave MacMillan book titled "Petroleum Resource Management in Africa: Lessons from Ghana." He has also consulted for the World Bank Group, UNDP, and many research institutions in the resource sector.

He has spoken at various international conferences on the extractive sector, particularly on extractive revenue management and fiscal governance. In addition, he works with host communities, analyzing the communities' issues relative to the development of extractives projects and revenue redistribution.

Ben holds an MSc. from the University of Dundee, UK, in Energy Studies and a BA (Hons.) in Sociology with Information Studies from the University of Ghana.

## **Charles Wanguhu**

Director, Enzi Ijayo Africa Initiative

Charles Wanguhu is a Pan-Africanist with a focus on good governance and human rights. He is the founding director of the Enzi Ijayo-Africa Initiative, an initiative that focuses on Africa's future development in the context of a global climate crisis. Wanguhu brings to NRGi broad experience in the management of natural resources and in energy governance. Since 2016 he has been on the board of the Africa Centre for Open Governance, a think tank with a focus on the structural causes of corruption, where he was formerly head of programs (2008–13).



He is an analyst and has written widely on the political economy of oil exploration and production. He was previously the coordinator of the Kenya Civil Society Platform on Oil and Gas, which coordinates civil society to provide a collective voice on oil, gas and broader extractive issues. He also held the position of civil society gas lead at the African Climate Foundation in 2022. Other previous positions include the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, and the Danish Institute for Human Rights.

Wanguhu earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Bedfordshire and his master's in international and commercial dispute resolution at the University of Westminster. He is an alumnus of the Draper Hills Fellow Program at Stanford University's Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law.





## Keynote Speaker

# H.E. Mohamed Nasheed

Secretary General, Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) & Vulnerable Twenty Group (V20);  
Former President, Maldives

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H.E. Mohammed Nasheed is a distinguished statesman and a globally recognized environmental advocate. Currently serving as the Secretary General of the Climate Vulnerable Forum and V20 (CVFV20), he plays a pivotal role in representing and advancing the interests of nations most at risk from the impacts of climate change.

H.E. Nasheed's tenure as President of the Maldives (2008-2012) marked a transformative period in the country's political and environmental landscape. He was the first democratically elected president of the Maldives, bringing a strong emphasis on human rights, democracy, and environmental sustainability to the forefront of his administration. His leadership was instrumental in raising global awareness about the dire consequences of climate change, particularly for low-lying island nations.

A pioneering voice in climate action, Nasheed is celebrated for his innovative approaches to addressing climate change. His administration gained international acclaim for the underwater cabinet meeting held in 2009, highlighting the existential threat of rising sea levels to the Maldives. This symbolic act underscored his commitment to advocating for urgent and decisive global climate action.

In his role as Secretary General of the CVFV20, Nasheed continues to champion the cause of vulnerable nations, pushing for greater financial and technical support to bolster climate resilience. His advocacy extends to promoting sustainable development and renewable energy as critical pathways to achieving climate justice and economic stability for vulnerable communities.

H.E. Nasheed's contributions to the global climate movement have been recognized with numerous accolades, reflecting his unwavering dedication to environmental stewardship and his influential role in shaping international climate policies.



# Guest Speakers



## **Dr. Ifeoma Charles-Monwuba**

Director/Representative, UNOPS Ghana Multi-Country Office - Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone

Dr. Ifeoma Charles-Monwuba is a development specialist with over 29 years of experience in public health, development communication, social marketing and advertising. She has multi-disciplinary training in mass communication, international law, diplomacy, global health, and population studies.

Before joining the UN in 2018, Ifeoma spent nearly 10 years with ActionAid and held various roles in Nigeria, Haiti, and Senegal, where she was ActionAid's Country Director. Before that, she served as Head of Governance, Policy and Partnerships for WaterAid Nigeria (2005 -2009). Prior to WaterAid, Ifeoma worked for Nigeria's foremost public health NGO, the Society for Family Health (SFH) and for a leading Nigerian advertising agency in the private sector.

## **Hon. Dr. Mohammed Amin Adam**

Minister for Finance, Ghana

Hon. Dr. Mohammed Amin Adam, the Member of Parliament for the Karaga Constituency in the Republic of Ghana, was appointed Minister for Finance on February 14, 2023. His distinguished career spans various key positions, reflecting his deep finance, energy, and governance expertise.

Prior to his appointment as Finance Minister, Dr. Amin Adam served as Minister of State at the Ministry of Finance. He held the portfolio of Deputy Minister for

Energy, overseeing Ghana's petroleum sector from 2017 to 2023. He also served as Deputy Regional Minister for the Northern Region in 2005 and later as the Mayor of Tamale in 2006.

With a strong background in extractive industries and resource management, Hon. Mohammed Amin Adam has played pivotal roles in shaping Ghana's energy landscape. He founded and served as the Executive Director of the Africa Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP) and held positions such as Energy Policy Analyst at the Ministry of Energy and Commissioner of the Ghana Public Utilities Regulatory Commission. His extensive experience also includes serving as the Africa Coordinator of extractive industries at IBIS.

Dr. Amin Adam holds a PhD in Petroleum Economics from the University of Dundee, specializing in petroleum fiscal policy and resource governance. He earned his MPhil in Economics and B.A. (Hons) in Economics from the University of Cape Coast and a Master of Arts in Economic Policy Management from the University of Ghana-Legon. He attended the Northern School of Business from 1988 to 1991 and Tamale Secondary School from 1991 to 1993.

He is a fellow of the Institute of Certified Economists of Ghana (ICEG) and has undergone professional development training at esteemed institutions such as Columbia University, the University of Texas at Austin, and Harvard University.

Beyond his ministerial duties, Hon. Mohammed Amin Adam chairs several committees and initiatives in Ghana, including the National Energy Transition Committee, the Gold for Oil Initiative, and the New Producers Group, demonstrating his commitment to advancing Ghana's economic development agenda.





## **Dr. Marit Kitaw**

Interim Director, African Minerals Development Center (AMDC)

Dr. Marit Kitaw is the Interim Director of the African Minerals Development Center (AMDC), a specialized agency of the African Union dedicated to implementing the Africa Mining Vision (AMV). She has extensive experience as Chief Technical Advisor on Extractives Industries for Sustainable

Development at UNDP Mozambique, as an Economist leading the Minerals portfolio in UNECA, and in COMESA, AfDB, and the US Institute of World Affairs.

As AMDC's founding staff, she contributed to major implementing tools on Africa's minerals for development. Dr. Marit Kitaw represents the African Union in the United Nations Secretary-General Panel on Critical Energy Transition Minerals. She is also on the 2025 Advisory Board of the Mining Indaba.

Dr. Kitaw received a PhD in Economics from the University of Nice Sophia-Antipolis in France and an MBA in Leadership and Sustainability from the University of Cumbria, UK.

## **Hon. Herbert Krapa**

Minister of State at the Energy Ministry, Ghana

Herbert Krapa is the Minister of State in charge of Energy. He is a distinguished professional with a robust background in energy policy and law, having held several pivotal roles within the Ghanaian energy sector. Notably, he served as Deputy Minister of Energy, where his expertise played a crucial role in shaping Ghana's energy landscape, particularly in promoting renewable energy initiatives within Ghana's Energy Transition Plan.



He has served as Board Chairman of the Electricity Company of Ghana, bringing his leadership to bear in stabilising power supply to consumers. He has also served on the Governing Boards of Ghana COCOBOD, the Ghana Export Promotion Agency, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration and the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

He holds a Master's Degree in Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science, a Master's Degree in Development Finance from the University of Ghana Business School, a Bachelor's Degree in Law from the University of Ghana, and a Post Graduate Certificate in Human Rights Law from Fordham University, New York.

Throughout his career, Herbert has been a leading advocate for renewable energy development in Ghana. He has championed numerous projects and policies that support solar, wind, and other sustainable energy sources. His efforts in policy development have been instrumental in enhancing energy access and sustainability in the country. Additionally, as a representative of Ghana in various international forums, he has promoted investment in renewable energy and sustainable development, highlighting Ghana's commitment to these goals on the global stage.

Known for his leadership skills, Herbert Krapa is respected for his strategic vision and ability to drive significant changes in the energy sector. His commitment to sustainable development and environmental conservation is evident in his professional endeavours and advocacy work. His extensive experience and dedication to renewable energy make him a key figure in Ghana's efforts to achieve sustainable energy development.

He is a member of the Programme for African Leadership and is deeply passionate about Ghana and Africa's transformation.





## **Hon. Phiona Nyamutoro**

Minister of State for Energy and Mineral Development;  
National Youth Representative, 11th Parliament,  
Republic of Uganda

Hon. Phiona Nyamutoro is Uganda's Minister of State for Energy and Mineral Development (Minerals), leading initiatives to harness the country's mineral resources for sustainable development. She is dedicated to advancing responsible mining practices, promoting local content, and ensuring that

Uganda's mineral wealth contributes to national economic growth and community empowerment.

As the National Youth Representative in the 11th Parliament of Uganda, Hon. Nyamutoro is a passionate advocate for youth inclusion in national development. She works to amplify the voices of young Ugandans in governance and policy-making, striving to create opportunities for the youth across the country, especially in the extractive industries.

Her leadership is also characterized by a commitment to gender equity, particularly within the extractives sector. Hon. Nyamutoro champions policies that support women in leadership roles, helping to position Uganda as a key player in regional and global energy markets while fostering inclusive development.

## **Dr. Sulemanu Koney**

Chief Executive Officer, Ghana Chamber of Mines

Dr. Sulemanu Koney is the Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Chamber of Mines, having served as the Director responsible for Analysis, Research and Finance at the Chamber. As a director, he managed the industry's engagements with stakeholders in the development of supply chain regimes, and addressed security concerns and technical issues of the industry, in addition to the core scope of his portfolio.



Dr. Koney is a founding member of the Steering Committee of Ghana's Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) and the Executive Director of the ECOWAS Federation of Chamber of Mines (EFEDCOM).

He serves on the Governing Council of the University of Mines and Technology. He is a former Board Member of the National Petroleum Authority (NPA). Before joining the Chamber, he worked with Shell Ghana Ltd.

Dr. Koney is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Marketing, UK, a member of the Institute of Directors, Ghana and a Chemical Engineer. Mr. Koney is an entrepreneur and a football enthusiast.





# Speakers



## **Dr. Oliver Maponga**

Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

Oliver Maponga is an Economic Affairs Officer based at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa Sub Regional Office for Southern Africa in Lusaka, Zambia. He has extensive experience in the minerals sector and has supported regional member States on policy development in the sector. He was part of the ECA team, which anchored the development of the Africa

Mining Vision, and he is actively involved in the continental approach to critical energy transition minerals exploitation.

His current work also focuses on supporting inclusive industrialization in Southern Africa through industrial policy development and implementation, the development of regional value chains, strengthening regional economic integration, supporting the establishment of resource-based national and transboundary special economic zones and the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement by regional member states.

Oliver holds a PhD in Mineral economics and has held research and teaching posts at the Western Australian School of Mines and the University of Zimbabwe's Institute of Mining Research (IMR). While with IMR, Oliver was part of a team of mineral experts supporting analytical work in the sector, and his special focus was on artisanal and small-scale mining, mineral economics, mining investment, socio-economic and environmental assessment of mining activities. He is a graduate of the University of Zimbabwe, McGill University (Canada) and the Western Australian School of Mines' Curtin University of Technology (Australia).

## **Prof. Francis Kemausuor**

Dean, Faculty of Mechanical & Chemical Engineering, KNUST

Francis Kemausuor is a Professor at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana. Francis' research interest is in Renewable Energy, Rural Energy Systems, Energy Planning and Energy Policy. He currently serves as Dean of the Faculty of Mechanical and Chemical Engineering at KNUST. He previously served as Director of The Brew-Hammond Energy Centre at KNUST, and Head of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering.



Francis has served as Visiting Lecturer / Researcher and Adjunct Professor at several universities, including the University of Life Sciences in Norway, the Pan African University – Institute of Energy and Water Sciences (PAUWES) in Tlemcen, Algeria, the Ecole Supérieure des Métiers des Énergies Renouvelables in Abomei-Calavi, Benin and the Regional Maritime University in Ghana. He has also spent time at the University of Michigan, as part of the University of Michigan African Presidential Scholars (UMAPS) programme. He has undertaken numerous research and consultancy assignments in Ghana and the sub-region, commissioned by national, international and multilateral organizations.

He holds a PhD in Bioengineering. He has studied at the University of Cambridge, Denmark Technical University, and KNUST. He is a Professional Engineer and a member of the Ghana Institution of Engineering.





## **Valerie Labi**

**Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Wahu Mobility**

Valerie Labi is a visionary and accomplished serial impact entrepreneur dedicated to leveraging social enterprises to advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. As the co-founder of Wahu Mobility, Africa's pioneering electric vehicle manufacturing zone launched in Accra in February 2023, Valerie is at the forefront of creating an ecosystem for e-mobility solutions on the continent.

Leading with innovation and a clear purpose, Valerie's vision for Wahu has led to the creation of a space where connected electric vehicles can be designed, localized, manufactured at scale, and affordably distributed across Africa. The company's fleet-as-a-service digital platform provides a holistic experience for EV owners, offering subscription-based ownership plans, income-generating opportunities, carbon-backed loyalty programs, and customized EV insurance. Notably, Valerie has already gone to market with Wahu's signature eBike and is preparing to unveil the first electric car designed and made in Ghana this June, marking a significant milestone in the sustainable transportation revolution on the continent.

Valerie's academic background includes a BSc in Economics from Southampton University and a Masters in Sustainability Leadership from the University of Cambridge. Her career journey has been marked by diverse experiences and leadership roles in multinational corporations such as Vodafone and EY, in addition to her role as a serial founder of impactful ventures.

Her remarkable contributions to sustainable business practices have also earned her prestigious accolades, including the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders bestowed by President Obama in 2014, the Global Engineering Outstanding Professional Award 2020 by the University of Boulder, and being recognized as a Finalist at the Alibaba Fund Jumpstarter of the Global Pitch Competition in Hong Kong in 2023.

Currently, Valerie serves as an advisory board member to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands, Inclusive Green Growth Department, for their Valuing Water Initiative. Through her expertise, dedication, and leadership, Valerie Labi continues to make a meaningful impact, creating sustainable jobs for Africa's youth and contributing to environmental preservation, enabling a more prosperous and sustainable future.

## **Dr. David Ofosu-Dorte**

**Senior Partner, AB & David Africa**

Dr. David Ofosu-Dorte is the founder and Senior Partner of AB & David Africa, a pan-African business law firm with independent offices in six countries and a network of firms in 30 African countries.

With about three decades of experience, he has played a leading role in public policy development and implementation, infrastructure deal structuring, construction contracts, public-private partnerships (PPPs), project finance, and the power sector.

Dr. Ofosu-Dorte is recognized for his exceptional ability to address complex challenges with innovative solutions, informed by his extensive international expertise.





## **Dr. Riverson Oppong**

Chief Executive Officer, Association of Oil Marketing Companies (AOMC), Ghana

Dr. Riverson Oppong is a seasoned oil and gas business analyst with over 15 years of global experience, contributing to key projects in Kazakhstan, Iraq, Côte d'Ivoire, and Ghana. As the CEO of the Association of Oil Marketing Companies, he plays a critical role in driving the strategic direction and growth of Ghana's oil marketing sector, ensuring the industry's alignment with global standards and best practices.

Dr. Oppong also serves as the 2025–2028 Africa Regional Director of the Society of Petroleum Engineers International and is a committee member of the International Gas Union. His leadership within these organizations is pivotal in shaping Africa's energy future, particularly in policy development and innovation in the oil and gas sector. He has consulted for various governments across Sub-Saharan Africa, leveraging his expertise to influence energy policies and development strategies.

As Commercial Operations Manager at Ghana National Gas Company, Dr. Oppong was responsible for Economics, Risk, and Planning, contributing significantly to the advancement of Ghana's natural gas sector. Beyond his professional roles, Dr. Oppong is dedicated to education, holding adjunct lecturer positions at Ghana Technology University College, University of Cape Coast, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, and Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration.

He holds a Ph.D. and a Post-Doctorate Degree in International Oil and Gas Management – Finance and Economics from Gubkin Russian State University of Oil and Gas. He also earned a Diploma in Earth GeoScience from Stanford University, USA, and a Master's degree (with honours) in Petroleum Engineering from Gubkin Russian State University of Oil and Gas, complemented by a Master's Exchange Program in Arctic Development from the Norwegian University of Nordland. Additionally, Dr. Oppong holds a Bachelor's in Materials Science and Engineering from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Ghana, and a Diploma in Project Management from the Institute of Commercial Management, UK.

Dr. Oppong's comprehensive industry experience, leadership roles, and commitment to education make him a key figure in Ghana's and Africa's broader energy landscape.

## **Cheryl Otoo**

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Cheryl Otoo is a management consultant and certified accountant with extensive experience delivering public financial management, audit, economic advisory and grant management projects. Her clients span governments, development finance institutions, energy, oil and gas and the financial service sectors.

She works with the Governments of Ghana, Nigeria, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands and partners with the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), AfDB, the World Bank Group, the EU and the UNDP to deliver sustainable development reforms.

Cheryl's consulting experience is built on her ability to combine managerial leadership with operational excellence to drive sustainable development outcomes. At Deloitte, she is a senior manager in the Financial Advisory team and leads the International Development Advisory and Economic Advisory teams.





## **Dr. Olufunso Somorin**

**Regional Principal Officer at the African Development Bank**

Dr. Olufunso Somorin is a Regional Principal Officer at the African Development Bank. He leads the Bank's work on climate change and green growth in the 13 countries of the Bank's East African region. This includes supporting countries' access to climate finance for climate actions, and mainstreaming climate change in policies and programs. He leads strategic dialogues with public and private institutions on policy frameworks for managing local/regional socio-economic issues, climate change, renewable energy, carbon markets, infrastructure, ESG and inclusive growth.

Between 2013 and 2017, he coordinated the Bank's work on addressing fragility and building resilience within the Horn of Africa. In the last 12 years in the Bank, he has been directly involved in the design, appraisal, and supervision of more than 250 development projects across multiple sectors, worth more than USD 20 billion. Over the last 17 years, Dr Somorin has published more than 50 articles on climate policy in Africa and has spoken at 300+ conferences and events.

Somorin holds a PhD in International Environmental Policy from Wageningen University, the Netherlands. As an Erasmus Mundus Scholar, he holds two MSc degrees from Finland and Netherlands. He is an alumnus of executive education from Bradford, Cambridge, and Oxford Universities in the UK, and University of California, Berkeley (USA). He gives guest-lectures at King's College London, African Leadership University (Rwanda) and Strathmore University (Kenya). Somorin is currently a Non-Resident Fellow at the Africa Policy Research Institute (Berlin). He is a recipient of several international awards and recognitions, including the prestigious Eisenhower Fellowships (US) for his work on climate policy in Africa.

As a global leader on climate policy, Somorin is currently serving on the UN Secretary General Taskforce on Net Zero Policy.

## **Ian Gary**

**Executive Director, Financial Accountability & Corporate Transparency (FACT) Coalition**

Ian Gary is the executive director of the Washington, D.C., based Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency (FACT) Coalition. The FACT Coalition is a non-partisan alliance of over 100 state, national, and international organizations. FACT's mission is to promote policies to combat the harmful impacts of illicit finance on communities, global security, and the environment, and to campaign for a fair international tax system.



Prior to joining The FACT Coalition, Ian directed Oxfam America's global policy, advocacy and program work focused on promoting transparent and accountable financial flows – for example from oil and mining revenues, taxes, and aid – to fight poverty.

Ian is the author of the Oxfam America report Ghana's Big Test: Oil's Challenge to Democratic Development, co-author of Bottom of the Barrel: Africa's Oil Boom and the Poor (2003), and co-author of Chad's Oil: Miracle or Mirage? (2005). Ian has been a frequent commentator on anti-corruption and financial transparency issues in major media outlets including The Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Bloomberg, PBS, AP, CNN, Financial Times, New York Times, The Economist, and other outlets. He has testified to the US Congress and given presentations at the World Bank, IMF, United Nations, and Oxford University, among other venues.





## **Nelly Busingye**

Partnership and Institutional Learning Manager, Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA)

Nelly Busingye currently works with Tax Justice Network Africa as the Partnership and Institutional Learning Manager. Before that, she worked with the Publish What You Pay (PWYP) International Secretariat as the Member Engagement Manager for Africa and Senior Regional Coordinator for the East and Southern Africa region. Prior to joining PWYP, Nelly worked with SEATINI Uganda as the Programme Officer, coordinating the Financing for Development/Tax Justice programme at the sub-national, national, regional and global levels. She has more than a decade of experience in fiscal justice, natural resource governance policy analysis and advocacy, and movement building in Africa.

## **Kabayo Muhau**

Co-Founder & President, Zambian Electric Mobility Innovation Alliance (ZEMIA)

Kabayo Muhau is the Co-Founder & President of the Zambian Electric Mobility Innovation Alliance (ZEMIA), Co-Founder & President of Green Hydrogen Association of Zambia (GHAZ), and Founder & Managing Director of Donmac Limited.



With over 15+ years in Renewable Energy, ICT, and Automotive, Kabayo is driving the Electric Mobility adoption in Zambia with his team at ZEMIA whose mission is to support the adoption, development and growth of the entire electric mobility (EV) ecosystem in Zambia and Africa. Kabayo is passionate about advancing Zambia's sustainable energy future through Green Hydrogen solutions such as fuel cell, clean cooking and fertilizer production (Green Ammonia).

He has been instrumental in advocating for the adoption of policies that support the adoption of electric vehicles such as the removal of 100% of customs duties of all-electric vehicles and ensuring government commits to electrifying at least 50% of their fleet. At ZEMIA, Kabayo has supported government's initiative of setting up of the Electric Vehicle Battery manufacturing through processing of critical minerals.

Kabayo is a member of Off-Grid Task Force Committee supporting Zambia's energy transition initiatives such as Solar and Bio-Energy.



## **Providence Mavubi**

Director of Industry & Agriculture, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa

Ms. Providence Mavubi serves as the Director of Industry and Agriculture at the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) in Lusaka, Zambia. In her role, Ms. Mavubi spearheads initiatives to foster the growth of competitive, sustainable, and profitable agriculture and industries within the region.

With over two decades of experience, in coordinating and managing complex programs in agribusiness, trade facilitation, and regional integration. Her career spans leadership roles in both public and private sectors, including key positions with USAID projects and Bralirwa Plc, a Heineken subsidiary. Providence holds advanced degrees in Sustainable Management, Agribusiness Management, and Business Administration, and is recognized for her strategic leadership and dedication to sustainable economic growth in the region.





## **Yaw Appiah Larley**

Partner and Africa Leader for Infrastructure & Capital Projects (I&CP) and Economic Advisory in Deloitte Africa.

Yaw Appiah Larley is a Partner and Africa Leader for Infrastructure & Capital Projects (I&CP) and Economic Advisory in Deloitte Africa. He has over 15 years “Big 4” accounting firm (Deloitte, PwC and EY) experience working on high-profile financial advisory transactions in corporate finance, market study, feasibility studies, economic advisory, financial modelling, business valuation, project appraisal and implementation in Ghana and across Africa.

Yaw has extensive experience in transaction advisory for several sectors including transportation, energy, mining, manufacturing, telecommunication, and fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG). He has been involved in Public Private Partnership (PPP), project financing, structuring and contract negotiation for infrastructure projects valued at over \$10 billion across Africa including Nigeria, Sierra Leone, the Gambia, Kenya, Botswana, Eswatini and South Africa.

He is a regular panellist on local and international business and economic discussions. He has published over 20 articles on the Ghanaian economy and has been quoted by local and international media.

Yaw is a Chartered Accountant and a Lawyer. He is a Fellow of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA, UK) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Ghana (FCA, Ghana). Yaw holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) and Qualifying Certificate in Law (QCL) from the Ghana School of Law. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from University of Ghana and a Masters degree in Finance from University of Cambridge UK.

## **Nafi Chinery**

Africa Director, Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI)

Nafi Chinery, Africa Director at Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI), is a seasoned interdisciplinary strategist with over 25 years in civil society, dedicated to social justice and changing narratives about the future of Africa in the oil, gas, and mining sectors. She leads NRGI's Africa team and program, focusing on energy transition, transition minerals, and revenue management, working with communities, CSOs, and governments to ensure an inclusive, equitable, and accountable transition in Africa, aligning with Africa's reality and sustainable development.

Nafi holds a master's degree in social development and sustainable livelihoods from the University of Reading in the UK, a Bachelor of Arts degree and diploma in education from the University of Cape Coast in Ghana and an executive certificate in oil, gas and mining from the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, in the UK. She was also a 2014 Aspen New Voices Fellow.



## **Rachael A. O. Antwi**

Group Head, Sustainability, Environmental & Social Risk, Ecobank Transnational Incorporated

Rachael heads up the Sustainability Department in 33 African countries for Ecobank Transnational Incorporated. She is responsible for supervising the bank's 33 subsidiaries' global sustainability and ESG initiatives. She collaborates with the board and teams to develop strategies and policies that integrate sustainability into all aspects of the bank's operations. She has been

featured on CNBC Africa and other platforms as a media commentator on sustainable finance-related topics in Africa. She is also the sustainability spokesperson for Ecobank.

She holds a Master of Science from the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom, a law degree from the University of Pretoria in South Africa, and a Bachelor of Commerce from the same institution. She is the deputy chair of the International Capital Markets West African Regional Committee and a former member of the Centre for Environmental Rights in South Africa's non-executive board.





## **Juliana Bempah**

**Principal Programme Officer, Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana**

Juliana Bempah is a Principal Programme Officer at the Environmental Protection Agency of Ghana. Juliana is a climate change Expert and has supported as a team lead for Ghana's Greenhouse Gas Inventory from 2008 to date. She serves as a technical expert on the UNFCCC Roster of Experts and has conducted several reviews on Greenhouse Inventories for Annex 1 countries and Technical Analysis of Biennial Update Reports and is a Lead Reviewer of Greenhouse Gas Inventories.

At the Agency, she is a team member for implementation of Ghana's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC). She is deeply involved in the preparations of Biennial Update reports, Ghana's Greenhouse Gas Inventories and National Communications.

Juliana is currently with the Ghana Carbon Market Office, where she provides administrative and technical support to the general public and support implementation of the Ghana International carbon market and non-market approaches framework under the Paris Agreement. She is a Project Assistant for the Ghana's Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) Project.

Ms. Juliana Bempah serves on various technical committees where she provides technical advice on Environment and Climate change issues.

## **Sandra Kidwingira**

**Africa Economic Justice Programme Manager, Diakonia Africa**

Sandra has over fifteen years of experience working with global and regional non-governmental organizations focusing on issues of peace, human rights, democracy, economic justice and gender justice. She is passionate about economic justice on the African continent. Areas of interest include tax justice, prudent public debt management, transparency and accountability in the extractive sector, and mainstreaming gender in economic justice work. She has a successful track record in programme development, programme coordination, fundraising, awareness raising, capacity building and people's management.



Sandra has served as Diakonia's Africa Economic Justice Programme Manager since April 2018. She is responsible for providing effective leadership in planning, resource mobilization, formulating and implementing the operations of the Africa Economic Justice Programme.

She successfully led the setup and implementation of a multi-year programme on Promoting Domestic Resource Mobilisation in Sub-Saharan Africa that has contributed to mainstreaming discussions on taxation and public debt management in both the development discourse and political narrative, particularly in the East Africa Community, Southern Africa Development Community and the Economic Community of West African states. The programme is currently in its second phase.

Sandra holds a master's degree in international relations and a bachelor's degree in political science and international Relations.





## Titus Gwemende

Division Director, Opportunity & Equity,  
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Titus Gwemende is Division Director- Opportunity and Equity at Open Society Foundations in Africa where he has been providing overall strategic leadership of investments on creating just and fairer economies, resource economics and geopolitics of energy (especially critical minerals), anti-corruption, climate change work among other things. He has over 18 years' experience working in senior roles of local and international organizations.

Previously, he was in Mozambique where he was the Regional Lead for Natural Resources Governance within Oxfam International where he contributed to building a multi-country and multi-partner program in much of Lusophone and Anglophone Africa region. He has also been Country Director for Transparency International Zimbabwe, the leading anti-corruption watchdog in Zimbabwe and was more recently its Deputy Board Chairperson. Titus was Section Head (Trade, Investments, Mining and Agriculture) for Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs Regional Mission to Zambia, Malawi, and Zimbabwe where he facilitated trade, investment and managed economic governance projects between Netherlands, EU and a number of Southern Africa countries. He has spoken at international conferences in all continents of the world and provides frequent political economy news analysis on various regional and global media houses.

He holds an MA from Ohio University. He is also a past Fellow at Freeman Spogli Institute at Stanford University and has won the Reagan Fasceal Fellowship with National Endowment for Democracy. He has gone through the Leadership Academy for Development targeted at Emerging Leaders in the Global South through a joint program developed by Johns Hopkins University and University of Cape Town.

## Ikal Ang'elei

Director, Friends of Lake Turkana; Board Chair,  
Africa Centre for Energy Policy

Ikal Ang'elei is an accomplished environmental activist and the newly elected Board Chair of the Africa Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP). She is the co-founder and Director of Friends of Lake Turkana, a grassroots organization dedicated to promoting social, economic, and environmental justice in the Lake Turkana Basin, one of Kenya's most vital and vulnerable ecosystems.



Ikal holds a Master's degree in Public Policy and Political Science from Stony Brook University in New York. Her work has been internationally recognized, particularly for her advocacy on behalf of indigenous communities in Northern Kenya. In 2012, she was awarded the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize for her efforts to raise awareness about the environmental and social impacts of the Gilgel Gibe III Dam, which posed significant threats to the livelihoods of local communities dependent on Lake Turkana.

Through her leadership and activism, Ikal continues to champion environmental conservation and sustainable development, with a focus on empowering marginalized communities. Her commitment to justice and equity makes her a strong leader for ACEP as the organization advances its mission to shape the governance of energy and extractives resources in Africa.







## **Mohamed Sultan**

Regional Lead, Africa, Global Methane Hub

Mohamed Sultan is a development professional with over 15 years of experience in driving economic, social, and justice initiatives. Currently serving as the Africa Lead at the Global Methane Hub, he coordinates the strategic development of the organization's Africa portfolio, overseeing impactful projects at the intersection of development and mitigation efforts within the energy, waste, and agricultural sectors. Prior to that, Mohamed worked with the African Union Development Agency and held several roles within the Open Society Foundations. As the program manager for economic and climate justice in West Africa, he managed a diverse team and multiple portfolios aimed at addressing economic inequality, promoting public and corporate accountability, fostering public mobilization for economic and climate justice, and expanding opportunities throughout the region.

Mohamed holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from McGill University and a Master's in development and international relations from the University of Bologna. He holds certificates from Oxford's Said Business School and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in Singapore. Mohamed actively contributes to various boards, offering technical assistance and support to organizations. He is fluent in French, English, and Italian.

## **Rita Effah**

Senior Climate Finance Officer, African Development Bank (AfDB)

She is the Coordinator of the Africa Climate Change Fund, a multi-donor trust fund hosted by the AfDB to improve the resilience of African countries to the negative impacts of climate change and the transition to sustainable low-carbon development. Rita manages 28 small grant projects that are strengthening the technical capacities of more than 27 African countries to access international climate finance and implement small-scale adaptation projects to enhance their resilience.



Prior to joining the AfDB, Rita worked as a Programme Officer with UNDP Ghana, developing and implementing projects and initiatives on integrating environmentally sustainable production practices into cocoa production, south-south cooperation on renewable energy technology transfer between China-Ghana and the implementation of Ghana's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

Rita also worked with the Energy & Resources Institute (TERI) in East Africa as the Africa Programme Coordinator, where she managed projects promoting the adoption of off-grid renewable energy technologies using market mechanisms to establish renewable energy enterprises in rural communities in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Malawi.

Rita holds an M.Sc. in Forest Science from Yale School of Environment and a BSc in Natural Resources Management from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology.



## **Dr. Charles Gyamfi Ofori**

Policy Lead, Climate Change and Energy Transition, Africa Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP)

Charles Gyamfi Ofori is the Policy Lead for Climate Change and Energy Transition at the Africa Centre for Energy Policy. His research interests include risk mitigation and investment decisions on utility-scale and small-scale renewable energy technologies in Africa. He has also worked on several projects in the extractive industry, including natural gas demand and supply

dynamics in Ghana, local participation in the oil and gas sector, local labour absorption in Ghana's extractive industry, and gender-responsive budgeting in mining-affected communities.





## **Paul Ocran**

Ghana Country Coordinator, Africa Carbon Markets Initiative, Sustainable Energy for All

Paul operates at the interface between environmental and social risk and sustainability where he focuses on technical assessment and building the capacity of private sector companies to preserve the environment and increase profitability while the well-being of communities in which they operate and meeting local and international frameworks. As an Environmental and Social Risk Specialist, Paul supports institutions to design and implement Environmental & Social Risk Management frameworks that leverage the Safeguards of the AfDB, IFC, World Bank, Equator Principles, and Bank of Ghana Sustainable Banking Principles.

Through his knowledge of sustainability topics, he has supported institutions to build their capacity to identify and mitigate gender risks alongside implementing procedures for managing their Environmental and Social risks. He serves as a technical expert for the alignment of portfolios with the Paris agreement, developing internal sustainability strategies, resource efficiency and sustainable development audits and carbon footprint assessments, and management.

He holds an M.Sc. Climate Change and Sustainable Development with 9 years of experience and skills around energy efficiency, Climate Change mitigation, adaptation with its co-benefits, Environmental and Social Governance; Environmental and Social Due Diligence; Regulatory/Policy Evaluation; Environmental Risk Assessment; Environmental Management; Cleaner Production; Carbon accounting, Air Quality, Water Quality; with experience in preparing, reviewing and implementing environmental and social safeguards planning documents (ESIA, ESMP, ESAP, ESMF) with good mastery of the IFC performance standards and World Bank EHS guidelines.

## **Moderators**



## **Kodzo Yaotse**

Policy Lead, Petroleum & Conventional Energy, ACEP

Prior to joining ACEP, Kodzo was a Program Assistant, Policy Influencing and Advocacy at the West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI). His research interests include Natural Resource for Inclusive Growth and Development, Sustainable Energy Access and Political Economy of Resource Management. Kodzo holds a Masters in Economic Policy Management from the University of Ghana.

## **Maybel Acquaye**

Snr. Policy Analyst and Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning Manager, ACEP

Maybel is an extractive and energy professional with Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Economics, from the University of Ghana. She leads the implementation of multi-donor projects in the energy and extractive industries on behalf of ACEP.

Her interest areas include optimizing extractive resources for inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development in Africa, promoting gender diversity in natural resource governance, and the differential impact of the energy transition on citizens.



# Thematic Discussion 1

## Innovation, Research and Development in Africa's Energy Systems

In addition to addressing technological gaps in renewable energy, this theme will consider innovations within the broader energy spectrum. Discussions will explore cutting-edge technologies and innovations that are revolutionizing the energy sector in Africa, from renewable energy sources to smart grid systems, e-mobility, and energy storage solutions. Topics will also include advancements in clean technologies for sustainable oil and gas extraction, such as carbon capture and storage (CCS), as well as research into renewable-based alternatives to traditional fossil fuels.



### Presenter

#### Yaw Appiah Lartey

Partner and Africa Leader for Infrastructure & Capital Projects (I&CP) and Economic Advisory in Deloitte Africa.



### Moderator

#### Valerie Labi

Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Wahu Mobility

### Discussants



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#### Hon. Phiona Nyamutoro

Minister of State for Energy and Mineral Development; Uganda

#### Kabayo Muhau

Co-Founder & President, Zambian Electric Mobility Innovation Alliance (ZEMIA)



# Thematic Discussion 2

## Climate Finance, Infrastructure Development, and Investment

Africa's drive towards universal energy access hinges largely on financing and its ability to mobilize resources for energy infrastructure development, innovations, and energy transition. This theme will explore avenues for mobilizing financial resources to support Africa's energy transition and innovations. Discussions will revolve around innovative financing mechanisms and means to address unfair roadblocks in the global financial architecture. Additionally, this theme will delve into the challenges and opportunities of the carbon market, advocating for a more harmonized strategic approach that African governments and businesses could adopt to navigate these complexities.



### Presenter

#### Paul Ocran

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### Moderator

#### Cheryl Otoo

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### Discussants



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# Thematic Discussion 3

## From Minerals to Clean Energy; Building an Integrated Regional Value Chain of Energy Transition Technologies

This theme explores how Africa can maximize its potential as a critical player in the energy transition through sustainable mineral development and intraregional collaborations among governments, businesses, and individuals to develop innovative solutions. The theme also examines the potential and opportunities AfCFTA offers to build an integrated regional energy transition technologies value chain through cross-border partnerships in Africa. Other areas for deliberation include promoting transparency, accountability, institutional and human resource development, illicit financial flows, and policy coherence across the region to ensure African countries optimize gains along the critical mineral to transition technology value chain for both equitable energy access and economic prosperity of the African people.



### Presenter

#### Ian Gary

Executive Director, Financial Accountability & Corporate Transparency (FACT) Coalition



### Moderator

#### Nelly Busingye

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### Discussants



#### Dr. Marit Kitaw

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#### Dr. Oliver Maponga

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#### Dr. David Ofosu-Dorte

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#### Titus Gwemende

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# Thematic Discussion 4

## Driving Sustainable and Equitable Energy: Enhancing Funding Strategies for Effective Advocacy and Impact

Civil society and advocacy groups play an indispensable role in driving progress towards sustainable energy solutions, ensuring transparency, and holding governments accountable. However, these organizations often face significant challenges when it comes to securing and sustaining the funding necessary for their impactful work. This panel focuses on discussing best practices to ensure financial sustainability for continuous advocacy



**Moderator**

**Benjamin Boakye**

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### Discussants



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