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APPLICATION ESSAY

Next Generation Resource Governance Leaders Program (Cohort 9)

Please Note:

- Answer **only one (1)**
- Your answer should not exceed 500 words (excluding bibliography)
- Use of ChatGPT or other AI assistance is strongly discouraged.
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- Include your full name and the number to the question you're answering at the top of your essay response.

Question 1

Critical minerals have taken centre stage in policy discussions surrounding the mining industry. However, their definition varies across countries and regions based on differing priorities and contexts. In your opinion, what key considerations should guide your country in defining and identifying its critical minerals?

Question 2

Over 600 million people in Africa are estimated to lack access to electricity. Given the continent's diverse resource base, how should Africa strategically deploy its resources to close the energy access gap?