

Program Outline - Day 2

WEDNESDAY, 26TH AUGUST 2026 (Adesa Hall)

Time	Activity
8:00 – 9:00	Arrival & Registration
9:00 – 9:10	Address by Guest Speaker: Dr. Cassiel Ato Forson (Minister of Finance, Ghana)
9:10 - 9:20	Solidarity Message: Mr. Emmanuel Kuyole, Program Officer, Ford Foundation
9:20 – 9:40	Address by Keynote Speaker: Dr. Marit Kitaw (Economic Affairs Officer, UN Economic Commission for Africa - UNECA)
9:50 – 10:00	Musical Interlude
10:00 -11:00	PLENARY THEMATIC DISCUSSION From Industrial Capacity to Competitive African Economies
	Panel Discussion: Powering Value Addition Through Competitive Industrial Value Chain Moderator: Dr. Theo Acheampong (Technical Adviser, Ministry of Finance) Discussants: Dr. Ketakandriana Rafitoson (Executive Director, Resource Justice Network) Mr. Donovan Antony Chimhandamba (President CEO, Nyanza Light Metals – South Africa) Mr. George Chikondi Lwanda (Economic Adviser, Energy and Natural Resources Division, Commonwealth Secretariat) Ms. Benedicta Lasi (Executive Chair – African Trade Chamber) Mr. Jerry Ahiadje (Chief Minerals Officer, African Natural Resources and Investment Centre, African Development Bank - AfDB)
	11:00 - 11:30 Expert Chat: Competing in a New Global Industrial Order: What Must Africa Get Right? Moderator: Dr. Juliette Twumasi-Anokye (Principal Consultant, Anojul Afriyie & Company) Discussant: Mr. Benjamin Boakye (Executive Director, Africa Centre for Energy Policy)
11:35 - 11:50	Coffee/Health Break/ Visit to Exhibition Booths/ Networking

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11:55 – 12:55	Side Events 1.From Data Gaps to Coordinated Action: Scaling Measurement Based Emissions Reporting across Africa’s Energy Sector to Enhance Global Competitiveness (Stakeholder Democracy Network) 2. Powering Africa's Mineral Value Addition: Energy Systems, Regional Infrastructure and the Viability of Alumina Refining (Natural Resource Governance Institute) 3. Driving Industrial Competitiveness through Coherent Energy Systems and Policy Reforms (Strategic Youth Network Democracy) 4. Financing Africa’s Green Industrialisation in the Energy Transition (TJNA/Enzi Ijayo) 5.Women Powering Africa’a Industrial Transformation (AWEIK/NWEC) 6.The West African Power Pool (WAPP) High Level Strategic Dialogue: Financing Regional Integration through WAPP (Africa Change Lab)
13:00 - 1400	Side Events 1.From Methane Data to Risk-Informed Action: Strengthening Decision-Making for Effective Methane Management (ACEP, NRGI, CATF, AMMIN) 2. Who is going to run Africa’s Energy Transition?: Why Human Infrastructure is the Missing Line Item in Africa’s Energy Investment Case (Energy Transition Africa) 3.Beyond Energy Access: Leveraging Decentralised Energy for Rural Infrastructure, Enterprise and Inclusive Growth (Dream Renewables/Tangelic) 4.From Minerals to Manufacturing: Powering Africa’s Green Industrialisations (Sustainable Energy For All) 5.From Extraction to Transformation: Aligning Africa’s Energy Transition Minerals with Industrial Policy and Structural Economic Transformation (SARW/TWN) 6.Investing in the Future: Policy Frameworks and Capital Pathways for Energy Innovations in Africa (Youth Council/RGCH) 7.The West African Power Pool (WAPP) High Level Strategic Dialogue, Building the Future Grid: Storage Readiness, Electrification, and Community Benefits. (Africa Change Lab, Labadi Conference Suite)
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch/Exhibition Tour
15:05 – 16:05	PLENARY THEMATIC DISCUSSION Panel 4: Beyond Resources: What Capabilities Must Africa Build to Compete in the Clean Energy Economy? Moderator: Ms. Alaka Lugonzo Discussants Dr. David Ofosu-Dorte – Co-Founder Senior Partner, AB & David Africa Ms. Sigam Claudine (<i>Director General, African Minerals Development Centre – AMDC, African Union</i>) Mr. Vincent Egoro (<i>Executive Director, Energy Transitions Africa</i>) Dr. Cledwyn Mangunda (<i>Program Convener for the Leaders in Extractives and African Development, University of Cape Town</i>) Ms. Nafi Quarshie (<i>Africa Director, Natural Resource Governance Institute - NRGI</i>)
16:05– 17:05	Afrohackathon - Innovation Challenge (Grand Finale and Awards Presentation)
17:05	Conference Action Points and Closing Remarks