

The Australia connection: Africa Mining Forum explores how Aussies view continent's mining potential

"Despite COVID our members are having continued success"

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EINPresswire.com/ -- The upcoming [Africa Mining Forum](#) will shine a spotlight on the "Africa-Australia mining connection" and look at what prospective investors are looking for.

"Inspiration and aspiration," is the answer of the moderator of the session, Duncan Harris, who is the President of the Australia Africa Chamber of Commerce. "There are opportunities aplenty across all commodities, including the rise and rise of critical minerals such as vanadium," he adds.

The Africa Mining Forum Digital Event takes place online from 16-20 November, is free to attend and registrations are open: <https://www.africaminingforum.com/register>

Harris said during this week's pre-event media briefing that during the COVID-19 pandemic: "Our companies have been quite resilient and they've really done very, very well. All of them, of course, work remotely, so it is not as if they're in urban situations, which have been a lot of the focus lately of the concerns about COVID. So, overall very satisfactory."

Continued success in Africa

William Witham, CEO of AAMEG, the Australia-Africa Minerals & Energy Group and a panellist in



The poster for the Africa Mining Forum Digital Event features a dark blue background with a stylized map of Africa in the top left corner. The text is in white and yellow. The event title "AFRICA MINING FORUM" is prominently displayed, along with the location "KIGALI - RWANDA". The dates "16 - 20 NOVEMBER 2020" are in yellow. The spotlight topic "SPOTLIGHT #1 THE AFRICA/AUSTRALIA MINING CONNECTION: WHAT DO INVESTORS HAVE IN MIND?" is in white. The date and time "Monday, 16 November | 11:00 GMT" are also in white. Three circular portraits of the speakers are shown, each with their name and title below. The speakers are William Witham, Adam Edelman, and Ben Gargett. At the bottom, logos for the partners and hosts are displayed.

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the “Australia connection” discussion on 16 November, concurs.

“Despite all the challenges that COVID-19 is giving us all at present, we are finding that our members are having continuing success in Africa now. Many are still attracting investors for exploration, buying new projects, and running sustainable community development programmes. It is interesting to note that there is a lot of M&A activity.”

What COVID-19 has made clear, says Witham, is that there has never been a more critical time to work together to support our employees and local communities.

“Looking ahead, collaboration between government, civil society and the private sector will play an important role in helping African economies and supply chains rebuild. The mining industry will have a crucial role to play in responsibly producing the metals and minerals needed to aid economic recovery and continue the transition to a low-carbon economy.”

Continent maturing

Another panellist, Ben Gargett, Africa Practice Leader and CFO Advisory at PwC Australia, says that Africa has their attention as the continent is continually developing and maturing, even during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“What we have seen over the last decade or even longer than that, is that there are countries that are developing in their own governance, their own experience, opening up to the world and really seeing themselves mature, quite rapidly at times. Therefore, places that were perhaps hard to work in previously are becoming easier to work in.

“And there are areas that are highly prospective geologically are becoming more and more prospective from a doing business perspective as well. And that continues even to this day and from a macro perspective is very important and a real positive.”

Opening keynote

The Africa-Australia connection session on the opening day of Africa Mining Forum’s Digital Event on 16 November will follow the opening keynote which will unpack the theme: “The next smart move: COVID-19 recovery plan to stimulate investment into mining exploration in Africa”.

The widely respected industry expert Sheila Khama, Non-Executive Director, Consultant and Minerals, Oil and Gas Policy Advisor will chair these leading experts in the discussion:

- H.E Francis Gatare, CEO, Rwanda Mines, Petroleum and Gas Board, Rwanda
- Emma Wade-Smith OBE, Her Majesty’s Trade Commissioner (HMTC) for Africa, UK Department of Trade, South Africa
- Jörgen Sandström, Head of Mining and Metals Industry, World Economic Forum, Switzerland
- Hubert Danso, CEO and Vice Chairman, Africa Investor, South Africa

Africa Mining Forum's five-day, comprehensive digital line-up will include:

- 12 Strategic Spotlights
- Women in Mining
- Matchmaking
- Mining Market Place
- Regional Ministerial Forum

Some of the focus areas of the Spotlight sessions:

- Beyond gold: West Africa's potential to feed the emerging battery metals market
- "Made in Africa": Building a solid beneficiation industry to deliver better return on investment
- Managing ESG compliance and investor expectations
- Reshaping energy capital flows to drive positive investment into mining
- Raising lucrative capital for juniors in Africa
- Dive into mining jurisdictions: What do you know about Guinea?
- The gold potential of the DRC
- Attracting responsible mining and natural resources investment in the Great Lakes region in a pandemic environment

To view the full programme, <https://www.africaminingforum.com/agenda-0-0>

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Earlier this year the mining industry gained an exciting new multi-touchpoint partner when Africa Mining Forum transformed into a year-round platform, providing engagement and content for 365 days a year, covering all corners of the continent's junior mining activities and opportunities.

This mining investment platform has its roots in the very successful East & Central Africa Mining Forum, which took place in Kigali last year, hosted by the Rwanda Mines, Petroleum and Gas Board (RMB).

Event organiser Clarion Events Africa is a leading Cape Town-based and multi-award winning organiser of exhibitions and conferences across the continent in the infrastructure, energy and mining sectors. Other well-known events by Clarion Events Africa include DRC Mining Week, Nigeria Mining Week, African Utility Week & POWERGEN Africa, Utility CEO Forums, Future Energy East Africa and Future Energy Nigeria. The company is part of the UK-based Clarion Events Group.

African Mining Forum dates and location:

Digital event: 16-20 November 2020
Onsite event in Kigali: November 2021

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