

AGENDA



2025 WEST AFRICAN **MINING HOST COMMUNITIES** **INDABA**

Contextualizing Green Mining Within
Free, Prior, and Informed Consent

Abuja, Nigeria | **24th - 26th** September 2025



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DAY ONE - WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER, 2025 Setting the Agenda for Community-Centred Green Mining

TIME	DESCRIPTION	FACILITATOR
09:00 am - 09:30 am	Registration & Networking	Secretariat
09:30 am – 09:40 am (5 minutes each)	Welcome address	Dr Temitope Olaifa Alh. Habibu Abubakar Wushishi Co-chairs, Federation of Nigerian Mining Host Communities
09:40 am - 09:50 am	Setting the Scene: The Intersection of Green Mining and the Right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent	Abiodun Baiyewu Executive Director, Global Rights
09:50 am - 10:00 am	Setting A West- African Agenda for Business and Human Rights	Rachel Awoussi Boyindjo Co-Chair, African Coalition for Corporate Accountability (ACCA)
10:00 am - 10:15 am	Opening address	Emmanuel Kuyole FORD Foundation
10:15 am - 10:30 am	Goodwill messages	Traditional Leaders Government Representatives Development Partners
10:30 am – 11:00 am (5Mins each)	Experience Sharing: Voices from Displaced Communities: Stories of Land Loss and Resistance - Nigeria, Mali, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Cote D'Ivoire	NIGERIA HRH Oba Omololu Afilaka, Alatorin of Atorin Ijesa Dr. Daniel Maddo, Maiganga Community, Nigeria; GUINEA Lamarana Diallo, Action Mines SIERRA LEONE Deborah N'gozzi Lahai, Action for Women and Children's Development GHANA Chibese Ezekiel, Strategic Youth Network for Development
11:00 am – 11:15 am	Interlude	Dance troupe
11:15 am – 11:35 am	Keynote Address Positioning Communities at the Heart of the Energy Transition	Dr Orji Ogonnaya Orji Executive Secretary/CEO, Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI)
11:35 am - 11:45 am	Opening Speech - Promoting Community Rights through Effective Legislation	Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi Chairman, House of Representatives Committee on Solid Minerals

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	FACILITATOR
11:45 am – 12:00 pm	Seminal Address: Extractives for the People and by the People: Reimagining Mining In West Africa	Mr. Oladele Alake Nigeria's Honourable Minister for Solid Minerals Development
12:00 pm – 12:10 pm	Report Presentation/Launch: Mineral Governance and Endemic Insecurity in Nigeria	Abiodun Baiyewu Executive Director, Global Rights
12:10 pm - 12:30 pm	Tea/Coffee Break & Networking	All
12:30 pm - 01:10 pm	Visit to Exhibition Stand	All
01:10 pm – 01:30 pm	Presentation: Energy Transition and Extractive Equity: Opportunities and Threats for West Africa's Mining Host Communities	Kodzo Yaotse Policy Lead - Petroleum and Conventional Energy, Africa Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP)
01:30 pm – 01:45 pm	Audience Intervention	All
01:45 – 02:45 pm	Lunch	All
02:45 pm – 04:00 pm	Concurrent Breakout Sessions	Breakout 1: Navigating the Green Minerals Rush: Risks, Responsibilities, and Realities for West Africa's Mining Host Communities Speakers: • Sam Danse, ISODEC, Ghana • Faith Nwadishi, Centre for Transparency Advocacy, Nigeria • Dr Dieter Ahmed Bassi, Director, Policy Planning & Strategy, NEITI • Lamarana Diallo, Action Mines, Guinee Moderator - Lumun Amanda Feese, Co-Facilitator, Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG) Breakout 2: Free, Prior and Informed Consent in Practice: Translating Policy Commitments into Community Realities Speakers: • Ali Robert Tanti, Centre for Social Impact Studies (CeSIS), Ghana • Ikal Ang'elei, Friends of Lake Turkana, Kenya • Alfred Brownwell, Green Advocates International, Liberia • Tijah Bolton, Policy Alert, Nigeria Moderator - Dr. Aderomola Adeola, Director, Global Hub on Internal Displacement, Nigeria
04:00 pm – 04:30 pm (10 minutes each)	Plenary Report Back - Summary of discussions at Breakout Sessions	Sessions Moderators
04:30 pm – 04:45 pm	Day 1 Wrap-up & Closing	Habibu Abubakar Wushishi , Federation of Nigerian Mining Host Communities

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DAY TWO - THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2025 Building Pathways for Advocacy, Rights Protection, and Reform		
TIME	DESCRIPTION	FACILITATOR
09:00 am - 09:30 am	Registration & Networking	Secretariat
09:30 am – 09:45 am	Reflection/Highpoints from Day One	Rapporteur
09:45 am – 10:30 am	Environmental Justice and Climate-Smart Mining: Framing An Agenda for Mining Host Communities in West Africa.	Ahmad Abdulsamad , NRG1
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Audience Intervention	Compere
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Tea/Coffee Break & Networking	All
11:30 am – 12:15 pm	An Analysis of Fiscal Transparency in Mining Governance Across West Africa	Dr Dauda Garuba , Director, Centre for Democracy and Development
12:15 pm - 1:00pm	Concurrent Breakout Sessions	Breakout 3: Gender, Power, and Participation: Enhancing Women’s Agency in Mining Host Communities Speaker: • Weyinmi Eribo, Zenforte, Nigeria • Hon Janet Adeyemi, Women in Mining in Nigeria • Rachel Awoussi Boyindjo, Dimension Humaine, Togo • Sostine Namanya, WoMin Africa Alliance, Uganda Moderator - Olatundun Taiwo, Vice Chairman, Mining Law Committee, Nigerian Bar Association’s Section on Business Law Breakout 4: Community Development Agreements (CDAs): Lessons from Implementation and Roadmaps for Reform Speaker • Ali Robert Tanti, Centre for Social Impact Studies (CeSIS), Ghana • HRH Oba Omololu Afilaka, Alatorin of Atorin Ijesa, Nigeria • Vincent Egoro, Head of Africa Region, Resource Justice Network, Nigeria, Nigeria Moderator - Redzie Jugo, Srariana Initiative for Peace, Justice & Development, Nigeria
01:00 pm – 01:20 pm	Plenary Report Back - Summary of discussions at Breakout Sessions.	Sessions Moderators

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	FACILITATOR
1:20 pm – 02:20 pm	Lunch	All
02:20 pm – 03:00 pm	Demanding a Seat at Our Own Table: Comparative Advocacy Strategies In African and South American Communities	• Yacouba Camara, Action Mines, Guinea • Renato Paulino Lanfranchi, Justiça nos Trilhos, State of Maranhão, Eastern Amazon region • Reine Baimey, WoMin Africa Alliance, Cote d'Ivoire Moderator: Weyinmi Eribo , Managing Partner, Zenforte Consulting
03:00 pm – 04:00 pm	Interactive Q&A / Open Floor Discussion on Forging A West African Mining Host Communities Agenda (Discussion I)	Abiodun Baiyewu Executive Director, Global Rights
04:00 pm – 04:25 pm	Day 2 Wrap-up & Closing	Redzie Jugo , Plateau State Coordinator, Federation of Nigerian Mining Host Communities



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DAY THREE - FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2025 Strengthening Regional Solidarity and Accountability for Mining Host Communities		
TIME	DESCRIPTION	FACILITATOR
9:00 am - 9:20 am	Registration	Secretariat
9:20 am – 9:40 am	Reflection/Highpoints from Day One	Rapporteur
09:40 am – 10:10 am	A Gender-Just Energy Transition.	Uchenna Idoko, Center for Gender Economics in Africa (CGE Africa), Nigeria
10:10 am - 11.00am	Earth Women (Documentary)	CSR-In-Action
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Tea/Coffee Break	All
11:30 am – 01:30 pm	Solutions Lab: Forging A West African Mining Host Communities Agenda	Facilitators + All
01:30 - 02:30 pm	Lunch	All
02:30 pm - 02:45 pm	Communiqué Drafting & Presentation of Joint Resolutions	Facilitator +All
02:45 pm - 03:00 pm	Closing Remarks	Abiodun Baiyewu Executive Director, Global Rights
06:00 pm - 8:00 pm	A Taste of Nigeria: Suya Night	All



ABOUT THE INDABA

The West African Mining Host Communities Indaba is an annual Natural Resource Governance Summit that provides a critical platform for Mining Host Communities in West Africa and their Civil Society Partners to engage and have critical conversations on strengthening safeguards for the sustainability of mining host communities in the West Africa sub-region.

It is a strategic subregional platform aimed at providing a collective front for otherwise disenfranchised communities to determine their own development agenda, amplify their voices, strengthen their advocacy thrust, and put them in the driver's seat of advocating for human-centered, rights-based extractive governance through the implementation of extant regional and state mining frameworks.

The Summit, among other objectives, seeks to create a forum for critical stakeholders to dialogue on equitable natural resource governance for the sustainability of extractive host communities; create a platform for mining host communities across West Africa to share experiences; improve knowledge on critical issues of concern for mining host communities; as well as facilitate opportunities for joint action and problem-solving.

This year's convening is not just another gathering; it is a regional call to action. As global interest in West Africa's minerals, especially its 'green minerals', intensifies, so must our commitment to placing communities at the heart of extractive governance.

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DR. HENRY DELE ALAKE

NIGERIA HONOURABLE MINISTER OF
SOLID MINERALS DEVELOPMENT

As minister, he has launched several ambitious reforms aimed at transforming Nigeria's solid minerals sector: boosting value addition rather than mere raw exports, attracting foreign direct investments, strengthening regulatory systems, improving geological data infrastructure, and establishing mineral processing hubs.

Under his leadership, the ministry has also proposed the creation of the Nigeria Solid Minerals Corporation with a share-structure that encourages private sector involvement, and has spotlighted environmental compliance, local content, and engaging host communities in revenue sharing and impact mitigation.





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DR. ORJI OGBONNAYA ORJI

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/CEO, NIGERIA
EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY
INITIATIVE (NEITI) AND THE NATIONAL
COORDINATOR OF EITI IMPLEMENTATION IN
NIGERIA

A natural resource governance expert, political economist and development communications specialist, Dr Orji has served in several presidential committees, including the Presidential Committee on Implementation of PIA, the Presidential Investigative Panel on oil theft and losses, worked at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and coordinated several donor-funded projects on governance and institutional reforms in Nigeria. Dr Orji sits on the National Steering Committee of Open Government Partnership and is currently the Co-Chair of the West African Beneficial Ownership Transparency Forum.

A renowned broadcaster, Orji holds a master's degree and a PhD in Political Economy and International Development from the University of Abuja, Nigeria. He is an alumnus of: J. F. Kennedy School of Government - Harvard University; Blavatnik School of Government - University of Oxford; The International Law Institute - George Town University, Washington DC; The World Bank Institute, among others. Orji is also recognized for his contributions to knowledge through his insightful and widely read publications: "Inside Aso Rock" and "What They Don't Teach You in Broadcasting."





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HON. GAZA JONATHAN GBEWI

CHAIRMAN, NIGERIA HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON SOLID
MINERALS.

As Chairman of the House Committee on Solid Minerals, Hon. Gbewwi has been at the forefront of legislative efforts to reform Nigeria's mining sector. He has sponsored and advanced the Nigerian Minerals and Mining Act (Amendment) Bill, advocated for a 5% revenue share for host communities, and pushed for improved regulatory oversight, formalization of mining practices, and stronger accountability from companies operating quarries. Under his leadership, the committee has also threatened to recommend revocation of licenses for illegal mining operations and has been vocal about enhancing value addition, environmental safeguards, and community development agreements.

As a lead advocate for host communities' rights, Hon Gaza has consistently pushed for host communities to get a fair share of the benefits of mining, criticizing inadequate community development agreements (CDAs) and environmental damage.



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MS. ABIODUN BAIYEWU

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GLOBAL RIGHTS

As Executive Director of Global Rights, Abiodun leads work on access to justice, women's rights, natural resources, human rights, and security and human rights programs. Her focus is on addressing governance failures that disenfranchise marginalized populations, particularly poor communities, women, and victims of discrimination.

Before her current role, Abiodun worked with several national and international organizations, including the Negotiation and Conflict Management Group; the O'Neill Institute for Global and National Health Law; the Center for African Policy and Peace Strategy; and the American Center for International Labor Solidarity.

Ms. Abiodun is is an accredited mediator, dispute resolution trainer, and a writer.





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HRM OBA ROBERTSON OMOLOLU AFILAKA

KABIYESI ALATORIN OF ATORIN

As Alatorin, he has been vocal about the damaging effects of illegal mining in Atorin. He has been consistent in emphasizing the value the community is losing due to illegal mining, through destruction of water sources, farmlands, cash crops etc.

Oba Afilaka has a B.A (Hons) Degree in Philosophy from the former Obafemi Awolowo University (now Ekiti State University , Ado Ekiti) and a Masters' degree (MSc) in The Development & Application of Information Systems from DeMontfort University, Leicester (Uk). He is presently pursuing a PhD in Administration from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife.





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DR. DAUDA GARUBA

DIRECTOR, CENTRE FOR DEMOCRACY
AND DEVELOPMENT (CDD-WEST AFRICA)

DR. GARUBA is the Director of the Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD-West Africa), a leading think tank on governance, peace, and human rights in the region. With over two decades of experience spanning civil society, international development, and public policy, he has worked extensively on democratic governance, natural resource management, social accountability, peacebuilding, and security sector reform.

Dr. Garuba began his career at CDD as a Programmes Officer, before serving as the Nigeria Country Coordinator for the Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI), where he advanced reforms in extractive sector governance. He later contributed his expertise to the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) as a Technical Adviser, supporting efforts to promote transparency and accountability in resource management.

An accomplished scholar, Dr. Garuba holds a Ph.D. in Political Science (International Relations) from the University of Benin, as well as an M.A. in Political Science and a B.A. in History. His professional journey reflects a consistent commitment to strengthening democratic institutions, promoting inclusive governance, and ensuring that natural resources serve as a tool for sustainable development and peace across Nigeria and West Africa.





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FAITH NWADISHI, JP

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CENTRE FOR
TRANSPARENCY ADVOCACY (CTA)

FAITH NWADISHI, JP, Executive Director, Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA), is a leading Nigerian civil society activist and governance reformer with over 20 years of experience advancing transparency, accountability, and civic participation across the extractive sectors, electoral processes, and good governance initiatives. She has built a strong track record serving in national and international bodies: she was Nigeria's National Coordinator of Publish What You Pay (PWYP), served on the National Stakeholders Working Group of the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI), and was a member of the International Board of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI).

At CTA, Faith leads programs focused on empowering marginalized communities, especially women, indigenous groups, and youth, to engage meaningfully with public institutions over issues such as extractive justice, contract transparency, and environmental rights. In May 2023, she was sworn in as Justice of the Peace in Delta State, further reflecting her commitment to upholding justice and the rule of law. She is the Convener of women in Extractives and founded Koyenum Immalah Foundation.



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CHARLIZE TOMASELLI

RESEARCH AND LEARNING FACILITATOR,
COALITION FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS IN DEVELOPMENT

CHARLIZE is a researcher, educator, and activist working at the intersection of environmental justice, political economy, and community-led development. Her work explores the global political economy of the Just Energy Transition, with a particular focus on how critical mineral extraction reshapes power, land, and livelihoods in Africa and beyond.

At the Coalition for Human Rights in Development, Charlize supports community-led strategies that challenge green colonialism and centre human rights, collective agency, and ecological justice in the context

of development finance and climate investment. Her work is grounded in solidarity with movements across Africa, Latin America, and Asia resisting extractive forms of transition. She was previously a Senior Researcher at the Alternative Information and Development Centre (AIDC), where she led research on the socio-ecological impacts of critical mineral mining and its entanglements with global supply chains, corporate power, and climate mitigation policy.

Charlize lectures part-time in Political Ecology and Development Studies at the University of Cape Town and is completing her PhD in Environmental and Geographic Science.





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ENGR. (DR.) JANET ADEYEMI

PRESIDENT, WOMEN IN MINING IN NIGERIA

An accomplished engineer, sustainability advocate, and prominent voice in natural resource governance, climate change, gender equity, and sustainable development. She was named one of the 100 Global Inspirational Women in Mining in 2017 and currently serves as Nigeria Country Chair on Sustainability. She is a Fellow of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, the Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society, and the Institute of Management. She is also a member of the International Society of Sustainability Professionals, the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), and the Council of Nigerian Mining Engineers and Geoscientists (COMEG), among other professional bodies.

Dr. Adeyemi holds a Ph.D. in Public Administration from the University of British Columbia, an M.Sc. in Engineering from Loughborough University, UK, and a B.Sc. in Geology from Obafemi Awolowo University (formerly University of Ife). She also earned a Law degree from the National Open University of Nigeria and is currently pursuing her Law School qualification.

Her extensive public service experience includes serving as a legislator in Nigeria's Federal House of Representatives, and later as a Presidential Aide. In 2006, Dr. Adeyemi founded Women in Mining in Nigeria (WIMIN), a pioneering organization aimed at mainstreaming women into the extractive sector. She currently serves as the Civil Society Policy Forum (CSPF) Representative for the World Bank and IMF in West and Central Africa.



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MAMADOU LAMARANA DIALLO

PROGRAM COORDINATOR AT ACTION
MINES, GUINEA

LAMARANA is an expert in natural resource governance and the rights of mining communities, with over ten years of experience in project management and advocacy for social, economic, and environmental justice in Guinea. He is currently the Program Coordinator at Action Mines, Guinea.

Working with Action Mines Guinea, he has led initiatives for communities impacted by mining. His professional background also includes experience in communications and administration with national and international organizations, such as EITI-Guinea and GIZ.





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DEBORAH N'GOZZI LAHAI

CO-FOUNDER AND TECHNICAL ADVISOR
FOR ACTION FOR WOMEN AND
CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT, SIERRA LEONE

DEBORAH is a passionate young human rights, gender, climate activist and an environmentalist with a wealth of experience working with mining host communities and rural communities. She obtained an M.Phil Masters' Degree in Gender Studies from Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone.





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CHIBEZE EZEKIEL

FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR
OF THE STRATEGIC YOUTH NETWORK FOR
DEVELOPMENT (SYND)

CHIBEZE is the Founder & Executive Coordinator of the Strategic Youth Network for Development (SYND), a youth-oriented NGO that promotes youth inclusion in the governance of the Natural Resources & Environmental (NRE) sector. He's a member of the board of 350.org, a BreatheLife voice champion and the 2020 Goldman Environmental Prize Recipient for Africa. He also chairs the Youth in Natural Resources and Environmental Governance (Youth-NREG) Platform. As a Youth Leader, he holds the conviction that young people must be at the heart of climate & environmental solutions in that they have a pivotal role to play in ensuring environmental protection.

His work revolves around climate justice, biodiversity conservation and tackling poverty (economic & social justice) among young people. As a climate strategist and clean energy exponent, he offers invaluable support to Ghana's climate programmes such as the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Energy Transition Agenda. He also supports the work of CSOs on effective ways of engaging Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) such as the World Bank & African Development Bank (AfDB).





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LUMUN AMANDA FEESE

CO-FACILITATOR, THE NIGERIAN
ECONOMIC SUMMIT GROUP

AMANDA is a public policy and governance strategist with nearly 30 years of experience shaping Nigeria's mining, industrial, and natural resource sectors. As CEO of RBI Perse Advisory, she advises governments, investors, private institutions, philanthropic organisations, and development partners on reforms that unlock sustainable industrial growth. Her career spans the World Bank, Nigeria's Ministry of Solid Minerals, and the Bureau of Public Enterprises, where she delivered policy, governance, and investment strategies.

As a co-facilitator at the Nigerian Economic Summit Group, she actively champions Africa's resource-based industrialisation agenda through cross-sectoral collaboration.





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SAM DANSE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INTEGRATED
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (ISODEC)

SAM DANSE is an accomplished development professional in Ghana with extensive experience in strategy development, development programming and policy advocacy and campaigns. With an M.A Degree in International Development & Social Change from Clark University, Worcester focusing on Natural Resource Management and an M.A in Conflict Management in the School for International Training, Brattleboro, his commitment in social development is deeply rooted in putting local populations at the forefront of their development, whilst challenging unjust exploitation of marginalized populations. Over the years, he has provided Country Level leadership for Oxfam in Ghana and Liberia, Handicap International in Sierra Leone and CAFOD in Sierra Leone and Liberia. He has also consulted for FAO and IFAD in Eritrea and Sierra Leone on food systems and natural resource governance as well as designed their country strategies in 2022.



Mr. Danse is an avid anti-corruption campaigner and a gender activist. He is passionate about just natural resource governance and the promotion of downward accountability within this space. In January 2024, he took over as the Executive Director of ISODEC in Ghana and is actively involved in the CSO space regarding debt and development, natural resource governance and building Accountability Labs and Youth Sounding Boards in Ghana's mining areas to hold duty bearers to account.



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DR DIETER AHMED BASSI

**DIRECTOR, POLICY PLANNING &
STRATEGY, NIGERIA EXTRACTIVE
INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE
(NEITI)**

A trained geologist and with expertise in Mining, Oil and Gas Resource Management and Governance. He has a B.Sc. in Geology (Hons) degree from the University of Maiduguri, M.Sc. in Mineral Exploration/Economic Geology from the University of Jos, and a PhD also in Mineral Exploration/Economic Geology from the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa Bauchi. He is a member of the National Institute of Policy and Strategic Study (NIPSS)

He is a recipient of the Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society (NMGS)/Nigerian Iron Ore Mining Company (NIOMCO) National Award for the Best M.Sc Thesis in Nigeria for 2003. Dr Dieter is a professional member of the Corporate Member Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society (NMGS), the Association of Exploration Geophysicist, as well as the Council of Nigerian Mining Engineers and Geoscientists (COMEG).

Dieter joined NEITI in 2010 as the pioneer head of the solid minerals unit in the Technical Department. Prior to joining NEITI, he was a lecturer at the Geology Department of Abubakar Tafawa Balewa Bauchi.





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DR. ADEROMOLA ADEOLA

**DIRECTOR, GLOBAL HUB ON INTERNAL
DISPLACEMENT**

ADEROMOLA is a distinguished scholar and practitioner in international law, specializing in internal displacement, human rights, and migration policy. She serves as Director of the Global Hub on Internal Displacement, bringing extensive expertise from both academic contexts and field-level engagement. She holds an LLM from Harvard Law School and a PhD in International Law from the University of Pretoria.

In addition to her scholarly contributions, Dr. Adeola has advised governments and international bodies on legal, protection, and policy frameworks for internally displaced persons, helping to translate international and regional norms into more protective domestic practice.





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ROBERT TANTI ALI

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE CENTRE FOR
SOCIAL IMPACT STUDIES (CESIS), GHANA

ROBERT has over 15 years of experience as an activist in civil society. He currently serves as the Executive Director of the Centre for Social Impact Studies (CeSIS) in Ghana, where he has successfully implemented several initiatives to build the capacity of mining-affected communities to engage mining companies and relevant stakeholders in a non-confrontational manner on key issues that affect them.

Robert began his career in Obuasi as a volunteer for CeSIS and several other community-based organizations before transitioning to natural resource governance, reproductive health, youth development, social inclusion, climate change, small-scale mining, and human rights advocacy.

Robert holds a Bachelor of Education in Counselling Psychology from the University of Education, Winneba, and a Master of Public Health (MPH) from the University of Ghana. He has also undertaken several training courses both at home and abroad.





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IKAL ANG'ELEI

FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
FRIENDS OF LAKE TURKANA (FOLT)

IKAL is a Kenyan environmentalist, indigenous rights advocate, and founder & Executive Director of Friends of Lake Turkana (FoLT), a grassroots organization dedicated to achieving social, economic, and environmental justice in the Lake Turkana Basin. Born in Kitale, she holds a Bachelor's degree in Commerce from the University of Nairobi and a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Political Science from Stony Brook University, New York.

Angelei rose to international prominence in 2012 when she was awarded the Goldman Environmental Prize for her leadership in opposing the construction of the Gilgel Gibe III Dam upstream on the Omo River in Ethiopia, an infrastructure project that threatened the livelihoods, water supply, and ecosystems of indigenous communities in and around Lake Turkana.

FoLT under her leadership successfully mobilized community voices, conducted advocacy to national and global actors, and steered financial institutions to reconsider funding for the dam, demonstrating how grassroots mobilization combined with policy-oriented advocacy can influence large development projects.





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ALFRED BROWNWELL

FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
GREEN ADVOCATES INTERNATIONAL

ALFRED is the founder and Executive Director of Green Advocates International. He is a Liberian environmental lawyer and human rights defender. With over two decades of advocacy, he has been a leading voice for communities in West Africa struggling to protect their lands, forests, and water sources from harmful extractive and agricultural practices.

Brownell's work has included establishing the Alliance for Rural Democracy to connect community-based groups across Liberia, pushing for legal reforms in environmental and forestry law, and fighting for stronger accountability in deals that affect vulnerable populations. He has also won several international recognitions for his activism, including the 2019 Goldman Environmental Prize, and has held fellowships, including as the Tom & Andi Bernstein Visiting Human Rights Fellow at Yale Law School.





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SOSTINE NAMANYA

EAST AFRICA COORDINATOR: CONSENT
& RIGHT TO SAY NO, WOMIN AFRICA
ALLIANCE

SOSTINE is an eco-feminist organiser from Uganda and currently works as the East Africa Coordinator for Consent and Right to Say NO at WoMin African Alliance.

She works alongside grassroots women and communities to defend land, life, and livelihoods from the violence of extractivism, while advancing alternatives and collective visions for transformative futures beyond exploitation.





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TIJAH BOLTON- AKPAN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, POLICY ALERT

TIJAH is the Executive Director of Policy Alert. He is a Nigerian governance and development professional with over twenty years of experience in programme management, advocacy, and policy analysis. He is Executive Director of Policy Alert, a civil society organization that works to promote social, economic, and ecological justice through strengthened institutions, citizen engagement, and transparency.

His work spans issues such as extractive sector governance, environmental accountability, budget transparency, and open government. Under his leadership, Policy Alert has taken on critical issues including oil and gas asset divestment, methane emissions, and regulatory reform in Nigeria's upstream petroleum sector. In addition, Mr. Bolton-Akpan serves on the National Steering Committee of the Open Government Partnership (OGP III) and has contributed to numerous civic initiatives to deepen democracy and accountability at both state and national levels.





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OLATUNDUN TAIWO

COO, OYO STATE PACESETTER MINERAL
DEVELOPMENT COMPANY / VICE
CHAIRMAN, MINING LAW COMMITTEE
NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION'S SECTION
ON BUSINESS LAW

TUNDUN is the COO of Oyo State Pacesetter Mineral Development Company. She is a distinguished expert in mining law, policy, and solid mineral development, with an impressive track record of driving transformative initiatives in Nigeria's mining sector. Tundun plays a pivotal role in steering the strategic vision of the Oyo State Pacesetter Mineral Development Company, where she spearheaded its restructuring, secured critical mining licenses, and facilitated key investor partnerships to enhance Oyo State's mineral resource management.

She serves as the Vice Chairman of the Mining Law Committee under the Nigerian Bar Association's Section on Business Law. As the Founder of Impresal Mining Limited, Tundun leads a company specializing in mining law and regulation, solid mineral project development, trade advisory, negotiations, and attracting local and foreign investments for mining projects.





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RACHEL AWOUSSI BOYINDJO

CO-CHAIR, AFRICAN COALITION FOR
CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY (ACCA)

RACHEL is a sociologist and expert in gender and conflict management. She is the Executive Director of the NGO Dimension Humaine and a Gender Expert for the GIZ Forest for Future project in Togo. She led the advocacy and awareness-raising campaign on remedies for human rights violations in the context of the activities of companies and natural resource exploitation companies in Togo, with the support of the Australian Embassy. She is actively committed to defending women's rights and promoting gender equality in Togo. Through the NGO Dimension Humaine, she works to empower women and strengthen their participation in community and economic life.

Rachel sits on the steering committee of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in Togo and also serves as Co-Chair of the African Coalition for Corporate Accountability (ACCA). ACCA brings together more than 130 civil society organizations working for corporate social and environmental responsibility in Africa.,

Rachel collaborates with researchers and practitioners and mobilizes communities, particularly women, to promote forest landscape restoration in Africa. She places particular emphasis on the environmental and socio-economic benefits of these initiatives.





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WEYINMI ERIBO

MANAGING PARTNER, ZENFORTE
CONSULTING

WEYINMI is a Pan-African business leader, women's economic empowerment expert and the Managing Partner of Zenforte Consulting - a mission-driven firm advancing inclusive trade, financial inclusion and enterprise growth across Africa. She served as the pioneer Director General of the women Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (WCCIMA), where she led the chamber's strategic vision, national advocacy and flagship programs for women entrepreneurs.

With over 15 years of multisectoral experience across oil and gas, international development and impact investing, Weyinmi has led transformative projects with the Bank of Industry, LAPO Microfinance Bank, UNDP, ICR, KIT Royal Tropical Institute and the USADF. She is the architect behind ZenTrade and ZenCoop. Weyinmi holds an Honorary Doctorate in Business Administration, is a certified Management Consultant and a Fellow of the Institute of Management Consultant, a certified BDSP and a certified lead auditor. She is also an Acumen West Africa Fellow, StartingBloc Social Innovation Fellow, Cherie Blair Foundation Alumna and a World Bank and Orange Knowledge Programme Scholar.

She is widely recognized for her work in women's economic empowerment, driving policy-aligned innovation and building inclusive systems to support underserved entrepreneurs across the continent.



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RENATO PAULINO LANFRANCHI

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR,
JUSTIÇA NOS TRILHOS

RENATO is a human rights defender who helped in the foundation of the Center for Defense of Life (CDV-HS) in Fortaleza, Ceará and of the Sapopemba Human Rights Center (CDHS) in São Paulo. He worked as the Coordinator of the Oscar Romero Human Rights Center (CEDHOR), in Paraíba between 2009 and 2013. He is currently the administrative coordinator of Justiça nos Trilhos which defends communities impacted by mining and agribusiness along the Carajás Corridor in the state of Maranhão, Eastern Amazon region.





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REDZIE JUGO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SRARINA INITIATIVE
FOR PEACE, JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT

REDZIE is a Nigerian legal practitioner with 19+ years of experience in mining host community advocacy. As a key member of the Federation of Nigerian Mining Host Communities (Plateau State), he has partnered with Global Rights Nigeria since 2019 to document human rights violations in mining communities and advocate for reform of Nigeria's Minerals and Mining Act 2007.

His expertise in Community Development Agreements derives from direct field experience representing mining-affected indigenous communities in land rights disputes and leading campaigns for the reclamation of over 300 abandoned mining pits across Jos South and Barkin Ladi areas. He has contributed to Federal House of Representatives legislative frameworks on environmental rights and is currently a member of the technical committee reviewing Mining Bills before the House Committee on Solid Minerals, led by the House of Representatives Committee on Solid Minerals.

Redzie holds a Master of Laws (LLM) from the University of Jos, where he researched "Taxation of the Solid Mineral Sector," and is pursuing a PhD in Public Policy and Governance, focusing on indigenous rights and climate change-related economic policy.





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VINCENT EGORO

HEAD OF AFRICA REGION, RESOURCE JUSTICE NETWORK (FORMERLY PUBLISH WHAT YOU PAY)

VINCENT is a recognised African voice on energy transition, fossil fuel phase-out, and natural resource governance. He serves as Head of Africa Region at the Resource Justice Network (formerly Publish What You Pay), where he leads civil society coalitions across more than 27 countries to ensure Africa's natural wealth delivers real benefits for its people while advancing a just and equitable energy future.

His work bridges advocacy, policy influence, and grassroots mobilisation, with a focus on positioning Africa at the centre of global debates on climate justice and critical minerals. Vincent has facilitated regional strategies, multi-stakeholder dialogues, and donor-backed initiatives that strengthen civic space and empower communities most affected by extractive industries and the energy transition.

He is a frequent speaker and commentator, regularly invited to share insights at international conferences, policy forums, and media platforms shaping the future of Africa's energy and extractives sector.



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REINE MAIMEY

WOMIN AFRICA ALLIANCE

REINE is a pan-African feminist activist and organiser who dedicates her life to supporting the organising and building of eco-feminist movements in Africa. Her decolonial and anti-capitalist perspectives are at the heart of her commitment to African women, particularly those in rural areas. She has been working for several years to support and strengthen community struggles, in order to amplify the voices of peasant and working-class women in the face of destructive extractivism.

Her personal and professional experiences are guided by the conviction that centuries of slavery and colonisation in Africa have endangered the lives of thousands of Africans and that the current dominant neocolonial and imperialist model contributes to the construction of unjust economies that deprive people and nature of what they really need to survive. In 2019, Reine joined the WoMin Alliance team, where she coordinates a campaign on reparations targeting the African Development Bank.





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UCHENNA IDOKO

FOUNDER, CENTER FOR GENDER
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UCHENNA is an economist, gender advocate, and development practitioner with over two decades of experience promoting gender equality and inclusive growth throughout West Africa. She is the founder of the Center for Gender Economics in Africa (CGE Africa). She serves as Principal Consultant at Gender Metrics NG, where she leads initiatives on gender mainstreaming in macroeconomic policies, sustainable development, energy transitions, and women's leadership in key economic sectors.

She has collaborated with government agencies, UN organizations, and international groups to develop training programs, evaluate policies, and support advocacy efforts. Recognized as a thought leader, Uchenna is dedicated to advancing gender economic justice and sustainable development.





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