



**1st ECOWAS Mining & Petroleum Forum & Exhibition
Accra, Republic of Ghana, 06 – 08 October 2015**

**The relationship between West Africa's private & public sector stakeholders
amidst falling commodity prices, the fulcrum of debate at ECOMOF 2015**

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Due to the **fall of global mineral and petroleum prices**, the **importance** of the first inaugural ECOWAS Mining and Petroleum Forum **has escalated**. **ECOMOF, 1st ECOWAS Mining & Petroleum Forum & Exhibition** will take place from **6 – 8 October 2015**, in Accra, Ghana. The event is organised by the **ECOWAS Commission, Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources and Ministry of Petroleum**, Ghana in association with the **Chamber of Mines, Ghana** and **AME Trade**.

As companies look to balance the books, between rising production prices and decreasing revenues, this regional meeting attended by all the **Ministers of mining and petroleum of the fifteen member states (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo)** will allow the private sector to ask the governments, **how can you support us?**

In recent years across the region, mining and petroleum laws have been changing regularly, making it difficult for companies to plan their long term future strategy, a **uniform region wide extractive industry codes** as well as an amalgamated **West African Chamber of Mines** will be put on the table for discussion at ECOMOF. The event will allow companies to **plan their West African strategy** by listening to mining, petroleum, financial and social experts to gain their vital short and long term predictions.

ECOMOF will feature **pre-event workshops** conducted by the **gurus of West African mining & petroleum industries**: Dr Wayne Dunn, McGill University & Founder & President of the

CSR Training Institute, **Dr Paul Jourdan**, Consultant, Resource-Based Development Strategies, one of the forefathers of the modern African mining industry and **Mouhamed Kebe**, Managing Partner, **Geni & Kebe & Suzy H. Nikiema**, International law advisor.

The three day forum sessions will centre on the main theme of **“Valorising West Africa’s Mineral & Petroleum Resources through Regional Cooperation”**. The all-encompassing program will cover **the A to Z of the West African extractive industries** including sessions: finance, gender, training, education, technological innovation, mineral and petroleum potential, energy, environment, CSR, local content, infrastructure as well as country and corporate investment insights. Simultaneously with the forum program, the **ECOMOF trade exhibition** will take place with over one hundred companies expected to demonstrate their products and services.

Keynote speakers at the event will include:

- **H.E John Dramani Mahama**, President, Republic of Ghana
- **H.E Kadre Desire Ouédraogo**, President of the ECOWAS Commission
- **H.E Mrs. Fatima Haram Acyl**, Commissioner for Trade and Industry, African Union
- **H.E Kerfalla Yansane**, Minister of Mines & Geology, Guinea
- **Hon. Boubacar Ba**, Minister of Mines & Energy, Burkina Faso
- **Hon. Nii Osah Mills**, Minister of Natural Resources, Ghana
- **Hon. Emmanuel Armah-Kofi Buah**, Minister of Petroleum, Ghana
- **Hon. Dr Boubou Cisse**, Minister of Mines, Mali
- **Hon. Aly Ngouille Ndiaye**, Minister of Industry and Mines, Senegal
- **Hon. Jean-Claude Brou**, Minister of Industry & Mines, Ivory Coast
- **Hon. Alhaji Minkailu Mansaray**, Minister of Mines, Sierra Leone
- **Volker Wiederhold**, Director, KfW IPEX-Bank GmbH
- **Johan Ferreira**, President, Ghana Chamber of Mines, Director, Africa Newmont
- **Dr. Ayo Ajayi**, Africa Director, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- **Dr Hermogene Nsengimana**, Secretary General, African Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO)
- **Pietro Toigo**, Chief Macroeconomist, African Development Bank
- **Paulo de Sa**, Practice Manager, Energy & Extractive, World Bank Group
- **Kristian Lempa**, Project Director, GIZ
- **Dr. Latsoucabé Fall**, Regional Manager, Africa, World Energy Council
- **Mark Jessell**, WA Fellow / Professor / Centre for Exploration Targeting, WAXI
- **Stanislas Drochon**, Director, Africa Oil and Gas. IHS

ECOMOF is an event which has been institutionalised by the ECOWAS Commission and will occur on a **biennial basis**. This was decided on 8th October 2010 at the meeting of ECOWAS Ministers responsible for Mineral Resources Development, in Monrovia, Liberia, who

recommended that a regional mining and petroleum forum was required as part of the activities to **promote and develop the mining and oil potentials of Member States.**

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Dr MORLAYE BANGOURA

ECOWAS Commissioner of Energy and Mines

"ECOWAS Commission is delighted to be able to inform you that ECOMOF 2015 in particular, and its subsequent editions will not only be the first of its kind guaranteeing to bring together on one platform, all the Hon. Ministers responsible for the Mining and Petroleum Industries in the Member States of ECOWAS, but also, ECOMOF 2015 coincides with the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Economic Community of West African States in 2015 since it was established on 28 May 1975.

As ECOWAS celebrates its 40th Anniversary in 2015, I believe one of the climax-events is for us to assemble as key-stakeholders of the geo-extractive industry to take stock and chart our next-steps going-forward. It is in this light of satisfactorily addressing the question that the Authority of Heads of State and Government approved upon the recommendations at various levels through the ECOWAS Process, to establish and institutionalize the ECOWAS Mining & Petroleum Forum (ECOMOF) as the industry's platform for inclusive dialogue in the region.

The ECOWAS Mining & Petroleum Forum (ECOMOF) intended for institutionalization is unique. Its uniqueness lies with the participation of all the Hon. Ministers responsible for Mining and Petroleum in Member States. Intended to take place every two (2) years on a rotational basis between Member States, ECOMOF will provide a unique platform to interact with the respective Ministers in charge of mining and oil industry and their experts."



Hon. NII OSAH MILLS

Minister of Lands and Natural Resources • Republic of Ghana

"This theme ties in very well with the objectives of the Government of Ghana which is to ensure that our natural resources are not only exploited, but that additional value is created resulting in the sustainable development of our country. All the countries of the sub-region should expect similar outcomes as this is exactly what the current Africa Mining Vision adopted by the Africa Union, seeks to achieve. The timing of the forum is, therefore, very apt."