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PRE-CONFERENCE – SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2025

"STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL METALS: MOROCCO, AN OPEN INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL HUB FOR REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ADDED VALUE"

10:00	FULL DAY REGISTRATION Sponsored by:	
10:00	EXHIBITION STAND BUILD-UP	
17:30	PRE-OPENING COCKTAIL Sponsored by:	

CONFERENCE DAY 1 – MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2025

"STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL METALS: MOROCCO, AN OPEN INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL HUB FOR REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ADDED VALUE"

07:00	REGISTRATION Sponsored by:	
08:55	Introduction by the Faïçal TADLAOUI , Master of Ceremonies	
09:00	OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY	
	- Address by Mr. Mohammed Cherrat, President of the FDIM - Video screening - Address by H.E. Ms. Leila Benali, Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, Kingdom of Morocco	
09:45	MINISTERIAL PANEL - MOROCCO: OTC CORRIDOR FOR AFRICA'S INTEGRATION INTO GLOBAL MINING VALUE CHAINS: ROLE, IMPACT, AND CHALLENGES Points to debate: - Role of the OTC corridor in the development of African mining value chains. - Social and economic impact of the corridor on African countries. - ESG framework tailored to the African mining sector. - Infrastructure and logistics available. Moderator: Mr. Faïçal Tadlaoui Ministerial Panel: H.E. Ms. Leila Benali, Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, Kingdom of Morocco H.E. Mr. Karim Zidane, Minister of Investment, Convergence and Public Policy Evaluation, Kingdom of Morocco H.E. Eng Khalid Al Mudaifer, Deputy Minister of Mining Affairs, Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources, Saudi Arabia H.E. Mr. Hassan Ali Joho, EGH, Cabinet Secretary for Mines, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs, Kenya* H.E. Mr. Tidjian Thiam, Minister of Mines and Industry, Mauritania*	

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	• H.E. Mr. José Didier Tonato, Minister of Energy, Water and Mines, Benin* • H.E. Mr. Louis Watum Kabamba, Minister of Mines, Ministry of Mines, Democratic Republic of Congo* • H.E. Mr. Birame Soulèye DIOP, Minister of Energy, Petroleum and Mines, Senegal* • Mr. Chakib ALJ, President of the General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises
11:00	OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE EXHIBITION STANDS
11:15	COFFEE BREAK Sponsored by: Kharrouba
	Mme Meryem Lahlou - Maître de cérémonie
11:45	OPENING REMARKS – CRITICAL MINERALS IN A CHANGING WORLD: GEOPOLITICS, SECURITY AND SUPPLY Presenter: Mr Emile Detry , Managing Director and Partner, BCG
12:00	SESSION 1 - CRITICAL METALS & ENERGY TRANSITION: BUILDING SUSTAINABLE VALUE CHAINS IN A CHANGING GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT • Strategic role of critical metals. • Supply challenges • Local processing and energy independence. • Role of gigafactories (electric mobility, energy storage, etc.) Moderator: Ms. Naoula Zine, Managing Director of Reminex - Engineering, R&D and Project Management, Managem Group, Morocco Panellists • Ms. Zineb Zeryouhi, Deputy Managing Director, COBCO • Prof. Dr. Eric Pirard, Professor of Georesources; Director of the Department of Mineral, Materials, and Environmental Engineering, University of Liège • Mr. Mohamed Bachiri, President, Royal Automobile Club Marocain (RACM) • Mr. Kassongo Bin Nassor, President, Fédération des entreprises du Congo, Chamber of Mines, Democratic Republic of the Congo • Mr. Khalid Qalam, President, Gotion Power, Morocco* • Mr. El Hachemy Cheikh Sidaty, Director General, ANARPAM, Mauritania *
13:15	LUNCHEON Sponsored by: 
14:30	SESSION 2 – MINING AFRICA IN A TIME OF CHANGE: GOVERNANCE, SOVEREIGNTY, AND ALLIANCES • Country Strategies for the Mining Sector • Strategic Mining Projects in Africa • South-South Partnerships • Regional and National Local Content Plans

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- Regulations, Reforms, and Legal Transition
- Regional Dynamics
- Continental Value Chains

Moderator: Mr. Lhou Maacha, Director of Exploration, Managem Group, Morocco

Panellists

- **Mr. Benoît La Salle**, Chairman and CEO, Aya Gold and Silver, Morocco
- **Mr. Imad Toumi**, Chairman and CEO, Managem Group, Morocco*
- **Mr Anil Tripathi**, Chief Executive Officer, Samta Mines and Minerals
- **Ms. Assia Benhida**: Chair of the CGEM Sustainable Development Committee
- **Mr. Mohamed El Moctar Mohamed El Hacene**, Country Manager, Aura Energy & CEO, Tiris Resources, Mauritania
- **Prof. Abdellah Mouttaqi**, Director General, Compagnie Minière de Touissit (CMT)
- **Mr. Yanchen Wang**, Managing Director, Shanghai Metals Market, UK
- **Mrs. Anna Sobieraj-Kozakiewicz**, Deputy General Manager - Foreign Assets, KGHM Polska Miedz SA

15:45

COFFEE BREAK

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BREAKAWAY SESSIONS

16:15

Room 1 - Olivaraie
MINING EXPLORATION AND
CRITICAL METALS: DRIVERS OF
THE ENERGY TRANSITION AND
AFRICAN SOVEREIGNTY

- Africa as the backbone of global critical mineral supply, anchoring value chains for batteries, renewable energy, and advanced technologies.
- Morocco's strategic role as a regional exploration and processing hub, leveraging its phosphate dominance and growing projects in cobalt, copper, lithium, and rare earths.
- The impact of new technologies (geological mapping, remote sensing, AI-driven resource identification etc.) in reducing risk and accelerating discovery.
- Exploration as a driver of industrial sovereignty, linking upstream resource development

Room 2 - Orangerie
INTEGRATED LOGISTICS AND
INDUSTRIAL CORRIDORS:
CATALYSTS FOR ENERGY AND
MINING SOVEREIGNTY

- Position Morocco as a logistics and industrial hub on a regional and African scale, through corridors connected to strategic resource development projects (Morocco-Nigeria gas pipeline, critical metals, hydrogen, etc.).
- Highlight the structuring role of integrated logistics (ports, pipelines, rail, energy, data) in industrial competitiveness and energy sovereignty.
- Unite manufacturers, logisticians, project leaders, and decision-makers around a shared vision of infrastructure as a lever for regional transformation.

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	to downstream beneficiation, local content, and green industrialisation. Moderator: Panelists • Mr. Hicham Iraqi Houssaini, Managing Director, SAP • Mr. Mustapha Chaib, Exploration Division Director, ONHYM • M. Mustapha Souhassou, Head of Exploration, RedRock Mining • M. Youssef Hnit, Mining Sales Manager, Hitachi Construction Machinery (Europe) • Representative, Morocco Strategic Minerals • M. Otmane Raji, Assistant Professor HRD, UM6P* • Mr. Bourema Djiguiba, Head of Geological and Mining Database, National Directorate of Geology and Mines (DNGM), Mali • Mr. Nasser Dine Mohamed Yeselem, Director of Geo Resources, ANARPAM, Mauritania* • Mr. Jude N'gwe-Emane, Managing Director, Société Equatoriale des Mines (SEM), Gabon* •	• Promote synergies between major energy and industrial projects, in connection with the battery, green hydrogen, upstream mining, and processing sectors. Moderator: Panelists • Mme. Nisrine Louzzi, Director, Port Dakhla • M. Idriss Aarabi, Managing Director, Medhub, Tanger Med* • Representative, Marsa Maroc* • David Lefranc, Director of Planning and Environment, Dunkerque Port, France* • Mr. Anouar El Harrak, Director, Port of Casablanca* • Representative, ONCF* • Mr. Youga Sow, Managing Director, Africa Advisor, Senegal* • Mr. Younes Lamarti, Managing Director, Morocco, AGL Africa* • Representative, Stellantis*		
17:	SIGNING OF AGREEMENTS			
18:15	COCKTAIL FUNCTION Sponsored by			

CONFERENCE DAY 2 – TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2025 "STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL METALS: MOROCCO, AN OPEN INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL HUB FOR REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ADDED VALUE"	
07:00	REGISTRATION Sponsored by:
	Mme Meryem Lahlou - Maître de cérémonie

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09:00	SESSION 3 – MOROCCO'S MINING INDUSTRY: A LEVER OF SOVEREIGNTY AND INDUSTRIAL INTEGRATION • Regulations & Legal Framework • Flagship Exploration and Exploitation Projects • Mining Governance and Attractiveness • Development and Industrial Projects • New Sectors in the Mining Industry • Challenges, Advantages, Recommendations, Roadmap, etc. Moderator: Prof. Abdellah Mouttaqi, Director General, Compagnie Minière de Touissit (CMT) Panelists • Mr. Ahmed Bouzid, Director General, Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, Kingdom of Morocco • Mr. Abed Chagar, President of the FCP • Mrs. Intissar Benzakour, Scientific Director, Managem Group, Morocco* • Ms. Amina Benkhadra, Managing Director, ONHYM* • Mrs. Naoula Zine, General Manager Reminex - Engineering, R&D and Project Management, Managem Group, Morocco • Mr. Hassan Oulaid, Director of Innovation and Exploration SP2M, OCP Group* • Mr. Abdellatif Zaghnoun; Director General; National Agency for the Strategic Management of State Holdings, Morocco			
10:30	COFFEE BREAK			
BREAKAWAY SESSIONS				
11:00	Room 1 - Olivaraie EMPOWER. INSPIRE. CONNECT: WOMEN LEADING CHANGE IN MINING A vibrant networking session celebrating women's leadership, innovation, and impact across the mining value chain Session highlights: • Lightning Talks: Fast-paced, thought-provoking insights from women driving change in mining. • Inspiration & Storytelling: Personal journeys of leadership, innovation, and resilience. • Networking & Mentorship: Build meaningful connections and	Room 2 - Orangerie GEOMETALLURGY: CHARACTERIZATION OF ORES AND PROCESS OPTIMIZATION • Ore Profiling: Analysis of mineral composition and variability. • Tailoring extraction and recovery methods to ore characteristics. • Using data-driven models to optimize operational performance. Moderator: Mr. Mostafa Benzaazoua , Professor / Director of the Institute of Geology and Sustainable Mines, UM6P Panellists • Mr. Lhou Maacha, Director of Exploration, Managem Group, Morocco	Palmarai Networking	Borj 1 - 10 B2B



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	explore collaboration opportunities. • Inclusive Future: Advancing gender diversity and sustainable growth in mining. opportunities and collective momentum toward a more inclusive and sustainable mining industry.	• Prof. Dr. Eric Pirard, Professor of Geo Resources; director of the department of mineral engineering, materials and environment, University of Liège • Mr. Lucas Pereira, Group Lead, Helmholtz-Zentrum Dresden-Rossendorf (HZDR)* • Mervyn Stevens, Vice-President, Technology and Expertise Solutions in Mineral Processing and Battery Materials, Mining Minerals and Battery Metals, Worley*		
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12:30	LUNCHEON Sponsored by:	Managem Creating value beyond mining		
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BREAKAWAY SESSIONS

13:45	Room 1 - Olivarie WATER STRESS AND THE MINING INDUSTRY: INNOVATING FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE • Responsible Mining in Water-Stressed Regions – Positioning the sector as a driver of sustainable water stewardship. • Innovation & Collaboration – Harnessing new technologies and partnerships for efficient water management. • Best Practices & Integration – Showcasing solutions applicable in Morocco and across global mining operations. Moderator: Ms. Laila Barfoud, Head of the Environmental R&D Program at the Managem Group Panellists • Ms. Laila Mandi, Director of the National Center for Studies and Research on Water and Energy (CNEREE)	Room 2 - Orangerie TALENT DEVELOPMENT - IMPROVING THE SECTOR'S PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORTING SMEs • Training, upskilling, and empowering the mining workforce. • SME Support: Strengthening local suppliers and small businesses in the value chain. • Leveraging human capital to drive efficiency and innovation. Moderator: Mr. Abdessamad Khalil, Professor, ENIM* Panellists • M. Mohamed Amine Afsahi, Director of Human Resources, ESG and Communication, Managem • Mrs. Wafa Asri, Secretary General of the Ministry of Economic Inclusion of the Small Enterprise of Employment and Skills*	Palmarie Networking	Borj 1 - 10 B2B
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	• Ms. Houria Tazi Sadeq, Lawyer and International expert on Water law, Environment law and Sustainable Development* • Mr. Abdelhakim EL FADIL, CEO and Founder of Aquadviser • Mr. Marouen Jouini, Professor, UM6P • Mr. Mohammed Chtioui: Director of the Tensift Hydraulic Basin Agency (ABHT) • Ms. Diana Mendez, Executive Director, LAC, Insuco • Mr. Yassine Tata, Associate Professor, GMSI, UM6P	• Representative, Aya Gold & Silver* • Mr. Robert Marquis, Associate Professor, Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue* • Ms. Ibtissam Bensetti, Director of Talent and Organizational Development, OCP Group* • M. Mohamed Benchra, Directeur ; l'Institute des Mines		
15:00	COFFEE BREAK			
PLENARY SESSION				
15:45	SESSION 4 – ESG AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE MINING INDUSTRY: STRENGTHS, CHALLENGES, AND PROSPECTS FOR GROWTH ALIGNED WITH GLOBAL STANDARDS, AROUND HUMAN CAPITAL, INCLUSION, AND ACADEMIC COOPERATION • ESG Governance and Responsibility • Human Capital and Social Inclusion (Talent, women, youth, etc.) • Academic Cooperation and Innovation (Universities, South-South cooperation, etc.) • Environmental Challenges and Opportunities • Global Perspectives and Competitiveness Moderator: Mr. Mostafa Benzaazoua, Professor/Director of the Institute of Geology and Sustainable Mining, UM6P Panellists • Dr. Pascal Rey, Managing Director, INSUCO, Morocco • Mr. Karim Cheikh, CGEM Human Capital Commission • Mr. Ishaq Admi, HSEC Specialist & Project Manager, ESS (Environmental and Social Sustainability) • M. Fernando Riaza, Policy Analyst, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD • Mr. Mohamed Abdellatif Kissami, Deputy General Manager, Mx2 Mining * • Ms. Christine Duchesneau, President and CEO at National Institute of Mines, Québec • Ms. Hanane Mouchid, Member of the Strategic Committee and Chief Sustainability & Innovation Officer, OCP Group* • Dr Gisele Belem*			
17:00	SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENTS			
17:30	OFFICIAL CLOSING CEREMONY			



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POST-CONFERENCE SITE TOURS – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2025

Limited spaces available per site visit – Separate booking required

MINE SITE VISITS

08h30 – 09h00 - **MEET IN LOBBY OF THE PICKALBATROS GOLF HOTEL**

09h00 – 10h00 - **TRANSPORTATION TO MINING OPERATIONS**

10h00 – 15h30 - **TOUR OF THE MINING OPERATIONS**



THE MINE SITE OF BENGUERIR – OPEN PIT – PHOSPHATE AND UM6P, GSMI, AND GEP VISITS (30 max)

In addition to its operational activity focusing on a capacity-building programme, innovative technologies and sustainability, the Benguerir open pit mine is one of the most important research areas of the OCP Group. An exploration and testing site, it is a real living laboratory made available to the scientific community and in particular to UM6P. It helps to place the OCP Group at the forefront of technological progress in the mining industry.

The Benguerir mine is part of the Gantour site which also includes the Youssoufia mine. Gantour also has two phosphate enrichment and upgrading units, and is connected to the port of Safi via a rail transport network. This makes it an integrated site covering the entire OCP Group mining value chain, from extraction activities to shipments, enrichment and upgrading.



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The Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P), a leading-edge Moroccan university, is dedicated to developing innovative solutions addressing Africa's specific challenges and, more broadly, global issues. Oriented towards training and research, while cultivating close partnerships with the industrial sector, promoting innovation and development in entrepreneurship, UM6P is firmly committed to the training of a new generation of talent to shape the future of the African continent.

THE INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX OF GUEMASSA (30 max)



The Guemassa Mining Company (CMG), located at the Hajjar site, serves as a strategic hub for several key operations of the MANAGEM Group, particularly in the extraction and processing of polymetallic ores. The complex is home to industrial units developed using proprietary in-house processes, enabling the production of critical metals for the energy transition, including nickel, cobalt cathodes, and cobalt sulfates. Recycling also plays a significant role within the complex, notably through the production of sulfuric acid and the processing of recycled batteries.



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Showcasing the Group's expertise in resource extraction and value creation, while embracing sustainable and innovative practices, the complex has consistently been a pioneer in adopting cutting-edge technologies, establishing industry benchmarks, and driving continuous process improvements.

The site also houses a Center of Excellence in Research and Development, equipped with state-of-the-art technical and technological resources. This center plays a pivotal role in the development of innovative processes, operational excellence, and the recovery of mining waste, thereby contributing to the continuous performance enhancement of the Group's operations in Morocco and across Africa.

Fully integrated, from exploration to mining operations, the complex also hosts Techsub, a subsidiary of the Group specializing in drilling and mining works. This entity supports all Managem projects, from exploration phases to the construction and development of underground infrastructure. Leveraging advanced technologies, Techsub excels in mechanized shaft sinking, which is critical for underground mining operations.