

PROGRAM

West Africa Mining Security Conference

30 September - 1 October 2025 | Accra, Ghana

DAY ONE PLENARY – Tuesday, 30 September 2025

0800 Registration opens

0900 Opening session

0950 Media leave

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1000 Geopolitics in West Africa: Challenges and Opportunities
Dr Alex Vines, Africa Director, European Council on Foreign Relations

1045 Morning tea

1110 Gold flows & armed networks threats in Ghana's Sahelian border zone
Gideon Ofori-Peasah, Analyst, GI-TOC - Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime

1140 Eyes in the sky, mines on the ground: Emerging threats to mining operations in West Africa
Héni Nsaibia, Senior Analyst, West Africa ACLED (Armed Conflict Location & Event Data)

1210 Joint Q&A session

1240 Networking buffet lunch

1340 Operating in complex frontier markets: navigating extremism, community vulnerability, and operational risk
Aneliese Bernard, Director, Strategic Stabilization Advisors

1410 Extracting terrorism from gold: field lessons & robust data on how gold mining either favours or impedes entry points for terrorists in northern Côte d'Ivoire [French/ English]
Aboubakar Coulibaly and Alan Bobbett Resilience for Peace; and Abdon Koko, SeeD

1440 Joint Q&A session

1510 Afternoon tea

1530 Exploration security: a case study in Côte d'Ivoire
Nick Maroukis, Security Consultant, MS Risk

1600 What do the juntas want? Power shifts and regulatory implications for mining operators
Vincent Rouget, Principal, Africa, Control Risks

1630 Fireside discussion: wrap-up panel
- Nick Maroukis
- Vincent Rouget
Moderated by Liam Morrissey, CEO, MS Risk

1700 Close of Day 1

1830 Welcome Cocktail and Networking Reception
Hosted by H.E. Berenice Owen-Jones, Australian High Commissioner

DAY TWO PLENARY – Wednesday, 1 October 2025

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| 0900 | Regional political risks in a Global Context – A political risk insurance market perspective
<i>Peter Jenkins, Head of Political & Credit Risk Team – Brit Syndicates at Lloyd's of London</i> | 1125 | Perspectives
<i>Lt Col Jim Muth, Former Canadian Defence Attache – Mali and Burkina Faso</i> |
| 0930 | Arbitrary detention: what to do?
<i>Sylvain Savolainen, Founding Partner, Savolainen Avocats [French/English]</i> | 1155 | Fireside discussion: wrap-up panel
- Lt Col Jim Muth
- Dr Kristian Gustafson
- Hédi Nsaibia |
| 1000 | Q&A, moderated by Liam Morrissey, CEO, MS Risk | 1225 | Close, Vote of Thanks and Survey Completion
<i>MC</i> |
| 1030 | Morning tea | 1230 | Networking buffet lunch [Plenary concludes] |
| 1050 | West African VEOs as an intelligence problem
<i>Dr Kristian Gustafson, Head, Brunel Centre for Intelligence & Security Studies</i> | | |

DAY TWO WORKSHOP

- 1330 **CRISIS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP – MAINTAINING SAFE OPERATIONS**
– Liam Morrissey, Chief Executive Officer, MS Risk Limited
– John Moller, Head of Security Crisis and Emergency Management, Perenti Group
– Jeffrey Houston, Regional Consular Officer, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade – Pretoria
- The crisis management workshop is tailored for mine security professionals and managers responsible for managing security incidents. It is a practical and useful knowledge sharing opportunity that will draw on scenarios with degrading conditions, indicators and mitigation practices. In particular, this session will examine shelter in place and evacuation considerations and draw out lessons learned from previous events, planning restrictions and operational guidance. The session is led by Liam Morrissey and John Moller. Jeffrey Houston, Regional Consular Officer based out of Pretoria, will join the workshop to share government approaches and responses from an Australian viewpoint.*
- 1500 Afternoon tea
- 1520 Workshop continues.
- 1630 WAMS CONCLUDES

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