



PROGRAM

West Africa Mining Security Conference

22–23 September 2026 | Accra, Ghana

DAY ONE – Tuesday, 22 September 2026

9:00am Opening session

CHATHAM HOUSE RULE

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| 10:00am | Session 1 + Q&A – West Africa in transition: Geopolitics, security and economic change
<i>Alex Vines, European Council on Foreign Relations</i> |
| 11:00am | Morning tea |
| 11:30am | Session 2 + Q&A – Securing the supply chain: Mapping conflict risks to mining in the Sahel and West Africa
<i>Heni Nsaibia, ACLED</i> |
| 12:15pm | Lunch break |
| 1:15pm | Session 3 + Q&A – West Africa and the Sahel: A UK Ministry of Defence Perspective
<i>Brigadier Tom Harper, British High Commission in Abuja</i> |
| 2:00pm | Session 4 + Q&A – The ASM-Security nexus in West Africa: Navigating armed and criminal influence and building community resilience
<i>Estelle Levin-Nally, Levin Sources & Theodora Williams-Anti, FOSDA</i> |
| 2:45pm | Afternoon tea |
| 3:15pm | Session 5 + fireside chat – Arbitrary detention in the Sahel: One man's insights
<i>Tommy Johnstone MBE, former hostage/detainee</i> |
| 4:30pm | End of Day 1 |

DAY TWO – Wednesday, 23 September 2026

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9:00am	Session 1 + Q&A – Beyond the threat: Assessing West Africa's shifting operating environment <i>Karolina Nachel, MS Risk</i>
9:45am	Session 2 + Q&A – The Mano River Belt: Understanding risk in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia <i>Caspar Fithen, Martello Risk</i>
10:30am	Morning tea
11:00am	Session 3 – Panel: horizon scanning & industry perspectives <i>Mining Industry panel</i>
12:00pm	Lunch break

DAY TWO WORKSHOP – Wednesday, 23 September 2026

1:00pm	Emergency management workshop <i>Melita Tickner, Regional Consular Officer, Australian Government; Liam Morrissey, MS Risk; John Moller, Perenti</i>
2:00pm	Afternoon tea
2:30pm	Emergency management <i>Melita Tickner, Regional Consular Officer, Australian Government; Liam Morrissey, MS Risk; John Moller, Perenti</i>

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