

AGENDA - OVERVIEW

DAY 1

08:00 - 09:00	REGISTRATION & WELCOME TEA/COFFEE	
09:00 - 09:30	1. Official Opening - Welcoming remarks	
09:30 - 10:30	2. High-level Panel Highlights of the Partnership on CRM and GH2 value chains	
10:30 - 10:45	Networking Tea/Coffee Break	
10:45 - 11:15	3. Presentation: Investing in Namibia	
11:15 - 13:00	4. Private Sectors Paving the Way for a mutually beneficial GH2 partnership: showcasing project opportunities	
13:00 - 14:00	Networking Lunch	
14:00 - 15:30	5. Upstream & Downstream Ventures; exploring opportunities along the Clean Hydrogen Derivatives Value Chain	
15:30 - 15:45	Networking	
15:45 - 17:30	6. Mitigating Financial Risks in GH2	
17:30 - 19:00	Networking Cocktail	



DAY 2

08:30 - 09:00	Registration		
09:00 - 09:45	7. Presentations: Aligning CRM Policies to Enhance Supply Security and Boost Local Value Addition		
09:45 - 10:45	8. Panel Discussion: Exploring Technological Advancements and Showcasing projects' opportunities in the Namibian CRM sector		
10:45 - 11:00	Networking Tea/Coffee Break		
11:00 - 12:00	9. Unlocking Value: Investing in Mining, Production, and Manufacturing for increased Beneficiation and Value-Addition		
12:00 - 12:45	10. Green Logistics, Transport and enabling infrastructure		
12:45 - 14:15	Networking Lunch		
14:15 - 15:15	9. Institutional Support in R&D and Capacity Building		
15.15 - 15.30	Transition to parallel session		
15:30 - 17:00		Room: Versailles 12.b Closing the Skills Gap	
17:00 - 17:30 17:30 - 18:30	13. Plenary: Official Closing and Takeaways 14. B2B Meet Up and visit Exhibits		

DAY 1: Tuesday 24th October 2023

08:00 - 09:00 REGISTRATION & WELCOME TEA/COFFEE

09:00 - 09:30 **1. Official Welcome and Opening Ceremony**

Mr. Koen Doens, Director General DG INTPA

Dr. Mekondjo Kaapanda-Girnus, Namibian Ambassador to the EU

Official Opening: H.E Dr. Hage G. Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia

09:30 - 10:30 **2. High-Level Plenary Session - Highlights of the Partnership on CRM and GH2 Value Chains**

The first session will highlight the strategic significance of the EU-Namibia partnership, emphasising the revitalised privileged relationship geared towards inclusive green growth, as well as the advancement of critical raw materials and green hydrogen.

Panellists:

- 1. Hon. Tom Alweendo, Minister of Mines and Energy
- 2. Hon. Tinne Van der Straeten, Minister of Energy of Belgium (TBC)
- 3. Ms. Jutta Urpilainen, Commissioner for International Partnership, EC
- 4. Hon. Obeth Kandjoze, Director-General National Planning Commission, Namibia
- 5. Mr. Thierry Breton, Commissioner for Internal Market, European Commission

Moderator: TBC

10:30 - 10:45 Networking Tea/Coffee Break

10:45 - 11:15 **3. Presentation: Invest in Namibia**

This presentation delves into the investment landscape of Namibia, shedding light on the country's business environment, opportunities, and potential for growth.

Presenter: Ms. Nangula Uaandja, Chairperson & CEO, Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board (NIPDB).

11.15 - 13.00

4. Plenary Session – Private Sector: Paving the Way for a mutually beneficial GH2 partnershipThis panel discussion delves into the innovative collaboration between the EU and Namibia's private sectors, pioneering a mutually beneficial partnership in Green Hydrogen (GH2). The focus will be on showing the link between initiatives of the private sector and the NGH2 Strategy.

Presenter of NGH2 Strategy: Mr. James Mnyupe. Presidential Advisor

Panellists:

- 1. Mr. Marco Raffinetti, CEO Hyphen
- 2. Ms. Liesbeth Verhaert, Project Manage, Compagnie Maritime Belge TECH & Mr. Sven Thieme, Executive Chairman, Ohlthaver & List Group
- 3. Mr. Jerome Namaseb, CEO, Daures Green Hydrogen Village
- 4. Mr. Hugo Fossard, Investment Manager, HDF Energy
- 5. Mr. Marco Alvera, CEO, Zhero (TBC)
- 6. Mr. Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, CEO, Hydrogen Europe

Moderator: African Hydrogen Partnership

13:00 - 14:00

Networking Lunch

14:00 - 15:30

5. Panel Discussion – Upstream & Downstream Ventures: Exploring Opportunities along the Clean Hydrogen Derivatives Value Chain.

This panel aims to explore the world of GH2 pioneering derivatives to reveal their potential to unlock opportunities across the full spectrum of upstream and downstream ventures, essential for Namibia Industrial Revolution.

Panellists:

- 1. Dr. Stephan Köhne, Managing Director, HyIron Green Technologies
- 2. Mr. Henrik Henriksson, CEO, H2 Green Steel Sweden (TBC)
- 3. Ms. Nadja Haakansson, Africa Managing Director, Siemens Energy
- 4. Mr. Thomas Wu, Executive Board Member, DSE Green Technology
- 5. Mr. François Jackow, CEO, Air Liquide (TBC)
- 6. Mr. Casten Mosch, CEO, Lodestone Namibia

Moderator: Belgium Hydrogen Council

15:45 - 17:30 **6. Panel Discussion - Mitigating Financial Risks in Green Hydrogen -**Innovative Instruments and Off-Take Mechanisms

The objective of this Roundtable Discussion is to delve into strategies aimed at minimising financial risks within the realm of Green Hydrogen. The session will also cover the mechanisms designed to support EU imports from 3rd party countries.

Panellists:

- 1. Mr. Benedict Libanda, CEO, Environmental Investment Fund
- 2. Mr. John Steytler, CEO, Development Bank of Namibia (TBC)
- 3. Mr. Joost Oorthuizen, CEO, Invest International
- 4. Mr. Stefano Signore, European Commission, DG INTPA, Sustainable Energy
- 5. Ms. Johanna Schiele, Policy Of:fcer, DG CLIMA, European Commission
- 6. Mr. Timo Bollergey, H2 Global Foundation
- 7. Ms. Palomo Perez De Vega, Head of Project Finance Division, EIB Global

Moderator: Marie Espitalier Noel, Fund and Financing Manager, Hydrogen Europe

17:30 - 19:00 Networking Cocktail

DAY 2: Wednesday 25th October 2023

08:00 - 09:00 REGISTRATION & WELCOME TEA/COFFEE

09:00 - 09:45

7. Presentations – Aligning CRM Policies to Enhance Supply Security and Boost Local Value AdditionThis presentation will explore the potential for enhancing the EU-Namibia Critical Raw Material (CRM)
partnership by examining the alignment between the EU Critical Raw Material Package and Namibia's
CRM policies

Keynote: Hon. Lucia Iipumbu, Minister of Industrialisation and Trade Mr. Peter Kovacs, Head of Unit, DG Trade, Industry, Goods, Energy, Customs and Origin

Presentations:

- 1. Mr. Peter Handley, European Commission, DG GROW
- 2. Mr. Erasmus Shivolo, DED at Ministry of Mines and Energy

09:45 - 10:45

8. Panel Discussion – Exploring Technological Advancements and Showcasing projects' opportunities in the Namibian CRM sector

In this panel we take a deep dive into mining companies technological advancements within Namibia's Critical Raw Material (CRM) and its collaborative partnership with European Companies.

Panellists:

- 1. Mr. Heye Daun, President & CEO, Osino Resources (TBD)
- 2. Mr. Anthony Viljoen, CEO, Andrada Mining
- 3. Mr. Joe Walsh, Managing Director, Lipidico Chemicals
- 4. Mr. Sidney W Martin, Executive Chairman, Broadmind Mining
- 5. Dr. Roland Gauss, Senior Advisor, European Raw Materials Alliance

Moderator: Mr. Veston Malango, CEO, Chambers of Mines

10:45 - 11:00 Networking Tea/Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:00 **9. Panel Discussion - Unlocking Value: Joint Ventures, Partnerships,** and Investment for Beneficiation in CRM

In this panel, government and industry leaders and experts delve into the potential for creating value through collaborative efforts in mining, refining and manufacturing. By exploring joint ventures, partnerships, and strategic investments, the discussion aims to uncover opportunities for enhanced beneficiation and value-added strategies that can drive sustainable growth across these critical sectors.

Panellists:

- 1. Mr. Eliphas Hawala, CEO, Epangelo Mining
- 2. Mr. Baptiste Buet, EU Business Unit Director, European Battery Alliance (TBC)
- 3. Mr. Aleksi Salo, Team manager, Geological Survey of Finland, GTK
- 4. Mr. Christopher Drysddale, CEO, The Rare Earth Association of Namibia
- 5. Mr. William Morrell, Continental Lithium Africa

Moderator: Ms. Cécile Billaux, Head of Unit, DG INTPA, European Commission

12:00 - 12:45 **10. Panel Discussion - Green Logistics Hub: Transport and Enabling Infrastructure**

This panel is a comprehensive exploration of Namibia's strategic positioning as a Green Logistics Hub and its integral role in the global push for achieving net-zero emissions in transportation.

Panellists:

- 1. Mr. Hippy Tjivikua, CEO, Walvis Bay Corridor Group (TBC)
- 2. Mr. Ralph Ruiters, Managing Director, MANICA Group (TBC)
- 3. Mr. Andrew Kanime, CEO, Namport
- 4. Mr. Kristof Waterschoot, Managing Director, Port of Antwerp-Bruges International
- 5. Mr. Boudewijn Siemons, CEO ad interim, and COO or Vivienne de Leeuw CFO Port of Rotterdam (TBC)

Moderator: Mr. Sergio Josa Oliete, Sustainable Transport and Urban Development, DG INTPA, European Commission

12:45 - 14:15 Networking Lunch

14:15 - 15:15 **11. Panel discussion – Institutional Support in R&D and Capacity Building**

This thematic panel will showcase collaborative efforts in research and development (R&D) as well as presenting the results of the AfricaMaval project.

Panellists:

- 1. Ms. Carol Zammit, AFRICA-MAVAL Project Coordinator
- 2. Ms. Gloria Simubali, Head of Geological Survey of Namibia (TBC)
- 3. Mr. Anouk Borst, Associate Professor, Solvomet Group, KU Leuven, Belgium (TBC)
- 4. Ms. Zenzi Awases Women in Mining Association of Namibia (WIMAN) President (TBC)

Moderator: Ms. Maddalena Procopio, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

15.30 - 17:00 **12 a. Parallel Panel Discussion - IPPs: Accelerating Namibia's Energy Transition & Independence.**

This panel aims to delve into the transformative journey of Namibia's Independent Power Producers (IPPs) and their pivotal role in fostering energy independence through RE. Through insightful discussions and real-world case studies, we will explore how RE IPPs are reshaping Namibia's energy landscape, enhancing sustainability, and contributing to the nation's quest for self-reliance in power and to provide universal access.

Presentation: Namibian renewable energy policy and targets. Mr. John Titus, Director of Energy, Ministry of Mines & Energy of Namibia

Panellists:

- 1. Mr. Robert Hahimise, CEO Electricity Control Board (ECB) (TBC)
- 2. Mr. Kahenge Simon Haulofu, Managing Director, NamPower (TBC)
- 3. Mr. Francesco La Camera, Director General, IRENA (TBC)
- 4. Ms. Rita Madeira, Africa Programme Officer, International Energy Agency
- 5. Mr. Cillian O'Donoghue, Director of Policy, EURELECTRIC (TBC)

Moderator: Mr. Francois van Schalkwyk - Executive Director, Namibia Investment Promotion Development Board (NIPDB)

15:30 - 17:00 **12.b Parallel Panel Discussion - Closing the Skill Gap for Youth Employment: The Namibian Government Policy Mix**

This panel discussion delves into the strategies and approaches to enhance skills and expertise within Namibia's workforce, aligning with the country's goal of becoming a prominent hub for renewable hydrogen and critical raw materials. Experts will explore avenues for skill development, training, and capacity-building to catalyse the growth of these vital sectors, drawing on experience from private sector, research institutions and development partners.

Key presenter: Hon, Dr. Itah Kandjii-Murangi, Minister, Ministry of Higher Education, Technology & Innovation Mr. Mansmann, (MP), Innovation Commissioner for Green Hydrogen at the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (TBC)

Panellists:

- 1. Prof. Anicia Peters; CEO, National Commission on Research, Science & Technology
- 2. Mr. Frank Mischler, Director, International Ptx Hub GIZ
- 3. Mr. Paolo Buoni, CEO, Renewable Energy Institute (TBC)
- 4. Mrs. Inès Taoufik, Chargée de mission pôle étude-expertise, France Hydrogène

Moderator: Mr. Tom Verlinden, Project Manager, Hydrogen Industry Cluster, WaterstofNet

17:00 - 17:30 **13. Official Closing and Takeaways**

Mapping the way forward for a Strengthened EU Namibia Partnership in CRM and GH2

- 1. Ms. Nangula Uaandja, Chairperson & CEO, Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board (NIPDB).
- 2. Mr Hans Stausboll, Director for Africa DG INTPA, European Commission

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