



SOUTH AFRICA – EUROPEAN UNION INVESTMENT SEMINAR

Theme: South Africa–European Union: A new model of partnership for sustainable minerals and metals value chains integration

**Venue: Southern Sun Cape Sun
23 Strand Street, Cape Town**

Date: Monday, 9 February 2026

**Time: 14h30 – 16h30
followed by a networking cocktail**

- 14:30 – 14:40 Opening and Welcome**
Honourable Mr Zuko Godlimpi, Deputy Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition South Africa
Mr Valère Moutarlier, Deputy Director General, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission
- 14:40 – 14:55 High Level segment: moderated firechat - Team Europe in South Africa**
H. E. Mr Sakari Puisto, Minister for Economic Affairs, Finland, **H.E. Mr Theo Francken** Minister of Defence and Foreign Trade, Belgium and **H.E. Mr Valentino Valentini** Deputy Minister, Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy
- 14:55 – 15:05 Presentation of policy tools and financing instruments agreed between the EU and South Africa** for the sustainable development of the minerals and metals value chains – **Ms Myriam Ferran**, Deputy Director General, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission
- 15:05 – 15:15 Project Announcements**
- 15:15 – 16:10 Panel discussion: How can a comprehensive South Africa–EU partnership further enable sustainable minerals and metals value chains integration?**
Moderator: Ms Joanne Bate, Energy Transition and Sustainable Industrialisation Specialist; Former Chief Operations Officer, Industrial Development Corporation
- Panel:**
Mr Kagiso Menoe, Director: Beneficiation Economics, Department of Minerals and Petroleum Resources, South Africa
Mr Rian Coetzee, Divisional Executive: Industry Planning and Project Development Industrial Development Corporation
Mr Benjamin Gallezot, Interministerial Delegate for Critical Minerals, France
Mr Geert Muylle, Special Envoy for Energy and Critical Raw Materials, Belgium
Mr Alberto Castronovo, Special Envoy on Critical Raw Materials, Italy
Mr James Kenny, Chief Executive Officer, Frontier Rare Earths
Ms Madelein Todd, Marketing Executive, Manganese Metal Company
- 16:10 – 16:25 Questions & Answers**
- 16:25 – 16:30 Vote of Thanks – H.E. Mrs Sandra Kramer, Ambassador of the European Union to South Africa**
- 16:30 – 17:30 Refreshments and Networking Cocktail**