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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uganda presents its compliments to all Diplomatic Missions, International Organisations, and Honorary Consuls accredited to Uganda and has the honour to inform that the Uganda Chamber of Energy and Minerals (UCEM), together with the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, is organising the 15th Annual Mineral Wealth Conference & Expo (MWC 2026), to be held from **29th to 30th September 2026 at Speke Resort Munyonyo, Kampala, Uganda.**

The MWC, in its landmark fifteenth edition, has firmly established itself as East Africa's premier mining investment and policy platform. The conference brings together Heads of Government, mining executives, institutional investors, development partners, financiers, technology providers, equipment manufacturers, and industry experts from across the globe under the theme **"Beneath the Surface: Unlocking Africa's Next Mining Powerhouse."**

Uganda's minerals sector is entering a transformative phase. Major projects across rare earth elements, gold, iron ore, phosphate, lithium, cobalt, and coltan are advancing towards production, positioning Uganda as a critical node in global mineral value chains. MWC 2026 will provide a structured platform for dialogue on mineral exploration, value addition, sustainable and responsible mining practices, infrastructure development, project financing, environmental stewardship, and regional economic integration.

The conference is expected to attract over 1,500 delegates from more than 50 countries, offering a concentrated, high-value environment for direct engagement with policymakers, regulators, project developers, financiers, and prospective business partners across the full mining value chain.

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The main conference will be followed by an optional Eastern Uganda Field Excursion (1–3 October 2026), offering delegates first-hand exposure to four key projects: the Makuutu Rare Earths Project, the Sukulu Phosphate Project, the Wagagai Gold Plant, and the Tororo Cement Operations. This excursion offers a unique opportunity to witness Uganda's mineral development agenda firsthand. Below are the participation fees;

- Conference (29–30 September 2026): USD 500 per delegate
- Eastern Uganda Field Excursion (1–3 October 2026): USD 800 per delegate
- Conference + Excursion (combined): USD 1,300 per delegate

For your reference, the following documents are enclosed with this letter:

- MWC 2026 Concept Note
- Sponsorship and Exhibition Packages
- MWC 2026 Logistics Note (Participation Details)

The Ministry wishes to invite you to participate in the Conference and request that you mobilise business delegations and relevant government officials from your respective countries to attend.

For registration enquiries, sponsorship discussions, or any additional information, please get in touch with Ms Daphine Nimusiima, Head of Operations at the Uganda Chamber of Energy and Minerals, on Tel. +256 784 228 224 or email ndaphine@ucem.ug.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uganda avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Diplomatic Missions, International Organisations, and Honorary Consuls accredited to Uganda the assurances of its highest consideration.

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MINERAL WEALTH CONFERENCE & EXPO

MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UGANDA CHAMBER OF ENERGY AND MINERALS (UCEM)

15TH ANNUAL MINERAL WEALTH CONFERENCE & EXPO 2026

"Beneath the Surface: Unlocking Africa's Next Mining Powerhouse"

CONCEPT NOTE



29TH - 30TH SEPTEMBER

SCAN TO REGISTER

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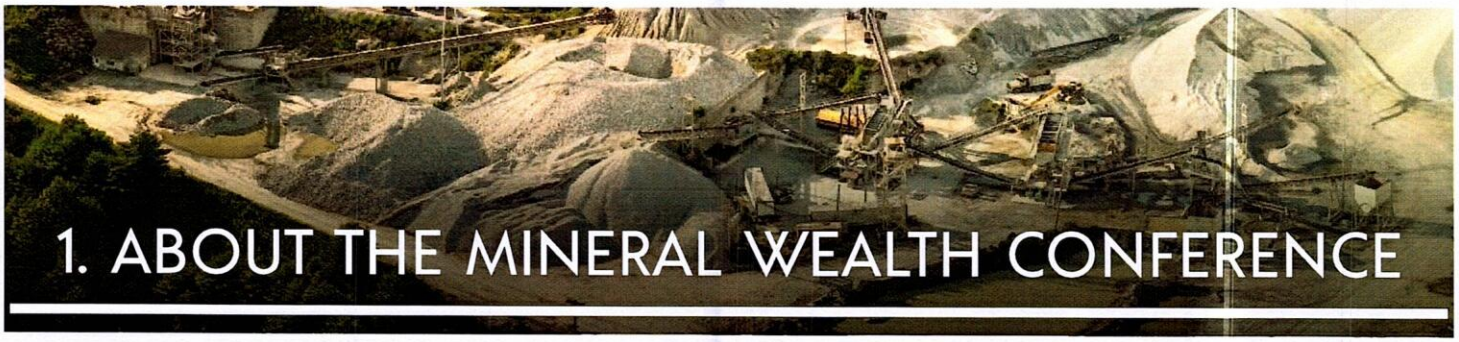

1. ABOUT THE MINERAL WEALTH CONFERENCE

The Annual Mineral Wealth Conference (MWC) is Uganda's premier gathering of mining minds, dealmakers, and development champions. Organized by the Uganda Chamber of Energy and Minerals (UCEM) in partnership with the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD), the MWC has grown from a modest domestic dialogue into a world-class extractives platform attracting investors, policymakers, financiers, and innovators from across the globe.

Now in its landmark 15th edition, the MWC 2026 returns bigger, bolder, and more impactful than ever before. This milestone edition — the "Quinzennial" — celebrates 15 years of building Uganda's mining story and launches the next chapter: transforming mineral resources into tangible national wealth.

By the Numbers: MWC Legacy	MWC 2026 Will Feature:
• 14 successful editions (2012–2025) • 1,000+ delegates annually • 52+ countries represented. • Billions of USD in deals facilitated	• 2-day Conference & Expo • CEOs Breakfast with the Minister • Awards Gala & Networking Cocktail • 4-day Eastern Uganda Excursion

2. THEME & RATIONALE

" Beneath the Surface: Unlocking Africa's Next Mining Powerhouse "

Uganda sits atop one of Africa's most geologically blessed terrains. From world-class Rare Earth Elements at Makuutu, to gold fields stretching across Buhweju, iron ore deposits in Kabale, phosphates in Tororo, graphite at Orom, and a newly complete aerial geophysical map revealing fresh frontiers — the country is not short of resources. What it needs now is the bold, coordinated ambition to turn geological promise into generational prosperity.

The theme "Minerals to Millions" captures this decisive moment: moving beyond exploration and policy discourse into the terrain of deals, production, value addition, and measurable economic transformation. It challenges every stakeholder — government, investor, financier, community, and innovator — to ask not just what Uganda has, but what Uganda is doing with it.

Key Questions the Conference Will Address:

- How do we accelerate the conversion of Uganda's verified mineral reserves into operating mines and processing facilities?
- What financing innovations can de-risk and fast-track mining investment in Uganda's frontier deposits?
- How does Uganda leverage critical minerals diplomacy to position itself in global clean energy supply chains?
- What role do local communities and artisanal miners play in the value addition ecosystem?
- How can Uganda develop domestic refining and manufacturing capacity to retain more value in-country?
- What governance and transparency reforms will attract and retain world-class investors?
- How does Uganda's mining sector align with climate change commitments while driving growth?

3. UGANDA'S MINERAL SECTOR: THE OPPORTUNITY

Uganda's geological endowment spans over fifty-eight categories of minerals — metallic, industrial, and energy minerals — distributed across its geological formations. High-resolution aeromagnetic surveys have now mapped the entire country, revealed high-potential anomaly zones, and confirmed world-class deposit potential in previously unexplored regions.

MINERAL	KEY LOCATION(S)	STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE
Rare Earth Elements	Makuutu, Bugweri District	Global clean energy tech; EV magnets; electronics
Gold	Buhweju, Mubende, Busia, Kasanda	Highest economic value; export revenues; jewellery
Iron Ore	Kabale, Muko, Tororo, Kotido	Steel production; industrial transformation
Phosphates	Sukulu, Tororo; Bukusu, Manafwa	Fertilizers; food security; phosphoric acid
Graphite	Orom, Kitgum	EV batteries; lubricants; nuclear applications
Cobalt & Copper	Kilembe, Kasese	Energy transition; electronics; aerospace
Lithium	Kabale, Ntungamo, Mukono	Batteries; chemicals; long-lasting power storage
Coltan (3Ts)	Ntungamo, Mubende, Moroto	Electronics; mobile phones; aerospace components
Limestone/Marble	Moroto, Kasese, Tororo	Cement; construction; tiles; tiles
Vermiculite	Tororo, Mbale	Fertilizer; construction; insulation

4. CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

MWC 2026 aims to achieve the following strategic outcomes:

1.Catalyze Investment: Create an enabling environment for domestic and international investment across the mineral value chain — from exploration to value addition and export.

2.Showcase Opportunities: Present Uganda's verified mineral deposits and investment-ready projects to a global audience of financiers, mining companies, and industry partners.

3.Drive Policy Dialogue: Facilitate high-level discussions between government, investors, and communities on regulatory reforms, fiscal incentives, and governance frameworks.

4.Champion Value Addition: Advance Uganda's agenda on in-country mineral processing, beneficiation, and industrial manufacturing to maximize resource rents.

5.Strengthen Partnerships: Build strategic alliances across East Africa and internationally for joint ventures, infrastructure development, and supply chain integration.

6.Recognize Excellence: Honor outstanding contributions to Uganda's mining sector through the inaugural MWC Mining Excellence Awards.

7.Build the Next Generation: Provide a platform for young innovators, researchers, and women in mining to contribute fresh perspectives and forge career connections.

5. WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

MWC 2026 brings together the full ecosystem of Uganda's and Africa's mineral wealth universe:

Public Sector	Private Sector
• Government Ministers & Ministries • Parliamentary Committees on Natural Resources • MEMD & Geological Survey Dept • Uganda Revenue Authority • Investment and Trade Agencies • Foreign Embassies & Missions	• Mining Companies & Exploration Firms • Investors & Private Equity Funds • Commercial Banks & DFIs • Insurance & Risk Firms • Equipment & Technology Providers • Legal & Advisory Firms
Knowledge & Research	**Civil Society & Media**
• Universities & Research Institutions • Geologists & Mining Engineers • Environmental Scientists • Young Innovators & Students • International Think Tanks	• Civil Society Organizations • Community Representatives • Women in Mining Networks • ESG & Sustainability Advocates • Print, Digital & Broadcast Media

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Sponsorship Opportunities

MWC 2026 offers a range of sponsorship packages designed to maximise your organisation's visibility and engagement with senior decision-makers, investors, and policymakers across the African minerals sector.

Sponsorship Level	Investment (USD)	Key Benefits
Platinum Sponsor	**USD 40,000**	Keynote slot, premium exhibition lounge, full media package
Diamond Sponsor	**USD 30,000**	Panel speaking, exhibition lounge, VIP networking access
Gold Sponsor	**USD 25,000**	Speaking opportunity, exhibition booth, media visibility
Silver Sponsor	**USD 15,000**	Exhibition booth, branding, investor engagement sessions
Bronze Sponsor	**USD 10,000**	Brand visibility, exhibition space, delegate directory listing

All sponsors receive: high-level branding across conference materials and digital platforms, dedicated exhibition space, access to VIP investor engagement sessions, and prominent media visibility. Speaking opportunities are available from Gold level and above.

Exhibition Space

Companies wishing to showcase products, services, or investment opportunities may book exhibition space independently of a sponsorship package.

Space Type	Size	Cost (USD)	Includes
Exhibition Lounge	6m × 3m	**USD 3,500**	Furniture, fascia branding, power, Wi-Fi
Exhibition Booth	3m × 3m	**USD 2,000**	Shell scheme, fascia branding, power, Wi-Fi

What to Expect at MWC 2026

- High-level plenary sessions and ministerial addresses
- Dedicated investor and deal-making roundtables
- Technical and policy panels covering the full mining value chain
- Exhibition floor with leading equipment, technology, and services companies
- Structured bilateral meetings and networking sessions
- Country and project showcases highlighting Uganda's mineral opportunities
- Site visits to active mining and mineral processing operations

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Request to Heads of Mission

UCEM respectfully requests Diplomatic Missions and High Commissions to:

1. Participate in MWC 2026 and represent your country at this strategic forum.
2. Mobilise relevant companies, investors, and delegations from your host country and countries of accreditation.
3. Disseminate conference information to chambers of commerce, mining associations, financial institutions, development partners, equipment suppliers, and technology providers.
4. Consider sponsorship, exhibition, and country delegation opportunities as a means of enhancing your country's commercial visibility.
5. Champion Uganda as an emerging, investment-grade destination for mining and mineral value addition.

Contact & Registration Enquiries

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LOGISTICS NOTE

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"Beneath the Surface: Unlocking Africa's Next Mining Powerhouse"

About the Conference

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MWC 2026 is expected to attract over 1,500 delegates from more than 50 countries — providing a unique forum for investment promotion, deal-making, technology transfer, policy dialogue, and strategic partnership formation across the full mining value chain.

As Uganda advances the development of strategic minerals — including rare earth elements, gold, iron ore, phosphates, graphite, lithium, copper, cobalt, and coltan — MWC 2026 will serve as the key platform for positioning Uganda as a preferred destination for mining investment and mineral value addition.

Key Conference Details

Detail	Information
Event	15th Annual Mineral Wealth Conference & Expo (MWC 2026)
Dates	29–30 September 2026
Venue	Speke Resort Munyonyo, Kampala, Uganda
Co-hosts	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD) & Uganda Chamber of Energy and Minerals (UCEM)
Expected Attendance	1,500+ delegates from 50+ countries
Theme	"Beneath the Surface: Unlocking Africa's Next Mining Powerhouse"

Programme Overview

Date	Activity
29–30 September 2026	Main Conference & Exhibition — Speke Resort Munyonyo, Kampala

Date	Activity
1–3 October 2026	Eastern Uganda Field Excursion (optional)

Eastern Uganda Field Excursion

Delegates who register for the optional post-conference excursion will visit four operational and development-stage projects in Eastern Uganda:

- Makuutu Rare Earths Project
- Sukulu Phosphate Project
- Wagagai Gold Plant
- Tororo Cement Operations

The excursion offers an unparalleled opportunity to witness Uganda's mineral development agenda on the ground and engage directly with project operators.

Participation & Registration Fees

Participation Option	Fee (per person)	Includes
Conference Only	**USD 500**	Full access to all sessions, exhibition & networking
Eastern Uganda Excursion Only	**USD 800**	Site visits, transport & field logistics
Conference + Excursion (Combined)	**USD 1,300**	Full conference access plus all excursion activities

All fees are payable in United States Dollars (USD). Registration details and payment instructions will be communicated upon confirmation of participation.