

SOUTHERN AFRICAN COAL CONFERENCE 2026

INAUGURAL EDITION



"THE SIGNIFICANCE OF COAL IN A DYNAMIC WORLD"

DATE
22 October 2026

TIME
08h30–16h30

VENUE
Witbank, Mpumalanga

OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

WELCOME Opening Government Address: South Africa's Coal Resources – Future Coal Policy

Minister DMRP *tbc*

KEYNOTE 1 Effect of the Middle East War on Coal and Rail

Vuslat Bayoglu, Menar

KEYNOTE 2 The Future Mix of Power Generation

Bheki Nxumalo, Eskom *tbc*

KEYNOTE 3 Coal Mine Economics under current condition

Bongani Motsa, Minerals Council South Africa

GLOBAL–NATIONAL VIEWS

♦ Global View of Energy and the role of Coal in that Scenario

Paul Baruya (Recorded), Future Coal

♦ Coal Resources in South Africa: Neighbouring Countries

John Hancox, CCIC

♦ Opinions on the future of Coal from a Corporate View in South Africa

Ben Magara, Exxarro, Minerals Council South Africa *tbc*

♦ Views from a Labour Union in Mining South Africa

Mpho Phakade, NUM *tbc*

♦ Fireside Chat: In conversation with Nikis Lesufi

Mike Teke, Seriti *tbc*

CURRENT COAL SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

- ◆ The SA Inland Coal Market
Gavin Boyes, OPack
- ◆ Coal Development in Botswana: Maatla Colliery
Jacques Badenhorst, Maatla Colliery, Botswana
- ◆ A Regional Review of Coal with Logistics to bring it to Market
Max Matschke, Anura
- ◆ Richards Bay Coal Terminal and its developments
Alan Waller, RBCT *tbc*

SUSTAINABLE USE OF COAL

- ◆ New CCT Power Generation: CFBC Technology
Adam Luckos, Wits, Energy Consultant
- ◆ Operations in CCT Power Generation: Ammonia Technology
Thava Govender, Babcock Engineering
- ◆ Emissions capture, conversion and high-tech use
Tumi Kgomo, EPCM
- ◆ The future of Coal – a South African Perspective
Mike Blenkinsop, Energy Consultant

CLOSURE

- ◆ **Nikisi Lesufi, Deputy Chairman, FFF Carbon**