**GOLD WEEK AFRICA**

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

|  |
| --- |
| **Monday, 15 February 2021** |
| **Information session 1****The Gold Value Chain of West Africa***In these sessions, expert panels of regional gold stakeholders and policymakers provide perspectives on how progress made so far and future plans to integrate and boost the West African gold value-chain. We look at the statistics of production across the region and get a snapshot of gold production in West Africa to date as well as explore issues that affect pricing of gold and the future potential of the industry as whole* |
| **10h00-10h50****Policy & regulation** | 10h00-10h15**Welcome address: The role of Nigeria in West Africa’s gold sector***Hon. Arc. Olamilekan Adegbite, Minister, Ministry of Mines and Steel Development, Nigeria* |
| 10h15-10h30**Burkina Faso: a gold giant awakens***His Excellency Mr. Bachir Ismaël Ouédraogo, Minister of Energy, Mines and Quarries, Burkina Faso* |
| 10h30-10h35**Why Gold Africa: a blueprint to develop the West African gold economy***Nicole Smith, Secretary, Africa Gold Council, Nigeria* |
| 10h35-10h50**Gold value addition– African perspectives***Frank Mugyenyi, Chairman, Minerals Africa Development Institute (MADI), Uganda* |
| **Special information session***This session showcases some niche expert speakers that we have handpicked from the 6 different information session themes at Gold Week Africa, to share with our gold community particularly around gold trends; gold and the global economy, gold in finance, tech and the international policies that directly impact current and future African economic growth.* |
| **13h15-14h30****An economist’s overview** | **Macro-economic developments in West Africa in the Covid-19 era***Laure Gnassou, Economist, United Nations* |
| **15h30-16h30****Gold Expert Spotlight** | **Special guest presentation – PART ONE****Gold Price Manipulation: Why, How, and How Much Longer***Chris Powell, Secretary and Treasurer of the Gold Anti-Trust Action Committee, USA* |

|  |
| --- |
| **Tuesday, 16 February 2021** |
| **Information session 2****Africa’s gold jewelry market***In this session jewelers and goldsmiths discuss the realities of sourcing gold, jewelry making and building their brands in the local and regional market. We report back from the jewelry markets of Kano, Ouagadougou and Senegal, discuss the ease of doing business regionally and consider the impacts of imports from Dubai, Italy, India and Turkey.* |
| **Part A****10h00 – 10h45****Taking Africa to the World** | 10h00-10h45**Discussion moderated by Edward Johnson, GG, Consultant, Edward Johnson Consulting, United Kingdom****Panelists:*** Charles Betts, Group Managing Director, The Betts Group, United Kingdom
* Vania Leles, Founder & Creative Director, Vanleles Diamonds, United Kingdom
* Labi Akapo, CEO & Diamond Mounter, Akapo Jewels, South Africa
 |
| **Part B****11h00 - 12h00****The local market** | 11h00-12h00**Discussion moderated by Hadiza Garbati, Director, Kabara Community Development Initiative, Nigeria*** Hajiya Hafsat, Founder, Hafsat Jewelers, Nigeria
* Tekena Koko, Chief Executive Officer, GoldTreasure Exchange Limited (Goltrex), Nigeria\*
 |
| **Part C****12h30 – 13h45****The business of jewelry** | 12h30-13h15**Presentation: What does it take to build a jewelry business in Africa?***Wumba Akapo, Managing Director, Akapo Jewels, South Africa* |
| 13h15-13h45**Discussion moderated by Catherine Sutherland, Founder, Lead Consultant, Envision-Hub, Nigeria****Panelists:*** Wumba Akapo, Managing Director, Akapo Jewels, South Africa
* Monica Gichuhi, VirtuGems, Kenya
* Nere Emiko, Chairman, Kian Smith Refinery, Nigeria
 |
| **Special session****Re-Imagining West Africa’s gold jewelry market: From the region to the world***The session takes a four-fold approach; looking at global environmental and fair trade trends, exploring how historical and artisanal practises can be an intrinsic part of the value proposition, seeking ways and means of better engaging the black diaspora based jewellery brands and finally proposing how education has a pivotal role to play in training the next generation of jewellery designers*. |
| **14h00 – 15h30****African & Diasporan voices** | **Discussion moderated by Mazzi Odu, Founder and Editor of Magnus Oculus, Nigeria****Panelists:*** Lola Fenhirst, Jewelry Designer, Nigeria/France
* Emefa Cole, Jewelry Designers, Ghana/UK
* Jhaleh Rosenkrantz, Cofounder, Rosenkrantz Africa & Zimbaqua Mines, Kenya/Tanzania
* Kristin and Kofi Essel, Founders, Third Crown Jewelry, USA/Ghana
* Nihma Odunuyi, Founder & Senior Lecturer, Lagos Jewelry School, Nigeria
* Inonge Mweene, Founder, Inonge Zita Jewelry, Denmark/Zambia
* Melanie Eddy, Senior Lecturer, Central Saint Martin’s, UK/Bermuda
* Boitshoko Kebakile, Chief Executive Officer, House of Divinity Jewellery and Marketing and Communications Coordinator for AWIMA’s 2021 Jewellery Design Competition, Botswana
 |
| **Information session 3****Gold in design & utility***Accomplished contemporary designers & jewelers share perspectives on the future of the African luxury goods market and comment on opportunities for regional linkages to leverage talent and resources in the global luxury industry, cultivating and harnessing the African consumer market as well as challenges in the supply chain. The question of how to promote African luxury in the current moment is also considered here* |
| **Part A****16h00 – 17h15****History of gold & luxury in Africa** | 16h00-16h45**Looking back at our golden era to reestablish our golden future***Labi Akapo, CEO & Diamond Mounter, Akapo Jewels, South Africa* |
| 16h45-17h15**Discussion moderated by Abiola Fasehun, Strategic Consultant to the Luxury Jewelry Industry, USA****Panelists**:* Moyo Ogunseinde, Director, Aga Concept, Nigeria
* Labi Akapo, CEO & Diamond Mounter, Akapo Jewels, South Africa
* Oumy Diaw, Art & Luxury Lifestyle Specialist, Senegal
 |

|  |
| --- |
| **Wednesday, 17 February 2020** |
| **Information session 4a****Gold projects: updates and opportunities***Gold is Africa’s veins. Gold exploration and mining across the continent is on the rise. This session outlines the hotspots for investing in African gold mining, offering a review of projects, financing models, lessons learned from investors and exchanges on how to facilitate a win-win environment for all stakeholders. Formalisation of the artisanal and small scale gold mining sector and the impacts are also explored.***Chairman:***Tim Tokun, Managing Partner, Motimose Metals Ltd, Nigeria* |
| **10h00 – 12h00****Project Updates** | 10h00-10h30**Sierra Leone: The Baomahun Gold. Project** Tim Tokun, Motimose Metals Ltd, Managing Partner, Nigeria |
| 10h30-11h00**The Lapai and Osun Gold Projects**Riaan Van Der Westhuizen, Managing Director, Allied African, Nigeria |
| 11h00-11h30**Senegal projects: Women in small-scale mining and local development**Aida Diop, President, Women in Mining, Senegal |
| 11h30-12h00**The Segilola Gold Project update**Segun Lawson, Chief Executive Officer, Thor Exploration, Nigera  |
| **12h00 – 12h30****Discussion** | 12h00 12h30Experiences in West Africa**Discussion moderated by Tim Tokun, Project Developer, Nigeria****Panelists:*** Aida Diop, President, Women in Mining, Senegal
* Riaan, Allied African, Nigeria
* Segun Lawson, Thor Exploration, Nigeria
 |
| **13h00 - 13h45****In Conversation** | **In conversation: Gold as the thread linking investment & fintech***Nichole Yembra, Founder and Managing Partner, The Chrysalis Company, Nigeria talks to Nere Emiko, Founder, SANU, Nigeria* |
| **Information session 5****Gold & silver as investment and money***Financial experts to exchange on gold and silver as an asset class and the importance of ISO standards and safekeeping receipts as well as perspectives on the opportunities for investors.***Chairman:***Niyi Omojola, Partner, Constant Capital, Nigeria* |
| **Part A****14h00 – 14h45****Gold Expert Spotlight** | **Special guest presentation – PART TWO****Gold Price Manipulation: Why, How, and How Much Longer***Chris Powel, Secretary and Treasurer of the Gold Anti-Trust Action Committee, USA* |
| **Part B****14h45 – 15h15****Silver Expert Spotlight** | **The silver squeeze is over……right?***Chris Marcus, Arcadia Economics, USA* |
| **Part C****15h15 – 16h30****Dialogue on gold & silver,****followed by local perspectives** | 15h15-15h45**Conversation between Chris Powell of GATA and Chris Marcus of Aracadia, moderatred by Niyi Omojola of Constant Capital, Nigeria** |
| 16h00 16h30**Gold, silver and fiat***Niyi Omojola, Partner, Constant Capital, Nigeria* |

|  |
| --- |
| **Thursday, 18 February 2021** |
| **Information Session 6****Gold in a digital world: cryptocurrency, innovation & retail**A deep dive into gold as a backing for cryptocurrency, exploring how gold trends with Bitcoin. The pros and cons of gold versus cryptocurrency will be explored in this panel as well as breaking down what is a stable coin. An introduction to SANU, a digital gold and silver backed currency and why it’s a good fit for Africa**Chairman:***Bolaji Oyewale, Senior Parter, Fengshui Capital, Nigeria* |
|  | 09h00-09h30**Gold in a digital world: cryptocurrency, innovation****and retail***Dion Dalton-Bridges, Head of Strategy & Communication, Mine Digital, Australia* |
|  | 09h30-10h00**The emerging role of gold in today’s digital economy***Nere Emiko, Founder, SANU, Nigeria* |
| 10h00-11h00**Discussion moderated by Bolaji Oyewale, Senior Partner, Fengshui Capital, Nigeria****Panelists*** Dion Dalton-Bridges, Head of Strategy & Communication, Mine Digital, Australia
* Nere Emiko, Founder, SANU, Nigeria
* Mohamed Elelu-Bashir, Blockchain Consultant, Nigeria
 |
| **Information session 4****Gold projects: updates and opportunities***Gold is Africa’s veins. Gold exploration and mining across the continent is on the rise. This session outlines the hotspots for investing in African gold mining, offering a review of projects, financing models, lessons learned from investors and exchanges on how to facilitate a win-win environment for all stakeholders. Formalisation of the artisanal and small scale gold mining sector and the impacts are also explored.* |
| **12h30 – 14h30****Project Updates** | 12h00-12h30**The Makabingui Gold Project***Moussa Diba Bassari, Exploration Manager, Makabingui Gold Operation SA,Senegal* |
| 12h30-13h00**Gold exploration projects in Ghana***Sam Torkonoo, Palangio Exploration, Canada* |
| 13h00-13h30**Roxgold: The next multi-asset gold producer in West Africa***Eric Gratton, Regional Manager, Roxgold, Cote d’Ivoire* |
| 13h00-13h30**The Didi Gold Project in Guinea***Dr Serigne Dieng, General Manager Birima Gold Resources Consulting* |
| 13h30-14h00**Q&A** |
| **Bonus Session****Gold and girls: discussions with Millennials and Gen Z about gold and jewelry****Moderator:***Catherine Sutherland, Founder, Lead Consultant, Envision-Hub, Nigeria* |
| **19h00 – 20h00****In conversation** | **Catherine Sutherland and*** Zehra Talib, Founder, Lead Consultant, Allec Collective, Nigeria
* Anita Udegbue, Freelance Brand Communications Specialist, Nigeria
* Lolade Olubi, Wealth Creation Enthusiast, Nigeria

**engage in a conversation in the Gold Week Africa studio about all things gold that the next generation of gold consumers need to know** |