



Hon. Dr Samuel Urkato, Minister of Mines and Petroleum of Ethiopia unveils the new mining investment strategy at EIMC 2019

Addis Ababa, 25th November 2019: EIMC 2019, the second edition of the **Ethiopian International Mining Conference & Exhibition (EIMC 2019)** has started today at the Sheraton Hotel for two-day conference & exhibition in Addis Ababa, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. The event is organised by the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum in Ethiopia in association with AME Trade Ltd, United Kingdom.

Hon. Dr Samuel Urkato, Minister of Mines and Petroleum, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has addressed the opening ceremony of EIMC 2019, which gathered 230 participants from over 70 companies, 18 exhibitors, 51 speakers and the following sponsors: MIDROC, ZCMC, Circum Minerals, Ries Engineering/CAT, Mallian Mining and Construction Services, TS-Environment and Ethiopian Airlines.

Focusing on ***“Transforming potential into production by creating an attractive mining investment framework”***, EIMC 2019 Conference started with the **announcement from the Ethiopian Government to prioritise potash and construction minerals to attract large-scale mining investment.**

Following this announcement, the panellists of EIMC 2019 have discussed the mining sector’s role in Ethiopia’s Economic reform program, the Ethiopian project of creating an attractive mining investment framework; the diversification of Ethiopia’s mining sector, Ethiopia’s major new player in the global gemstone market and how to maximise the potential of Ethiopia’s potash resources. Key speakers of the day included:

- Hon. Dr Samuel Urkato, Minister of Mines and Petroleum, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
- Dr Arega Yirdaw, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager, MIDROC Gold
- Isabeau Vilandre, Director, SUMM Ethiopia, CIRDI
- Ermais Hailemariam, Director – Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Dpt, Geological Survey Ethiopia
- Dr Abdul B Kamara, Country Manager - Ethiopia, African Development Bank Group
- Goitom Gebreyohannes Berhe, Researcher & Instructor, Dpt of Chemistry, Mekelle University-Ethiopia;
- Harry Anagnostaras-Adams, Executive Chair, Kefi Minerals (Ethiopia) Ltd
- Morten Often, Exploration Manager, Akobo Minerals AB/ETNO Mining plc
- Kevin Burford, Chief Financial Officer, Circum Minerals
- Henok Tsgaye, Mining Specialist, Yara Dallol

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