

UNCTAD's 60th anniversary pre-event

Maximizing Africa's Potential

Leveraging demand for critical minerals to boost inclusive growth and sustainable development

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Moderator **Mr. Taffere Tesfachew**, Senior Advisor, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change (TBI), and Member of the UN Committee for Development Policy

2.30–3 p.m. Arrival and Coffee Refreshment

3–3.15 p.m. Opening remarks

- **Ms. Rebeca Grynspan**, Secretary-General, UNCTAD (by video)
- **Mr. Antonio Pedro**, Deputy Executive Secretary at the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- **Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa**, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission

3.15–3.25 p.m. Presentation on the theme of the event

- **Mr. Clovis Freire**, Chief, Commodity Research and Analysis Section, UNCTAD

3.25–4 p.m. Panel discussion

- **H.E. Mrs. Rose K. Sakala**, Ambassador of the Republic of Zambia in Ethiopia
- **Dr. Marit Kitaw**, Interim Director – African Minerals Development Centre
- **Ato. Tewodrose Sintayehu**, President – Ethiopian Gemstones and Jewellery Suppliers Manufacturers and Exporters Association
- **Mr. Riccardo Mosca**, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the African Union
- **Prof. Arthur Kaniki**, Dean of Polytechnic Faculty, University of Lubumbashi

Spotlight intervention by

- **H.E. Mr. Tebelolelo Alfred Boang**, Ambassador of the Republic of Botswana in Ethiopia

4–4.20 p.m. Q&A

4.20–4.30 p.m. Closing remarks

- **Dr. Nassim Oulmane**, Director of the Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resource Management Division, ECA
- **Ms. Diane Sayinzoga**, Chief, UNCTAD Regional Office for Africa
- **Hon. Gebremeskel Challa Motalo**, Minister for Trade and Regional Integration, Ethiopia