Room 3

SESSION 1: Investment Opportunities for Private Sector in Critical Raw Materials

10 June 2026 – from 08h30 to 10h00

Summary

The European Union's Global Gateway strategy prioritizes the development of sustainable, resilient, and diversified Critical Raw Materials (CRM) value chains in partnership with reliable countries. Mozambique holds significant potential in this area, particularly in graphite, heavy mineral sands (titanium), lithium prospects, and other strategic minerals essential for the green and digital transitions.

Mozambique is already a relevant global supplier of graphite and titanium-bearing mineral sands and is well positioned to become a long-term partner for the EU, not only in extraction but also in local value addition and processing. At the same time, EU companies and financial institutions are actively seeking compliant, ESG-aligned projects that can integrate into European supply chains under the EU CRM Act and the EU Battery Regulation.

This session aims to bring together Mozambican authorities, project developers, EU investors, industrial off-takers, engineering companies, and development finance institutions to facilitate concrete partnerships and advance bankable projects in the mining and CRM sector.

Context

Mozambique is emerging as a strategic supplier of Critical Raw Materials (CRMs), supported by significant reserves of natural graphite, heavy mineral sands (titanium and zircon), and promising lithium and rare earth prospects. The country already hosts globally relevant graphite operations and large-scale mineral sands projects, positioning itself as a potential long-term partner for the European Union under the Global Gateway strategy and the EU Critical Raw Materials Act.

At the same time, Mozambique is seeking to move beyond raw material exports by promoting local value addition, industrial processing, and sustainable mining practices. Ongoing regulatory reforms and growing interest from international investors, development finance institutions, and industrial off-takers are creating new opportunities for EU–Mozambique partnerships across the CRM value chain, particularly in ESG-compliant and bankable mining projects aligned with the green and digital transitions.

Objectives of the session

- To position Mozambique as a strategic and sustainable partner for EU Critical Raw Materials value chains and to foster concrete business linkages between Mozambican projects and European investors and off-takers under the Global Gateway framework.
- To present Mozambique's mining reform agenda to EU investors, highlighting opportunities for sustainable investment, local value creation, and long-term partnership in the Critical Raw Materials sector.
- To present the European perspective on securing sustainable and diversified Critical Raw Materials supply chains through long-term partnerships with Mozambique, while promoting responsible investment, ESG standards, local value addition, and regulatory stability under the Global Gateway framework.
- To discuss the conditions needed to ensure that Mozambique's mining sector reforms support local development objectives while preserving investor confidence, regulatory stability, and the competitiveness of the country's Critical Raw Materials sector.
- To provide the private sector with a platform to present investment priorities, regulatory concerns, and partnership opportunities that can support a competitive, sustainable, and investment-friendly Critical Raw Materials sector in Mozambique.

Session format

The session will last 90 minutes and will be organised as follows:

- Introduction by moderator and presentation of panellists: 5 minutes
- Keynote speech: 10 minutes
- Debate with panellists 50 minutes
- Q&A from audience: 25 minutes

Moderator

- **Mr. Gerson Machevo**

  Gerson G. Machevo is a Mozambican international development leader with 16+ years of progressively responsible experience managing complex, donor-funded programmes across the humanitarian, child protection, youth development, and public health sectors in Mozambique and the wider sub-Saharan Africa region. He brings deep expertise in full programme-cycle management — from design and work planning through implementation, monitoring, and donor reporting — anchored by a strong record of USAID/USG compliance (PEPFAR, BHA, 2 CFR 200, ADS), multi-site operational leadership, and high-quality proposal development with a 70% win rate. He holds an MBA from PUCRS (Brazil) and is a John C. Maxwell certified coach and trainer, a FranklinCovey certified facilitator, PYD trainer and PMDPro certified, complemented by his work as a public-speaking coach and social researcher.

Keynote speaker

- **Mr. Holger Hey**

  Holger Hey is an international business strategist and institutional bridge-builder with over two decades of experience at the intersection of trade, investment, diplomacy, and private sector development. As founder of hey projects in Germany and Mozambique, Long Term Expert for a Chambers Cooperation between German IHK Chemnitz and Chamber of Mines of Mozambique (fomented by BMZ via sequa) and Representative of the Southern African-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Mozambique, he works to connect Mozambique, Germany, and global markets through high-level partnerships and business platforms. With professional roots spanning Europe, Latin America, Southern Africa, and Türkiye, he is recognized for building cross-border alliances, advancing economic dialogue, and translating international opportunity into concrete cooperation.

Panelists

- **Mr. Jorge Daúdo** – Secretary of State for Mines, Ministry of Mineral Resources and Energy

  His Excellency Jorge Gerson Momade Daúdo, Secretary of State for Mines, is a Mozambican official originally from Nampula Province. In terms of academic background, he holds a degree in Radio Engineering from the Military Academy, a postgraduate qualification in the Design, Management and Administration of International Cooperation Projects from the Ibero-American University Foundation, and a Master's degree in Marketing Management and Corporate Communication from the Catholic University of Mozambique. Between 2015 and 2021, he was a lecturer and co-author of scientific articles at the Military Academy and the Catholic University of

Mozambique. He also served as Assistant to the Minister and later as Director of Mining Cadastre and Licensing at the National Institute of Mines.

- **Ms. Myriam Ferran** – European Commission – Directorate General for International Partnership – Deputy Director General

  Myriam Ferran is since November 2021 Deputy Director General at the European Commission Directorate General for International Partnerships. She oversees the geographical Directorates, covering Latin America and the Caribbean, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Asia and Pacific regions.

  Myriam Ferran started her professional career in the French administration and as member of cabinet in the French government. She then joined the European Commission in 2001 and worked in various capacities in the Directorate-General for Enlargement and the Directorate-General for Transport and Energy before joining the Cabinet of Olli Rehn, European Commissioner for Enlargement. She later worked as Head of Unit in charge of relationships with Iceland, Serbia and then Turkey in DG Enlargement. In her last position Myriam Ferran was Director in charge of the EU Neighbourhood and Enlargement Strategy and Turkey in the Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement negotiations (DG NEAR).

- **Mr. Geert Klok** – Vice-President, Chamber of Mines of Mozambique (CMM)

  Geert Klok currently serves as Vice President of the Chamber of Mines of Mines of Mozambique (CMM), responsible for Large Scale Mining. Additionally, Geert has worked as Country Manager for a European graphite mining company in Mozambique for over a decade.

  Geert is an experienced company director and board advisor, with a Certified Director designation from the Institute of Directors of Southern Africa. As a professional speaker, he is passionate about helping boards and investors navigate complex African markets, improve decision-making, and manage risks effectively.

- **Mr. Gareth Clifton –** Mozambique Country Manager, Kenmare Resources PLC

  Gareth holds a BA Economics degree from the University of Exeter and a MSc in African Studies from the University of Edinburgh in the United Kingdom. He joined Kenmare as Country Manager in 2001. He has been involved in the development of the Moma Titanium Minerals Mine from the explorations phase through to production, subsequent expansion and ongoing operations.