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AFRICAN BUSINESS 2026 & HUMAN RIGHTS FORUM

REALIZING THE RIGHT TO A CLEAN, HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE
ENVIRONMENT THROUGH RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS CONDUCT

29 Sept – 1 Oct 2026 | Dakar, Senegal

FORUM AGENDA

CO-ORGANIZERS



STRATEGIC PARTNERS



COLLABORATING PARTNERS



PRE-FORUM | MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2026**Partners' Pre-Forum****DAY 1 | TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2026**

08:00–09:00	Arrival, networking and registration					
09:00–11:00	High-Level Opening					
	TEA BREAK — 11:00–11:30					
	STAKEHOLDER-SPECIFIC SESSIONS					
11:30–12:50	INDIGENOUS CAUCUS (CLOSED) Voices from the Frontlines: Bridging Indigenous Peoples' Rights and Corporate Responsibility Salle Salloum	CSO CAUCUS From Compliance to Reciprocity: Advancing Binding Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence (mHREDD) Laws in Africa for Climate Justice and Sustainable Development Salle Plénière	BUSINESS CAUCUS (CLOSED) IOE-UNGC-ICELIS safe-space session for Business and Employers Organisations Salle Sine	NHRI CAUCUS Realising the Right to a Clean, Healthy and Sustainable Environment through Human Rights Due Diligence: Advancing an Equitable Transition in Africa Salle Sénégal 1	YOUTH CAUCUS Youth and BHR: Understanding and Shaping the Agenda in Africa Salle Lac Rose	UNWG Session Leaving No One Behind: Protecting Groups at Risk in Advancing Responsible Business Conduct in Africa Salle Sénégal 2
	LUNCH — 12:50–14:00					
14:00–15:20	Session 7 Responsible Business and Toxic Exposure in Africa: Protecting Human Rights Across Agrifood and Industrial Supply Chains	Session 8 Protecting workers in a rapidly warming world – extreme heat as a salient human rights risk	Session 9 Turning Policy into Practice: Reflections from Uganda's Five-year Journey Implementing the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights	Session 10 Workforce data and engagement: how suppliers can navigate HRDD	Session 11 Preventing the Vicious Cycle of Environmental Harm and Community Conflict: Lessons from Mining in Tanzania, Mozambique, and Ghana for the Critical Minerals Sector	Session 12 Menstrual Health, SRHR and Decent Work: Building Inclusive African Workplaces for Girls and Women

	Salle Plénière	Salle Lac Rose	Salle Sénégal 1	Salle Sénégal 2	Salle Saloum	Salle Sine
TEA BREAK — 15:20–15:40						
15:40–17:00	Session 13 Business perspective on integrating Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence	Session 14 Protecting Communities and the Environment in Senegal's Extractive Sector: From Human Rights Due Diligence to Effective Remedy	Session 15 Beyond Technical Compliance: Advancing Labour Rights through Effective NAPs on Business and Human Rights in Africa	Session 16 Rights Holder Centric Access to Remedy: Designing, Finding and Utilising Effective Grievance Mechanisms	Session 17 Strengthening Corporate Accountability in the Just Transition: Women's Leadership, Inclusive Participation, and Remedy Across Indigenous Territories	Session 18 The Moral Compass of Mining: Faith, Justice and Environmental Rights in Africa's Mining Sector
	Salle Sénégal 1	Salle Sénégal 2	Salle Plénière	Salle Sine	Salle Saloum	Salle Lac Rose

DAY 2 | WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

08:00–09:00	Arrival					
09:00–10:00	PLENARY Plenary Session: 3rd Engaging Dialogue Between Business and Civil Society Organisations to advance Human Rights					
	NETWORKING BREAK — 10:00–10:30					
10:30–11:50	Session 19 The Private Sector as a Strategic Partner for Sustainable Development in Senegal	Session 20 Moving with Resilience: Rethinking Labour Mobility in a Changing Climate	Session 21 Cooperative business models to empower waste workers: The blueprint for inclusive recycling supply chains	Session 22 Remedy for Victims: The Responsibilities of Trade Unions and Human Rights Defence Organisations in the Face of Corporate Human Rights Violations in Senegal	Session 23 Upfront company-community agreements as a just alternative to development-forced displacement	Session 24 Dedicated Business Session for African Youth Professionals: Promoting the Next Generation in the Business and Human Rights Agenda in Africa
	Salle Sénégal 1	Salle Saloum	Salle Plénière	Salle Sine	Salle Sénégal 2	Salle Lac Rose

TEA BREAK — 11:50–12:10

12:10–13:30	Session 25 Environmental Crimes: Perspectives and Pathways to Corporate Accountability	Session 26 Youth, Climate Justice and Corporate Accountability: Advancing the African Court Petition for an Advisory Opinion on State Obligations in Response to the Climate Crisis	Session 27 Rising Green Investment in Africa: Protecting Policy Space from Investor-State Dispute Settlement to ensure Environmental Rights	Session 28 An Integrated Academic Dialogue and Book Launch – Beyond Extraction: Human Rights, Responsible Business and Africa's Just Transition	Session 29 Navigating Due Diligence – a practical simulation lab for local solutions	Session 30 Transparency in the Just Transition: towards a sustainable energy future
	Salle Sénégal 1	Salle Saloum	Salle Plénière	Salle Sine	Salle Sénégal 2	Salle Lac Rose

LUNCH — 13:30–14:30

14:30–15:50	Session 31 Invisible Poison to Clean Pathways: Closing Environmental Monitoring Gaps and Advancing Mercury-Free Artisanal Mining for Just Climate Transitions in Africa	Session 32 Perfect Policy or Practical Protection? Addressing Environmental Risks in Mining with Rights Based Remedies	Session 33 Strengthening Legal Support for Community-Led Environmental Accountability	Session 34 Business perspective on the Just Transition	Session 35 Business and Conflict Community of Practice Workshop at the Africa Regional BHR Forum (Part 1)	Session 36 Invisible in the Transition: Disability, Accountability and Africa's Just Transition
	Salle Lac Rose	Salle Sine	Salle Plénière	Salle Sénégal 1	Salle Saloum	Salle Sénégal 2

TEA BREAK — 15:50–16:10

16:10–17:30	Session 37 Voices from the Ground: Multi-Country Poster session on Resettlement, Compensation and Rights in Transition Minerals Mining	Session 38 Documentary "Beyond Shining Illusions": Impacts of diamond mining and lessons for realising environmental rights in extraction industries	Session 39 Documentary "Toxic Harvest" – Food Sovereignty for Equitable Supply Chains: Workers' Rights, Hazardous Pesticides and Responsible Business Conduct	Session 40 Panel – Advancing Responsible Digital Technology Value Chains in Africa	Session 41 Business and Conflict Community of Practice Workshop at the Africa Regional BHR Forum (Part 2)	Session 42 Closed-Door / Invitation-Only Session
	Sale Sine	Salle Sénégal 1	Salle Sénégal 2	Salle Plénière	Salle Saloum	Salle Lac Rose

DAY 3 | THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2026

08:00–09:00	Arrival					
09:00–10:20	Session 43 Closed-Door / Invitation-Only Session	Session 44 Who Bears the Burden? Critical Minerals, Energy Access, and the Right to a Clean and Healthy Environment Across Africa	Session 45 Realising the Right to a Clean, Healthy and Sustainable Environment through Responsible Conduct by Local Companies Engaged on the Youth Olympic Games Construction Sites	Session 46 Invisible Labour, Visible Harm: Gendered Environmental Justice and Community Power in Africa's Extractive Sector	Session 47 People, Planet, and Progress: Advancing the Human Rights to Environment, Health and Education through Regulatory Reform and Just Transition Frameworks in Africa	Session 48 Powering AI in Africa: Data Centres, Community Rights, and Environmental Accountability
	Sale Saloum	Salle Sénégal 1	Salle Plénière	Salle Sine	Salle Sénégal 2	Salle Lac Rose
TEA BREAK — 10:20–10:40						

10:40–12:00	Session 49 With or Without You: How Emerging Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence Legislation Can Bring People and Planet Together	Session 50 The systematic use of illegal forced land evictions as a path to pave way for foreign investment in disregard of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights	Session 51 A Liveable Planet for Every Child: Ensuring the Rights and Wellbeing of Children in Africa through Responsible Business Conduct in the Energy Transition Agenda	Session 52 Charting a Just Energy Transition: Advancing Fair Benefit Sharing and Responsible Business Conduct for a Clean, Healthy and Sustainable Environment	Session 53 Human Rights Due Diligence Clinic: From Commitment to Compliance and Building Effective HRDD Systems in Africa	Session 54 Youth Advancing RBC and AfCFTA: Green Trade, Eco-Innovation, and Human Rights in Fragile Communities
	Salle Sénégal 2	Salle Plénière	Salle Sénégal 1	Salle Sine	Salle Saloum	Salle Lac Rose
LUNCH — 12:00–13:00						
13:00–14:20	Session 55 Who Pays the Human Cost of the Green Transition? A documentary by award-winning filmmaker Cristina Karrer, followed by a conversation with industry experts on cobalt ASM, child labour and implications for business and development”	Session 56 Community Voices from across the Energy Spectrum: Just Transition, Corporate Accountability, and the Binding Treaty Process — Energy, Extraction, Harm: How Communities Are Building Accountability	Session 57 Practical Clinic on Human Rights Due Diligence and Responsible Business Conduct: An IOE Step-by-Step Approach	Session 58 African Business and Human Rights Cafe	Session 59 Coastal Futures and Climate Governance in West Africa: Integrating Environmental Due Diligence to Protect Coastal Communities	Session 60 Understanding business impact on the right to a healthy environment and its realisation through innovative legal and finance mechanisms
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TEA BREAK — 14:20–14:40						
14:40–16:00	Closing Plenary Session					
16:00–17:00	Closing Session					