

The **Canada-Africa**
Chamber of Business



Chambre commerciale
Afrique-Canada

2017 Backgrounder and Past Speakers

Introduction

The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business is the premier business association accelerating business, trade and investment between Canada and Africa through world-class networking and information sharing opportunities.

Founded in 1994 as the Canada-South Africa Chamber of Business after South Africa's democratic elections, the Chamber originally focussed exclusively on South Africa. Given the broader geographic interests of its members across Southern Africa, this focus was expanded in 2008 to cover all of Southern Africa. In April 2016 following a comprehensive strategic review, and in recognition of the importance of the entire African continent to its members and Canada, as well as the need to provide an effective business platform for promoting all African countries, the Chamber formally changed its name to The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business.

The Chamber is a not for profit, non-political association promoting business between Canada and Africa primarily through organizing business networking events with speakers of interest to its members and guests. Chamber members represent a who's who of Canadian companies invested in, or doing business with Africa.

Showcase events held on an annual basis include:

- **16th Annual Indaba Dinner:** This gala event is the premier African business event on the Canadian calendar and features a keynote address by a senior business executive active in Africa. It takes place each year in Toronto.
- **The Risk Mitigation & CSR Seminar Series with Founding Sponsor Hatch:** The Chamber is a leader in promoting good corporate social responsibility as a way of reducing project risk in mining jurisdictions around the world, having held 16 seminars in Toronto, Vancouver and London, UK. This seminar series is supported by Premier Founding Sponsor Hatch and provides participants with the knowledge and case study examples of effective CSR strategies for their mining and infrastructure projects around the world.
- **Infrastructure in Africa: Needs and Opportunities Seminar:** Infrastructure is crucial to the socio-economic development of all emerging economies and this full-day seminar highlights the social and economic infrastructure needed, and currently under construction, to fuel the economic growth of South, Southern and all of Africa and other emerging markets around the world.
- **17th Annual Mining Breakfast during PDAC with Premier Sponsor SGS - Mar 7, 2017:** The largest African mining event in North America, the Chamber's mining breakfast takes place on Tuesday March 7, 2017 during the Prospectors and Developers Association (PDAC) Convention and Trade Show in conjunction with MineAfrica's 15th Annual Investing in African Mining Seminar.

Past Speakers, Guests of Honour and Award Winners

Miscellaneous Events

- 2016 His Excellency Demeke Mekonnen, Deputy Prime Minister, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
- 2015 Albie Sachs, retired South African Constitutional Court Judge, Republic of South Africa
- 2015 Dr. John Tambi, Coordinator for the Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative. Transport Infrastructure Expert, NEPAD, Board Member, South African Airways
- 2015 Annual General Meeting - The Hon. Bob Rae, former Premier of Ontario and former Member of Parliament
- 2014 Special Meeting with Mildred Oliphant, Minister of Labour, Republic of South Africa regarding best practices in South Africa's mining industry
- 2013 Special Breakfast Meeting with Kgalema Motlanthe, Deputy President, Republic of South Africa, Godfrey Oliphant, Deputy Minister of Mines, Republic of South Africa and Mildred Oliphant, Minister of Labour, Republic of South Africa

Indaba Dinner

- 2016 Her Excellency Mrs. Fatima Haram Acyl, Commissioner DTI, African Union Commission
- 2015 Trueman Goba, Chairman, Hatch Goba (Pty) Ltd.
- 2014 Charles Sirois, Chair, CIBC, Chairman, Telesystem Ltd., Founder of Tandem Expansion Fund, Board Member, Rogers Communications, Founding Partner and Chairman, Enablis Entrepreneurial Network
- 2013 Robert Friedland, Executive Chairman and Founder, Ivanhoe Mines Ltd.
- 2012 Rupert Soames OBE, Group Chief Executive, Aggreko
- 2011 Bobby Godsell, Past Chairman, ESKOM Holdings and past Chief Executive Officer, AngloGold Ashanti Limited
- 2010 Greg Hawkins, Chief Executive Officer, African Barrick Gold
- 2009 Mark Bristow, President and Chief Executive Officer, Randgold Resources Limited
- 2008 Warren Newfield, Chief Executive Officer & Co-Chairman, CIC Energy Corp., and Founder, Chairman, Tau Capital Corp.
- 2007 Patrick Lamarre, President and CEO, SNC Lavalin Nuclear, President, SNC Lavalin Power Ontario, and President, SNC Lavalin Engineers & Constructors
- 2006 Arthur Mashiatshidi, Chief Executive, Decorum Capital Partners, New African Mining Fund
- 2005 Richard Molyneux, President and Chief Executive Officer, De Beers Canada

- 2004 Derek Cooper, Chairman, Standard Bank
- 2003 Cyril Ramaphosa, Chairman, Millennium Consolidated Investments
- 2002 Nicky Oppenheimer, Chairman, De Beers

Business Person of the Year Sponsored by Hatch

- 2015 Wayne Floreani, Vice President, MineAfrica Inc.
- 2013 Robert Francki, Global Managing Director, Project Delivery Group, Hatch
- 2012 Firdosh Bulsara, Vice President and General, MyEscapades
- 2011 Ronald W. Thiessen, Chief Executive Officer, Hunter Dickinson Inc. and Chairman, Great Basin Gold Ltd.
- 2010 Laurel Keenan, Canadian Director, Wines of South Africa
- 2009 David Creighton, Chief Executive Officer, Cordiant Capital
- 2008 Ronald Nolan, Past Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Hatch and Chairman, N-Solv Corporation
- 2007 Jossef Pikulak, Director of International Trade & Development, Global Fresh Imports & Export, a division of Tom Lange Company Inc.
- 2006 Robert Franklin, Past Chairman, Placer Dome

Annual Mining Breakfast during PDAC

- 2016 Godfrey Oliphant, Deputy Minister of Mineral Resources, Republic of South Africa, Frank Mugenyi, Senior Industry Advisor, African Union Commission (AUC), Department of Trade & Industry and Siphon Pityana, Chairman, AngloGold Ashanti
- 2015 Ngoako Ramathlodi, South Africa's Minister of Mineral Resources and a keynote address by Paul Brink, Senior Vice President, Business Development, Franco-Nevada Corporation.
- 2014 The Honourable Dr Hage Geingob, Prime Minister, Republic of Namibia and Clive Johnson, President and Chief Executive Officer, B2Gold Corp.
- 2013 Robert Friedland, Executive Chairman and Founder of Ivanplats Limited and Godfrey Oliphant, Deputy Minister, Mineral Resources, Republic of South Africa
- 2012 Dr. Gabi Schneider, Director, Namibian Geological Survey and Inge Zaamwani, Managing Director, Namdeb
- 2011 Susan Shabangu, South African Minister of Mineral Resources and R. Michael Jones, President and Chief Executive Officer, Platinum Group Metals Ltd.

- 2010 Anthony Andrews, Executive Director, Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) and Simon Village, Chairman, Banro Corporation
- 2009 Gordon Miller, Chief Executive Officer, First Uranium Corporation and Simmer and Jack Mines Limited and Hon. P.H.K. Kedikilwe, Minister of Minerals, Energy and Water Resources for Botswana
- 2008 Peter Kinver, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Barrick Gold Corporation
- 2007 Buyelwa Sonjica, Minister: Minerals and Energy, Republic of South Africa and Bridgette Radebe, President, South African Mining Development Association and Executive Chairperson, Mmakau Mining
- 2006 Lulu Xingwana, South African Deputy Minister of Minerals and Energy and Rick Menell - President & CEO, Teal Mining & Exploration and Deputy Chairman, African Rainbow Minerals
- 2005 Richard Duffy, Executive, New Business Development, AngloGold Ashanti and Abe Mngomezulu, Deputy Director General, South African Department of Minerals and Energy, Secretary, African Mining Partnership
- 2004 Patrick Evans, President and CEO, SouthernEra Resources
- 2003 Ian Cockerill, President, Goldfields and Minister Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, South African Minister of Minerals and Energy
- 2002 Susan Shabangu, South African Deputy Minister of Minerals and Energy
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