

Good morning distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen. I didn't send my profile because I didn't want to scare off people (simply because I do not have the same profile or bio as you call it) similar to that of Paul Collier, Jeffery Sachs, Joseph Stiglitz, etc)

Today is the 105 have been celebrated officially on 19 March 1911 it is one of the longest fight for human rights. Congratulations to those who have strives to honour women and guess what 15 African Countries rank in the top of the 37 amongst world classification for women participation in national parliaments with more than 30%.

Rwanda (63.8%),  
Seychelles (43.8%),  
Senegal (42,7),  
South Africa (42%),  
Namibia (41),  
Mozambique (39.60%),  
Ethiopia (38,8),  
Angola (36.8%),  
Burundi (36,4),  
Uganda (35,0),  
Algeria (31),  
Zimbabwe (31.5%),  
Tunisia (31.3%),  
Cameroon (31,3),  
Sudan (30,5),

My name is Frank Mugenyi, I'm simply An African, Telling An African Story, on behalf of an African present here, elsewhere in the world, and back home in the most wealthiest and most beautiful continent of Africa. Who else is best suited to tell this story but me? I don't need a PhD in African Anthropology or in African Economics to eloquently talk about it, I LIVE IT DAY IN DAY OUT. It's my lifestyle.

I'm an industry adviser to the African Union Commission and responsible for the implementation of the Africa Mining Vision.

AUC is The Secretariat of the G54, A Group of 54 African Member States - The African Union. (Established though the Lagos Plan of Action 1980, the Abuja Treaty of 1994 and the Constitutive Act of 2000. Key mandate is to politically, culturally, Socially and economically integrate African Union Member states

The vision of the African Union is that of: "An integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in global arena."

Africa has 8 Regional Economic Communities recognized as the building blocks of

attaining the African Economic Community est (Abuja Treaty). These are at a different levels of integration (FTA, Customs Union, Commission, and three of these (EAC, SADC, COMESA) have already agreed to establish a Grand Tripartite Free a Trade Area (TFTA) launched in Egypt last year 2010 curving a group of 26 countries from Cape to Cairo, about 500 million people .....trading together but most of all coming together to solve their challenges. Africa hosts the longest and possibly the first Eva Customs Union (SACU)

Negotiations for a Continental Free Trade Area were launched last year during the HoS&G that was held in South Africa June 2015. When this happens as it will happen 54 countries, population of over 1 billion people (majority of whom are young people) thanks to the low life expectancy, with a GDP of over \$1.3 Trillion

My topic this morning is Leveraging AMV  
But I had actually provided a different topic - The time for Africa is Now because Africa is at Cross Roads and it is not because of commodity prices because those prices do not mean anything for Africa but in the context of her historical past.

Africa Mining Vision was adopted by the AU in 2009 as a vision for "Transparent, equitable and optimal exploitation of mineral resources to underpin broad-based sustainable growth and socio-economic development"

So-

Africa is re-writing her history. Re-defining her narrative- shaping a New Paradigm, taking Ownership and Responsibility of her own Actions, learning from her past to shape her future.

That's why I'm going to speak to you about Africa of tomorrow shaped by the Africa of yesterday. Mine is not about Africa rising because it has not risen! But it will rise

### **Africa of Yesterday vs Africa of tomorrow**

Africa of yesterday

-Abundantly the wealthiest continent in the entire world

-Africa in Globalisation for the past 500 years including long history of Mining South Africa 150 years, Sierra Leone mining since (86 years) since 1930

-Balkanized along the dotted lines established as a result of Berlin Conferences (1884-1886) affecting our integration and development

-Defined as a dark continent albeit all the year long sun-shine

-Exporting commodities (human & natural) - exporting jobs

-Systemic looting (exploitation) - then begging for handouts (aid dependency)

-applying one size-fit-All incoherent Policies prescribed by external influence using institutions established deliberately to maintain the status quo

-Where conflicts in resource corridors (the curse paradox) systemically sustained by rampant and proliferation trade in arms while blaming Africans who do not manufacture arms - yet we talk of trading in blood free or conflict free minerals but not blood free and conflict free communities

- a continent of internally displaced indigenous people running away from the scramble for the very resources meant to develop them,

- So many diseases not only Ebola and HIVAIDS but also the Dutch Disease

-with so many phones not only iPhone, Sumsang, LG etc but also francophone, anglophone, lusophone, which have made us forget our Swahiliphone, bantuphone, Hausaphone, and other Afrophones that encompass over 3,000 tribal languages spoken in Africa today

Lastly a systemic portrayal as high risk for investment but experiencing Race to the Bottom investments that do not translate to social and economic transformation, Industrialisation, inclusive growth and sustainable development, job and wealth creation for African but does so in their countries of origin.

### **2013 GOLDEN JUBILEE wide consultations led to the Africa We Want.**

Africa of tomorrow - **OUR ASPIRATIONS FOR THE AFRICA WE WANT**

1. A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development
2. An integrated continent, politically united and based on the ideal Pan Africanism and the vision of Africa's Renaissance
3. An Africa of Good Governance, Democracy, Respect for human rights, Justice and the Rule of law
4. A Peaceful and Secure Africa
5. An Africa with a strong cultural identity, common heritage, shared values and ethics
6. An Africa where development is people-driven, unleashing the potential of women and youth
7. Africa as a strong, united and influential global player and partner

### **2014 Common African Position that informed the development of SDGs**

2015 Agenda 2063 and its first 10 year work plan as a Global strategy to optimize use of Africa's resources for the benefits of all africans.

2015 **Call to Action** adopted by Heads of State with 20 African Transformational and a sustainable Development Goals (ATSDGS) but also informed the Development of SDGs through a Common African Position adopted in 2014

### **Key of these**

Eradicate poverty in a generation by 2025, not through begging for handouts but through concentrating all efforts, investing in the productive capacities (skills and assets) of our people, improving incomes, creating jobs and providing basic necessities of life.

Transform, grow and industrialise our economies through beneficiation and value addition of natural resources:

- Implementation of AIDA & AMV at country and continental level, in particular fast-tracking the establishment of the Centre for African Mineral Development.
- Implementation of joint cross-border investments to exploit shared natural resources.
- Promote social dialogue, sectoral and productivity plans and regional and commodity value chains to support the implementation of industrial policies at all levels, with focus on SMMEs and Agribusinesses.
- The establishment of Commodity exchanges for strategic African products
- Strategies to grow the African Blue and Green economies;
- The development of the African Private sector through engagement and a conducive climate, fostering Pan African businesses through the growth of regional manufacturing hubs and scaled up intra-Africa trade.
- Productivity Agenda for Africa, as an essential engine for industrialization, progressively enhancing the competitiveness of the continent in the global economy.
- Macro-economic policies that facilitate growth, employment creation, investments and industrialisation.

Silence the guns by 2020, We shall establish an African Human Security Index (AHSI) to monitor progress.

Achieve Gender Parity by 2020

Introducing an African Passport, - and with the abolishment of visa requirements for all African citizens in all African countries by 2018.

Strengthen domestic resource mobilisation, build continental capital markets and financial institutions, and reverse the illicit flows of capital from the continent, with view to by 2025:

- Reducing aid dependency by 50%
- Eliminate all forms of illicit flows;
- Double the contribution of African capital markets in development financing;
- Render fully operational the African Remittances Institute, the African

Investment Bank and the African Credit Guarantee Scheme

- Elevation of Africa- multilateral lending institutions to global status (eg. African Development Bank)

## **Africa of today 2013 - 2016**

### **Key Milestones**

--AMDC established staffed with high level African cream of the cream mainly from African Sixth Region (the Diaspora)

-- Supporting member States to domesticate the AMV through a Country Mining Vision Process also working with Regional Economic Communities for harmonization but also taking into account the sovereign interests of each member state and critically looking at the following:

- Geological information and Data hosted on and managed by an African Institution --- implementing African Minerals Geoscience Initiative - (aka) --A Billion a Dollar Map with the World Bank

- Developing Mining laws and legislation developing a Guiding Template for to guide coherent policies prudent Legal, fiscal and regulatory Reforms to ensure value maximization

- Skills a Revolution - will require working with all education and academic institutions and centre of excellence to build capacity of Africans, for African development led by Africa

Currently working with 17 African Universities led by Cape Town University and University of Zambia supported by the African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) in the area of African Mining Law -

issue of looking towards Pro-Bono services for Complex Contract Negotiation is unacceptable -----over 50 Young Africa Law Students have already been introduced to Principles of the African Mining Law and a handful of them are doing Research on key topics that were not traditional Law research subjects eg- local content, CSR, minerals governance, fiscal including taxation, to ensure that the future policy prescription is governed by home grown well researched solutions. This may not necessarily remove resource nationalization but may inform that decision making process.

Developing an African Governance Framework (EITI, Dodd frank act name it not working for Africa)

## **The enablers of implementing the African Mining Vision**

***The Role of the State:*** developmental state at the Macro level - coherent policies, (fiscal, investment code, industrialization, trade, environment, social policy, education, etc) legal and regulatory frameworks, revenue management (forensic audit to curb illicit financial flow and capital flight) - (incoherence, lack of L&R frameworks, lack of

knowledge about P, L&R, weakness of L&R)

-- 54 member States should be having P/L&R that governs their mining sector

**Strong institutions:** Institutional/Meso level - national, regional and continental, Centres of Excellency  
Science & Technology a Centres & institutions  
Earths Science and Geoscience and Geological inst

**A strong unfragmented Private Sector** (both Foreign and Domestic) including women and youth . Micro level  
Domestic Vs International  
Linkage between the domestic and inter. Companies -  
Supporting forward and backward linkages -  
Integrating the small and medium industries into the global minerals value chains  
local content - linked to the upstream beneficiation, and diversification, technology and technological know how transfer

**A strong African Civil Society and non-State Actors** (National, Regional and Continental) and local community Organisation - to ensure checks and balances, transparency and accountability from both government and private sector

**Well coordinated Implementing partners** (including development partners) national, regional, continental, multinational etc

Stop Working in silos! Well coordinated partnership alighted to African Visions.

But above all working with the **international community like yourselves to promote** Africa for Responsible investments that will ensure mutual benefits, by sharing risk and also ensuring Mutual transparency and mutual Accountability. We invite you to come and vest in Africa and we want you to benefit but we also want to benefit.

Africa has arrived and the Time for Africa is now we are moving from Vision to Action.

Thank you.