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EGYPT MINING FORUM

Held under the Patronage of His Excellency Abdel Fattah El Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and hosted by the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, with the support of the Mineral Resources and Mining Industries Authority, the fifth edition of the Egypt Mining Forum will highlight Egypt's mineral wealth, untapped geology, and the exploration opportunities in the Eastern Desert.

As an emerging mining jurisdiction, Egypt continues to attract international attention, driven by ongoing regulatory modernisation, improved licensing structures, competitive fiscal terms, and a long-term national vision to increase the mining sector's contribution to 6% of GDP.

Under the 2026 theme 'Unlocking Egypt and the Arabian Nubian Shield's Exploration Potential', the Forum will gather ministers from countries across the Arabian Nubian Shield region alongside global mining ministers, senior government officials, C-level executives, investors, financial institutions, and geological authorities.

Over two days, the Forum will serve as a strategic platform to examine the investment landscape across Egypt's and the wider Arabian Nubian Shield's mining sector, showcase high-value exploration prospects, and strengthen collaboration across the region.

EGYPT MINING FORUM IN NUMBERS

6,000+

Global attendees

100+

Exhibiting companies

50+

Participating countries

500+

Forum delegates

100+

Forum speakers

30+

Forum sessions



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CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Through two dedicated conference streams, the Strategic Conference and the Technical Conference, the Egypt Mining Forum will assess how Egypt and the wider Arabian–Nubian Shield can position themselves as leading destinations for mineral exploration.

The Strategic Conference will bring together ministers, policymakers, global mining CEOs, investors, and financial institutions to discuss policy and regulatory priorities, investment frameworks, and the strategic direction shaping the region’s mining future.

Running in parallel, the Technical Conference will feature geologists, geophysicists, exploration managers, technologists, and operational specialists who will showcase project case studies, methodologies, and expert insights on the latest trends and best practices redefining mineral exploration.

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING

Expert-Led Discussions

Gain first-hand insights from government representatives, CEOs, and industry pioneers on policies, investment opportunities, and market developments.

Technical Innovation & Best Practices

Learn from global case studies and industry specialists about new technologies, sustainability strategies, and operational efficiencies.

Strategic Decision-Making

Access exclusive research, policy updates, and regulatory frameworks to help shape business strategies.

Investor & Stakeholder Engagement

Discover potential partnerships, investment opportunities, and funding channels to drive growth.

Future-Proof Your Business

Understand key trends, risks, and challenges affecting the mining industry to stay ahead of the curve.

STRATEGIC CONFERENCE



The Strategic Conference brings together C-suite executives, senior decision-makers, and industry leaders to discuss the market dynamics shaping Egypt's mining sector. The programme focuses on emerging investment opportunities across Egypt and the Arabian Nubian Shield, approaches to addressing geological challenges in the Eastern Desert, and the policy and regulatory frameworks

required to build a competitive, investor-aligned mining environment. Through a structured agenda of keynote addresses, panel discussions, and expert insights, the conference provides a comprehensive view of the regulatory evolution, policy priorities, and strategic partnerships influencing the next phase of Egypt's mining development.

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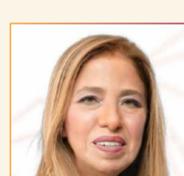
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CONFERENCE AGENDA

Monday 28 September 2026

🕒 10:00 - 12:00

OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL OPENING CEREMONY AND INAUGURATION
Unlocking Egypt and the Arabian Nubian Shield's Exploration Potential

🕒 10:00 - 12:00

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Egypt's Next Chapter in Mineral Exploration and Investment

Egypt began its mining modernisation programme in 2018 to make the sector more attractive to exploration and mining companies. This next chapter is being shaped by the Model Mining Exploitation Agreement framework, approved by parliament in 2025, which introduced fiscal terms designed to balance government revenue with investor returns. With a modern mining code in place, Egypt is now reinforcing its exploration push through targeted investment incentives, including reduced rental fees for exploration licences, VAT and customs exemptions on equipment and services, flexible multi-ore licensing, new reconnaissance licences to support junior explorers, and a one-stop permitting mechanism to accelerate project timelines.

Attendee Insights:

The keynote speech will set the strategic direction for the Forum by outlining the government's vision for mineral exploration and investment, highlighting the policy and fiscal reforms underway, and showcasing the key initiatives now in place as part of this next chapter.

🕒 14:00 - 14:45

MINISTERIAL PANEL DISCUSSION

Advancing Cross Border Collaboration to Unlock the Arabian Nubian Shield's Mineral Wealth

The Arabian Nubian Shield is one of the world's oldest and geologically rich regions, stretching across Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, and Jordan. It is widely recognised as the world's next big exploration target, hosting vast potential for gold and other mineral systems, yet remaining significantly underexplored by modern standards. As mineral belts and structures extend across national borders, unlocking the full value of the Shield depends on stronger cross-border collaboration through shared geological data, aligned regulations, improved infrastructure connectivity, and coordinated exploration strategies that allow discoveries in one jurisdiction to inform and accelerate exploration across the region.

Attendee Insights:

A focus panel featuring ministers from the Arabian Nubian Shield exploring how regional cooperation, aligned policies, and shared exploration strategies are unlocking the full mineral potential of the Shield and strengthening its global investment appeal.

🕒 14:45 - 15:30

PANEL DISCUSSION

Shaping the Future of Egypt's Mining and Exploration Sector

With Sukari as a high-profile proof point for large-scale mining in the Eastern Desert, Egypt is now focused on building a broader pipeline of commercial discoveries. This includes improving access to high-quality data, accelerating field activity, strengthening technical standards, and creating a more transparent path from discovery to mine development, while also laying the groundwork for downstream value addition. Over the next few years, success will be measured through tangible outcomes, including a growing number of junior mining companies undertaking exploration, more service providers establishing operations in Egypt, an increase in projects progressing to credible resource statements, and faster, more predictable licensing and permitting timelines.

Attendee Insights:

This panel brings global CEOs to assess how far Egypt's mining sector has progressed and what must happen next to build a sustainable pipeline of commercial discoveries and development-ready projects.



🕒 15:30 - 16:15

PANEL DISCUSSION

Evaluating the Opportunities for Seabed Mining in the Red Sea and Wider Region

The Red Sea seabed is believed to host commercially viable concentrations of valuable metals, including copper, zinc, gold, and silver, although the extent, grade, and economic recoverability of these resources are still being assessed and will require further scientific study and carefully managed exploration. While research has highlighted clear potential, commercial activity remains limited, leaving the Red Sea at an early exploratory stage compared with established onshore mining activities in the wider region. As a result, offshore mineral development is set to bring a distinct set of challenges, including complex permitting frameworks, limited baseline environmental data, and the need for advanced surveying, monitoring, and marine technologies.

Attendee Insights:

This session sets the context for understanding what is currently known about seabed mineral potential in the Red Sea, how regional and international governance is evolving, and what considerations must be weighed before moving from exploration toward any form of commercial development.

Building Downstream Value Chains to Maximise Mineral Wealth

The development of downstream industries is seen as an important next step for mining countries seeking to maximise the economic impact of their mineral resources. Rather than focusing solely on extraction and export of raw materials, downstream development aims to retain more value in-country through processing, refining, manufacturing, and associated services. For mineral-rich countries, thriving downstream value chains support job creation, skills development, improved export capabilities, reduced reliance on imports and stronger industrial linkages across the economy. However, downstream facilities are capital intensive and require long-term certainty on feedstock supply, pricing, and market access, which can be difficult to secure in jurisdictions where exploration pipelines are still developing.

Attendee Insights:

This session explores the policies and infrastructure needed to support downstream development, and how government, industry, and investors are working together to build value chains that maximise mineral wealth while remaining competitive in global markets.



CONFERENCE AGENDA

Tuesday 29 September 2026

Improving Logistics, Infrastructure and Access for Remote Exploration and Mining Sites

A competitive mining sector is built on logistics and infrastructure, and without the right roads, railways, power grids, and port infrastructure, even high-quality deposits can remain uneconomic. This is particularly relevant for Egypt's Eastern Desert, where much of the country's exploration and mining activities are concentrated. As Egypt's mining output grows toward longer-term targets, the strength of the national transportation network becomes increasingly important. Existing road and rail links will need to expand and improve to support higher volumes of mineral movement from remote desert locations to processing facilities and export gateways, while reducing costs, delays, and operational risk.

Attendee Insights:

Local governors will discuss how infrastructure investment and logistics improvements in their jurisdictions are supporting the country's mining project development, while making operations more competitive, scalable, and attractive to long-term investors.

Empowering Junior Mining Companies to Drive Early-Stage Discovery Growth

Junior mining companies are widely recognised as the backbone of the global mining industry. They take on the highest geological risk, exploring underexplored terrains and generating the first drill results that can confirm new mineral systems, often with the understanding that many projects will not succeed. When discoveries are made, however, the rewards can be significant. Successful exploration can unlock substantial asset value, attract major mining companies or institutional investors through partnerships or acquisitions, and ultimately deliver strong returns. At the same time, juniors operate in a demanding environment. Early-stage exploration carries inherent risk, capital markets are often volatile, and investors are increasingly focused on technical credibility, and disciplined capital deployment.

Attendee Insights:

The panel will examine what juniors need to succeed in today's market, including access to capital, clear and efficient licensing and permitting, affordable field logistics and drilling, and high-quality geological data.

🕒 11:30 – 12:15 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Understanding Investor Perspectives on Bid Rounds and Competitive Licensing Models

Competitive licensing models, including bid rounds, are one of several approaches governments use to allocate exploration ground in a transparent and structured manner. While applied in certain jurisdictions and for specific types of land, they are less commonly used for early-stage exploration, where geological risk is high and data coverage can be limited. In many markets, application-based or first-come-first-served systems remain the preferred approach for grassroots exploration, reflecting the need for flexibility and long-term commitment as geological understanding evolves. Investors are also mindful of potential challenges, including upfront cost exposure, reduced flexibility in work programmes, and whether bid processes are well suited to early-stage exploration.

Attendee Insights:

Investors will share their perspectives on how different licensing approaches can be structured to balance transparency, competitiveness, and sustained exploration investment.

🕒 13:30 – 14:00 **FIRESIDE CHAT**

Advancing Abu Marawat from Exploration to Production

Aton Resources is positioning itself to become Egypt's next major gold producer. Having recently become the first foreign company to be issued a mining license under Egypt's new mining framework, following in the footsteps of Centamin, which developed Sukari, the country's first modern commercial operation, Over the years, the company has made significant gold discoveries, and with continued drilling success, it is now advancing toward mine development and eventual production. As Aton Resources moves closer to production, its success could open the door for further investment in Egypt, reinforcing the country's position as an emerging mining hub.

Attendee Insights:

This fireside chat will delve into Aton Resources' Abu Marawat Concession, discussing the challenges and opportunities of transitioning from exploration to mine development, and the broader impact its success could have on Egypt's mining sector.

🕒 14:00 – 14:45 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Modernising Artisanal Mining in Egypt's Eastern Desert Within the National Mining Framework

Egypt is setting a target to increase gold production to six tonnes over the next five years. A key part of this growth plan is the construction of an Industrial Complex for Gold Extraction in Aswan, spanning 1,422 acres, which is intended to upgrade artisanal activity and bring it into a more structured, scientific, and environmentally responsible framework. As exploration increases across the Eastern Desert, formalising artisanal mining can unlock tangible economic and social benefits. If done correctly, this approach can reduce tension with industrial operators and create more responsible local participation across the mining value chain.

Attendee Insights:

Panelists will explore the policy, regulatory, and practical support measures needed to maximise the benefits of artisanal mining and transition it from informal activity into a regulated contributor to Egypt's mining sector.

🕒 14:45 – 15:30 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Strengthening North Africa's Role as a Critical Minerals Corridor

North Africa is quietly positioning itself at the centre of the global critical minerals race. While much of Africa's mineral production is concentrated in sub-Saharan countries, North Africa's advantage is its location, connecting mineral supply in the south with processing and manufacturing in Asia and demand in Europe. As global interest in secure and reliable mineral supply chains increases, the region has an opportunity to move beyond being a transit route and attract investment into ports, processing, and component manufacturing that captures more value locally. With the right infrastructure, policies, and partnerships, North Africa can build the services and industrial capacity needed to support these supply chains and drive long-term growth.

Attendee Insights:

The panel will focus on how North Africa is turning its location and infrastructure into a fully functioning critical minerals corridor that also captures more value locally, not just moving minerals through the region, but building the systems that make supply chains reliable and investable.



🕒 15:30 – 16:00 **FIRESIDE CHAT**

Delivering a Strong Pipeline of Exploration Companies and Commercial Discoveries

Under the leadership of His Excellency Eng Karim Badawi, Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Egypt has created the conditions needed to attract junior mining companies, support early-stage exploration activities, and created favourable conditions to progress from discovery through to development. While the country has made progress in modernising the mining sector by reforming policy frameworks, fiscal terms, and licensing processes, the next challenge is converting this foundation into increased on-the-ground exploration, particularly by attracting a larger and more diverse pool of junior mining companies.

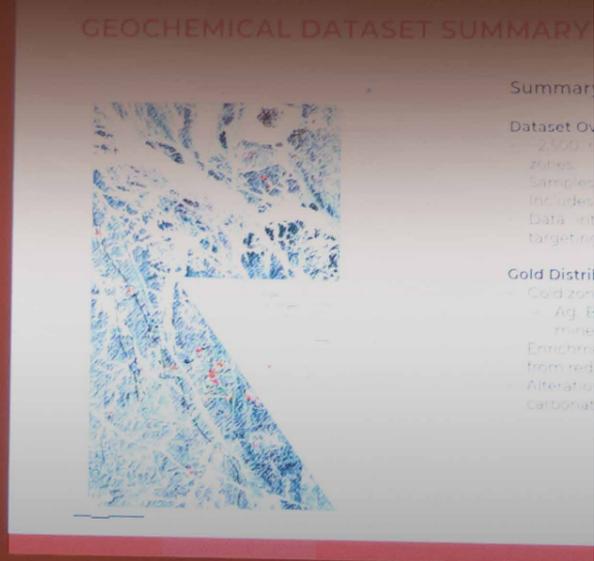
Attendee Insights:

The fireside chat with His Excellency Eng Karim Badawi will focus on how Egypt is positioning itself to attract and retain more exploration companies, and the practical steps needed to increase exploration activity in the Eastern Desert.

TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

Spotlighting geoscience, exploration technologies, and operational excellence, the Technical Conference at the Egypt Mining Forum delves into the latest advancements in mineral exploration. Developed in collaboration with leading geologists, geophysicists, exploration

managers, and technology innovators, the technical sessions deliver expert-led insights and project case studies that highlight the latest trends redefining mineral exploration and the best practices driving new commercial discoveries.



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ARABIAN NUBIAN SHIELD GEOLOGY
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