Press Release — CMFC at Resourcing Tomorrow London 2026

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CMFC to Make Africa's Critical Minerals Case at Resourcing Tomorrow London

Lagos-headquartered investment bank named Gold Sponsor of Europe's largest mining investment forum and sponsor of the Government Roundtable convening ministers from more than 60 countries

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Critical Minerals Financing Corporation (CMFC) will participate as a Gold Sponsor of Resourcing Tomorrow 2026, will hold at the Business Design Centre in London from 1 to 3 December 2026 under the theme *Beyond the Echo Chamber: Turning Policy into Action*. The forum is expected to convene more than 2,300 delegates, including mining principals, institutional investors and government delegations.

CMFC will use the platform to present a single proposition: African critical minerals assets are financeable today, provided capital is deployed through disciplined process rather than deferred on the assumption of risk. The institution will showcase live opportunities across Nigeria and the East African corridor and set out the investment banking architecture it has built to bring international capital into them.

Sponsor of the Government Roundtable

CMFC is a sponsor of the 4th Annual Government Roundtable, the invitation-only ministerial session that opens the week on 30 November 2026 at Canada House, hosted in partnership with the High Commission of Canada in the United Kingdom. The Roundtable brings together approximately 120 ministers, ambassadors, senior officials, mining leaders and investors, with representations expected from more than 60 governments.

The agenda addresses securing mineral supply chains, mobilising investment, accelerating project development and supporting responsible mining and processing across both established and emerging jurisdictions. CMFC's sponsorship places the institution directly alongside the sovereign decision-makers whose policy choices determine the pace of African project development, including the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Republic of South Africa and a significant United States delegation.

Showcasing the African opportunity

CMFC holds two speaking positions on the conference programme.

On 3 December, Chief Operating Officer Ikenna Oguike joins the keynote panel *Alternative Financing Models: Moving Beyond Equity*, examining how streaming and royalty structures, blended finance and export credit agency support is displacing conventional equity in the project financing mix. He appears alongside senior representatives of global development finance and resource capital institutions.

A second session, *Mining Investment Opportunities in Nigeria*, will set out the investment case for the country's solid minerals sector and the role of private-sector capital in formalising and industrialising it.

CMFC will exhibit at Stand H07, positioned beside the Federal Ministry of Solid Minerals Development, giving investors a single point of contact for both the sovereign framework and the bankable transactions being structured within it.

Comment from the Chairman

Lamon Rutten, Chairman of CMFC, said:

"The world is short of the minerals it has committed to build its future on, and a material share of what is left sits in Africa. What has been missing is not geology or demand. It is the institutional layer that converts a deposit into something an international lender can underwrite. CMFC exists to build that layer, and London is where we intend to say so to the governments and investors who can act on it."

Mr Rutten is the founding Chief Executive Officer of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Mining Exchange and of the Indonesia Commodity and Derivatives Exchange, and the former Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Multi Commodity Exchange of India, which he led through its 2012 initial public offering. He previously served as Chief of Commodity Finance, Risk Management and Information at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Comment from the President

Dr. Israel Ovirih, President and Co-Chief Executive Officer of CMFC, said:

"Africa is not high risk. The absence of process is. Where we have applied verification, staged capital and conditions precedent, our transactions have behaved exactly as an institutional investor would expect them to. We are coming to London to argue that case in front of the people who price African risk, and to show them the pipeline it applies to."

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About CMFC

Critical Minerals Financing Corporation (CMFC) is an investment bank headquartered in Lagos, Nigeria, focused on Africa's critical minerals sector. Its mandate spans investment banking, asset development, commodity trading, processing infrastructure and precious metals, delivered through a group structure of specialised subsidiaries. CMFC originates, structures and arranges capital for critical minerals and precious metals transactions across Nigeria, Tanzania and the wider African continent, applying institutional diligence, staged capital structures and investor-grade reporting to assets that conventional capital has historically avoided.

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