

UAE-CHAD TRADE & INVESTMENT FORUM

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10-11 NOVEMBER 2025



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PLENARY

09:00 - 10:00	Guest arrival
10:00 - 10:05	MC introduction
10:05 - 10:15	Welcome remarks
10:15 - 10:50	Panel 1: Critical minerals and hydrocarbons, drivers of development
10:50 - 11:30	Panel 2: Valuing resources, feeding growth
11:30 - 12:30	Official Opening Ceremony
12:30 - 12:50	Special Guests' Addresses
12:50 - 13:00	Signing ceremony
13:00 - 10:45	Panel 3: Attractiveness industrialization, water and electricity
13:45 - 13:55	Address: Voice of a Development Leader
13:55 - 14:35	National Development Plan Chad Connection 2030
14:35 - 15:10	Panel 4: Chad on the move – the Connection; logistics, transport AND infrastructures
15:10 - 15:50	Panel 5: Investing in human capital and emerging technologies
15:50-16:05	Official closing
18:00 - 20:00	Reception & cocktail

THEMATIC WORKSHOPS

After each plenary session, participants who wish to do so may continue the discussion in thematic workshops (45 min each) held in smaller groups, organized in parallel with the plenaries (3 concomitant breakout rooms).

Timing	Breakout Room #1	Breakout Room #2	Breakout Room #3
12:00 - 12:45	I1: Chad's technical and financial partners committee	I2: Water sector financing platform	I3: Alliance of African Multilateral Financial Institutions (AAMFI)
12:45 - 13:30	TW1: Critical Minerals	TW2: Solidarity, environment, and territories	
14:20 - 15:05	TW3: Agriculture / livestock and fisheries	TW4: Healthcare	TW5: Education and human capital
15:05 - 15:50	TW6: Water and sanitation	TW7: Electricity: M300 and opening to the private sector	TW8: Business environment & PPP
15:55 - 16:40	TW9: Digital economy	TW10: Transport & navigation	TW11: Tourism and Culture

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10:00 - 10:40	Signing ceremony
13:45 - 13:55	Closing ceremony

MEETINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS BETWEEN PRIVATE SECTOR ACTORS (B2B) AND BETWEEN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND GOVERNMENTS (B2G)

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09:00 - 10:00	Guest arrival and coffee break
10:00 - 10:05	MC introduction
10:05 - 10:15	WELCOME REMARKS BY THE TWO CO-CHAIR MINISTERS OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, UAE Minister of Foreign Trade• H.E. Tahir Hamid Nguilin, State Minister, Minister of Finance, Budget, Economy, Planning and International Cooperation
10:15 - 10:50	PANEL 1: CRITICAL MINERALS AND HYDROCARBONS, DRIVERS OF DEVELOPMENT <p>Critical minerals, oil and gas remain key levers for financing economic transformation and ensuring energy security. This panel will reveal Chad's considerable mining potential, recent studies and investment opportunities in oil and mining exploration, production and processing, as well as ongoing projects and developments. It will also showcase the successful experiences and strategies of the United Arab Emirates to strengthen cooperation, develop local capacities and integrate Chad into new regional and international sector dynamics.</p> Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Ndolenodji Alixe Naïmbaye, Minister of Mines and Petroleum of Chad• Abdelkerim Charfadine Mahamat, Managing Director, SONEMIC• Eric Josseron, General Manager, PetroChad – Perenco Group• T. Rajkumar, Chairman & Managing Director, Mahasakthi Group• Mohammed Al Dhaheri, Vice-Chairman & Managing Director, Resources Investment Moderator: Alexandra Topalian
10:50 - 11:30	PANEL 2: VALUING RESOURCES, FEEDING GROWTH <p>Agriculture and livestock form the foundation of food security and inclusive growth. This panel will examine strategies to increase productivity, modernise value chains and attract private investment, while supporting agro-industrial transformation and the export of local products. It will highlight Chad's vast livestock resources, agricultural diversity and processing potential, which offer major opportunities for developing competitive and sustainable regional value chains.</p> Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Prof. Abderahim Awat Atteib, Minister of Livestock and Animal Production of Chad• H.E. Keda Ballah, Minister of Agricultural Production and Transformation of Chad• Ali Adji Mahamat Seid, President, Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Agriculture, Mines and Handicrafts of Chad• Dr. Ananda Raj, CEO Protein Business, ARISE IIP• Olivier Buyoya, Regional Director West Africa, IFC Moderator: Laura Buckwell
	Opening remarks – Financing African competitiveness: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oliver Alawuba, Managing Director, UBA Group
11:30 - 12:30	OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrival of Heads of State and Government• Opening video• Ousmane Diagana, Vice President, Western and Central Africa, Representative of the President of the World Bank Group• H.E. Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, UAE Minister of Foreign Trade• H.E. Marshal Mahamat Idriss Déby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad
12:30 - 12:50	SPECIAL GUESTS' ADDRESSES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Ali Mahamane Lamine Zeine, Prime Minister of the Republic of Niger• H.E. Faure Gnassingbé, President of the Council of Ministers of Togo
12:50 - 13:00	SIGNING CEREMONY



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13:00 - 10:45

PANEL 3: ATTRACTIVENESS, INDUSTRIALIZATION, WATER AND ELECTRICITY

A favourable business environment, reliable access to water and electricity, a competitive tax system, a modern administration and a clear industrialisation strategy are essential foundations for investment. This panel will discuss how to better align basic infrastructure, land-use planning and productive activities, while strengthening industrial competitiveness with the support of the financial sector.

Speakers:

- **H.E. Mathieu Guibolo Fanga**, Minister of Trade and Industry of Chad
- **H.E. Passalet Kanabé Marcelin**, Minister of Water and Energy of Chad
- **Kwawu Mensah Gaba**, Practice Manager for Energy, World Bank
- **Ali Alshimmari**, Managing Director & CEO, Global South Utilities (GSU)
- **Marc Galinier**, Sub-Saharan Africa Director, Qair
- **Tarik Hamane**, CEO, National Office of Electricity and Drinking Water (ONEE), Morocco
- **Honghe Hao**, General Director, China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC) Chad

Moderator: **Laura Buckwell**

13:45 - 13:55

ADDRESS: VOICE OF A DEVELOPMENT LEADER

- **Dr. Sidi Ould Tah**, President, African Development Bank (AfDB)

13:55 - 14:35

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – CHAD CONNECTION 2030

Presentation of the Plan:

- **H.E. Tahir Hamid Ngulin**, State Minister, Minister of Finance, Budget, Economy, Planning and International Cooperation

Genesis, opportunities and ambitions – responses from:

- **Nicolas Teisseyre**, Senior Partner, Roland Berger
- **François Proust**, Managing Director, Rothschild & Co
- **Julien Reynaud**, Deputy Division Chief & Mission Chief for Chad, International Monetary Fund

Moderator: **Alexandra Topalian**

14:35 - 15:10

PANEL 4: CHAD ON THE MOVE – THE CONNECTION; LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURES

Roads, skies, fibre and corridors: mobility and connectivity lie at the heart of development. This panel will highlight Chad's geostrategic position as a natural hub for the continent and examine priority investments aimed at connecting the country to its regions and to Africa through roads, air transport, fibre-optic networks, railways and Lake Chad. The experience of the United Arab Emirates across Africa will serve as a guiding thread to understand these challenges and bring Chad's connectivity vision to fruition.

Speakers:

- **H.E. Fatime Goukouni Weddeye**, Minister of Transport, Civil Aviation and National Meteorology of Chad
- **H.E. Amir Idriss Kourda**, Minister of Infrastructure, Regional Connectivity and Road Maintenance of Chad
- **H.E. Dr. Michel Boukar**, Minister of Telecommunications, Digital Economy and Administration Digitalisation of Chad
- **Ramatou Magagi**, Senior Investment Officer, IFC
- **Dkhissi Mohammed**, General Director, Moov Africa Chad
- **Hassan Jaber**, CEO, Axian Telecom

Moderator: **Rebecca McLaughlin-Eastham**

15:10 - 15:50

PANEL 5: INVESTING IN HUMAN CAPITAL AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

Access to healthcare, education and training remains central to development. This panel will examine how investments in human capital and emerging technologies can strengthen basic social services, foster innovation, attract talent and private investment, and promote inclusion, employment and the development of technical and digital skills across sectors.

Speakers:

- **H.E. Dr. Tom Erdimi**, State Minister, Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Vocational Training of Chad
- **H.E. Dr. Aboubakar Assidick Tchorama**, Minister of National Education and Civic Promotion of Chad

Moderator: **Rebecca McLaughlin-Eastham**

15:50 - 16:05

OFFICIAL CLOSING

18:00 - 20:00

RECEPTION & COCKTAIL

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- **Clara Ana Coutinho de Sousa**, Division Director for the Sahel countries, World Bank
- **Dkhissi Mohammed**, General Director, Moov Africa Chad
- **Dieudonné Evou Mekou**, President, Development Bank of Central African States (BDEAC)
- **Yvon Sana Bangui, Governor**, Bank of Central African States (BEAC)
- **Dieudonné Evou Mekou**, President, BDEAC
- **Nicolas Teisseyre**, Senior Partner, Roland Berger
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THEMATIC WORKSHOPS – DETAILED PROGRAM

During each 45-minute workshop, the key challenges and ambitions of the various development themes will be presented, followed by concrete investment opportunities for private investors and development banks. The session will conclude with a Q&A and a discussion on actionable next steps.

12:00 12:45	<p>I1 - Chad's Technical and Financial Partners Committee/Financing and Cooperation Committee Review commitments and present intervention plans for the duration of the National Development Plan, led by the country's main donors and development banks.</p> <p>I2 - Water sector financing platform</p> <p>I3 - Alliance of African Multilateral Financial Institutions (AAMFI) Fast-track priority projects from concept to closed transactions via the Chad-UAE Deal Acceleration Track, supported by the Alliance of African Multilateral Financial Institutions (AAFMI) and Development Finance Institutions (DFIs).</p>
12:45 13:30	<p>TW1 - Minerais critiques Unlock Chad's vast untapped mineral wealth by securing exploration and exploitation rights, developing refining facilities, and investing in industrial-scale mining and cement production.</p> <p>TW2 - Solidarity, Environment and Territories Enable inclusive, sustainable growth through projects empowering vulnerable populations housing, protecting the environment, and advancing territorial decentralization.</p>
14:20 15:05	<p>TW3 - Agriculture, Livestock and Fishing Tap into Chad's agricultural potential by developing large-scale farms, agro-industrial value chains, livestock and fisheries infrastructure, and input production facilities.</p> <p>TW4 - Health Strengthen Chad's healthcare system through investments in modern infrastructure, digital transformation, expanded vaccination programs, and medicine distribution via public-private partnerships.</p> <p>TW5 - Education and Human Capital Shape Chad's human capital by investing in schools, vocational training, digital education, and public-private partnerships to boost youth employability.</p>
15:05 15:50	<p>TW6 - Water and Sanitation Seize opportunities in water management and sanitation by developing infrastructure for safe water access, resource exploitation, and service modernization.</p> <p>TW7 - Electricity: M300 and Opening to the Private Sector Power Chad's growth through energy generation, grid expansion, rural electrification, and new private-sector licenses across the electricity market.</p> <p>TW8 - Business Environment and PPP Learn more about the highly attractive fiscal and regulatory framework with strong PPP opportunities, streamlined commercial justice, and competitive special economic zones.</p>
15:05 15:50	<p>TW9 - Digital Economy Accelerate Chad's digital leap by expanding broadband access, reinforcing the national fiber backbone, and dynamizing telecom offering and mobile finance.</p> <p>TW10 - Transportation and Navigation Position Chad as a regional logistics hub connected to the continent through road, air, rail, and river transport projects unlocking trade, mobility, and tourism potential.</p> <p>TW11 - Tourism and Culture Invest in Chad's rich heritage and tourism assets through site development, accommodation, cultural industries, and events infrastructure.</p>