

Profile of Speakers

Ms. Marit Y. Kitaw, PhD., *Economic Affairs Officer, UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)*

Dr. Marit Kitaw is currently an Economic Affairs Officer at the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), leading the minerals sector portfolio. She is the Former Interim Director of the African Minerals Development Center (AMDC), a Specialized Agency of the AU dedicated to harnessing Africa's minerals for inclusive, people-centered transformational growth by implementing the Africa Mining Vision (AMV). In this role, she led the adoption of key strategies, including Africa's Green Minerals Strategy (AGMS). She served on the UN Secretary-General's Panel on Critical Energy Transition Minerals as the AU's representative.

Dr. Kitaw held positions at the AMDC in UNECA, at UNDP Mozambique as Chief Technical Advisor on Extractive Industries for Sustainable Development, at COMESA, the African Development Bank, and the Institute of World Affairs in Washington, DC. Dr. Marit Kitaw holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Nice/ Sophia-Antipolis in France and an MBA in Leadership and Sustainability from the University of Cumbria, UK. She is passionate about Africa's development and prosperity and welcomes out-of-the-box analytical thinking and bold ideas to move the continent forward.



Mr Kenneth Mogane, *Sub Sahara Africa Regional Officer, IndustriALL Global Union*

Mr Kenneth Mogane is currently the Sub Sahara Africa Regional Officer at IndustriALL Global Union, where he bears responsibilities for sectors, including mining.

Prior to this, he worked at a chemical manufacturing plant in South Africa and later became a union official in the chemical sector. He then joined the International Federation of Chemicals and Energy, which later merged with other federations in the manufacturing sector to form IndustriALL Global Union. IndustriALL is engaged in the area of critical minerals and have particular interest in supporting the work of unions in battery supply.

Mr Mogane holds a degree in Law, a second one in Social Sciences, and a Masters diploma in Human Resources Management.

