

#CNVERGE '25

Rethinking Commodity Finance for Growth

A GHIB Thought-Impact Event

6th - 8th August, 2025 | City of London

Agenda

Day 1 | 6th August, 2025

8:00AM - 9:30AM	Registration
9:45AM - 10:05AM	Special Acknowledgements & Akwaaba: Raymond Sambou - GHIB
10:10AM - 10:30AM	Commodity Trade as a Catalyst for Africa's Economic Renewal Opening Remarks: Dean Adansi- GHIB
10:35AM - 10:55AM	Growing Africa through Commodities: The Central Bank's Perspective Governor Buah Saidy- Central Bank of The Gambia
11:00AM - 11:15AM	Coffee Break
11:20AM - 11:40AM	Presentation: Leveraging Commodities: The Central Bank's View
Presenter:	Keynote: Dr. Zakari Mumuni- 1st Dep. Governor, Bank of Ghana
11:45AM - 12:25PM	The Commodity Landscape in Africa: Outlook and Prospects
Moderator:	Richard Agbenu- GHIB
Speakers:	Victor Yaw Asante- FBN Ghana Duarte Pedreira - Crown agents Bank Olukorede Adenowo- FBN UK
12:30PM - 12:50PM	Group Photograph
1:00PM - 2:00PM	Lunch
2:10PM - 2:40PM	Fireside Chat: New Methods of Commodity Financing: The Cocoa Case Study
Moderator:	Hueggert Annan- GHIB
Speakers:	Dr. John Barnett Quaicoo- Cocoa Marketing Company
2:45PM - 3:00PM	Coffee Break
3:05PM - 3:45PM	Financing Commodity Trade: A Focus on Minerals and Petroleum
Moderator:	Derick Dickson- GHIB
Speakers:	Sammy Gyamfi- Goldbod Marcelo Mendes-Tennant Metals Kevin Fiifi Dadzie-BP
3:50PM - 4:45PM	How AI and Blockchain are Transforming Commodity Finance
Moderator:	Linda Wayoe- GHIB
Speakers:	Rocco Falconer- Demeter Stephen Abban- Access Bank Gambia Anthony Wadsworth-Hill- Mercore
4:50PM - 5:00PM	Awards Ceremony
5:00PM	Welcome Reception
Hosted by:	Maria Adjoa Dei - GHIB

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Day 2 | 7th August, 2025

8:00AM - 9:30AM	Registration
9:45AM - 10:05AM	Rethinking the Role of Commodities in African Economies Speech by: Lord Paul Boateng
10:10AM - 10:55AM	The Race for Critical Minerals in Africa Moderator: Ebenezer Amarh- GHIB Speakers: Dr. Walton Gilpin- Rokel Bank Yaw Nsarkoh Steven Gray OBE- UK Export Finance
11:00AM - 11:15AM	Coffee Break
11:20AM - 12:05PM	Success Factors in Commodity Finance Moderator: Baafuor Abankwa- GHIB Speakers: Natalia Andrew - Zenith Bank UK Amine Drissi- BACB Anthony Wadsworth-Hill- Mercore
12:10PM - 12:25PM	Presentation: Commodity Hedging Presenter: Christos Gabrielides- GHIB
12:30PM - 1:15PM	Managing Risk in Modern Commodity Finance: Reimagining Risk Sharing between Banks, Insurers and Traders Moderator: Christos Gabrielides- GHIB Speakers: Bernard Gyebi - Prudential Bank Ghana Sylvia Solomon, ASIP- Dhow Capital Group Rima Kalai - Africa Trade Finance
1:25PM - 2:25PM	Lunch
2:30PM - 3:15PM	Financial Crime Risks in Commodity Finance: A focus on Sanctions, Money Laundering and Proliferation Financing Moderator: Subuola Abraham- GHIB Speakers: Tola Awosika - FidBank UK Aamar Ahmad - Sigma Risk Guy Sagar - Promontory Financial Group
3:20PM - 3:35PM	Coffee Break
3:40PM - 4:15PM	Financing Infrastructure Solutions for Commodity Trade in Africa Moderator: Ophelia Attobrah- GHIB Speakers: Steven Gray OBE- UK Export Finance Joe Jackson- Dalex Finance
4:20PM - 5:00PM	Emerging Trends in Commodity Finance: The Legal Perspective Moderator: Adam Zagajewski - GHIB Speakers: Frank Akowuah - BELA Winston Bell-Gam - HCR Law Andrew Skipper MBE - Polymetis Professional Solutions Simon Cook - Sullivan & Worcester

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Day 3 | 8th August, 2025

8:00AM - 9:30AM	Registration
9:45AM - 10:05AM	Rethinking Commodity Finance for Growth
	Farihan Alhassan, GCB Bank
10:10AM - 10:55AM	Financing Solutions for Agro-Commodities
Moderator:	Richard Agbenu- GHIB
Speakers:	Hajia Maria Adamu-Zibo- FEDCO Mark Hogg- Mere Plantations
11:00AM - 11:45AM	Beyond Derivatives: Practical Strategies for Managing FX and Interest Rate Risk in Commodity Finance
Moderator:	Jamel Banda- GHIB
Speakers:	Derrick Anim- Commerzbank Glen Opoku- GMG Brokers
11:50AM - 12:05PM	Coffee Break
12:10PM - 12:30PM	Vista Bank Partnership Ceremony
12:35PM - 12:55PM	Sum-Up by: Raymond Sambou- GHIB
1:00PM - 1:20PM	Closing Ceremony Speech by: Dean Adansi - GHIB
1:25PM - 2:25PM	Lunch