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Africa's Green Minerals Workshop:
Knowing what lies in the ground to guide policy and investment

Day 2 Recap
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1,888
significant deposits in the preliminary dataset

10%
Africa's share of global exploration spending, 2024

4
regional economic communities covered

THE MESSAGE

The constraint is not geology but mineral intelligence.
Better mineral governance begins with better knowledge.

WHAT WE HEARD

01
Under-explored, not poorly endowed. Pale areas on the map are unexplored, not empty.

02
Invest in geological surveys. Fund them steadily and release data rather than sell it.

03
Speak one language. Adopt AMREC and PARC so data compare across borders.

04
Link, don't duplicate. Connect national, regional and partner platforms.

05
Map beyond geology. Processing, corridors, trade, ownership and communities.

06
Retain the value. Reconcile trade data and plug illicit financial flows.

NEXT STEPS

- Validate the platform with geological surveys
- Link with AFC, ECOWAS and national systems
- Add value chain, corridor and ownership layers
- Fund surveys and adopt AMREC and PARC in law