



I mined it myself, built WOOW ME into a mine-to-market business, and built Anchorstone Holding to supply and service mines across the critical minerals and defence sectors. What I bring to a panel is the gap between what the sector's data says and what is actually happening on the ground, because I have worked both ends of it.

BIOGRAPHY

Mecktilder turns grassroots intelligence into boardroom strategy for governments, institutions and investors. An Africa Mining Strategist and MI27 Ambassador for Investing in African Mining Indaba, she brings experience spanning artisanal mining, mine development, critical minerals, policy and investment. She entered artisanal gold mining in 2012 and combines practical industry knowledge with training in commerce and finance. She is co-founder and Director of Anchorstone Holding; founder and Executive Director of TWIMMI, the Tanzania Women in Mining and Mineral Industry, through which she has trained more than 4,200 women and young people across East and Southern Africa; and founder of The Mine Africa, a continental platform connecting Africa's mining value chain. Her work focuses on expanding African ownership, local value addition and long-term value creation from the continent's mineral resources.

SIGNATURE TALKS

Beyond Extraction: Owning Africa's Value Chain From Ground to Global

KEYNOTE

The case for Africa holding processing, standards and markets, rather than selling the rock and buying back the product.

Golden Opportunities: Securing Shared Benefits from Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining

PANEL

Why transparency on its own does not move value to the people who dig, and what governance has to do instead.

Investors of Choice: What Kind of Investors Do Communities and Countries Want?

PANEL

Buyers ask for responsibly sourced minerals and pay for irresponsibly sourced ones. What changes when that gap closes.

Future-Proofing Africa Mining

KEYNOTE

The sector's next decade belongs to a generation already working in it, and that changes how it should be governed and financed.

Gender Voice on Critical Minerals

PRESENTATION

Without sex-disaggregated data, policy and finance cannot see the women already across the value chain. What that blindness costs.

SELECTED STAGES

Investing in African Mining Indaba Cape Town

Hosted MI26, Ambassador MI27

All-Africa Leadership Summit Kigali, 2026

Keynote

UONGOZI Institute and UNECA, Africa's Critical Minerals Forum Addis Ababa, 2026

Speaker

SAMAO, 8th West Africa Mining Week Ouagadougou, September 2026

Communicatrice

Africa Centre for Energy Policy, Future of Energy Conference Accra, August 2026

Value addition expert

Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Arusha and Lusaka, 2025

Board meeting, regional forum

University of Cape Town, LEAD Programme Cape Town, 2024 to 2026

Invited faculty, three years

ICGLR regional panels DRC, South Sudan, Zambia, Uganda, 2023 to 2025

Minerals recommendations

African Union and AMDC forums Addis Ababa, Namibia, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia

2024 to 2026

APPOINTMENTS

Strategic Advisory Committee, Investing in African Mining Indaba, since MI26

Ambassador, MI27, 33rd edition

African Gemstone and Jewellery Curriculum committee, African Union and AMDC

RECOGNITION

30 Future Leaders of Africa, Investing in African Mining Indaba, 2024

Enterprise African Network Fellowship, African Union and AfCFTA, 2024 to 2025

BOOKING

Formats: keynote, panel, moderation, presentation, master of ceremonies

Audiences: governments, investors, industry, multilateral institutions

Languages: English and Swahili. Presents in English

Notice: one month. Travels globally