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Ghana's President will attend WAMPEX 2018 to celebrate Chamber of Mines' birthday

The President who has pledged an end to mining which destroys the environment will be special guest of honour at West Africa's premier mining expo in Accra on May 30

His Excellency the President of the Republic of Ghana will be the Special Guest of Honour at West Africa's premier mining and power expo this year.

President Nana Akufo-Addo has confirmed his attendance on the first day of WAMPEX 2018 to mark the 90th anniversary of the The Ghana Chamber of Mines. He is expected to speak at the WAMPOC 2018 conference.

"We are honoured to have the President of Ghana attending this year's event, which is the key mining expo and conference for West Africa," said Brad Hook, Commercial Director for the co-organisers of the event in Accra.

The President has made mining in his country a top priority since he took office a year ago and he is expected to re-iterate his support for the commercial success of the sector - but not at the expense of the environment.

Earlier this month (Jan 17) he spoke to journalists in Accra where he has promised to end small scale mining – known as galamsey – which he said had become a serious menace to the very existence of the country.

"As I have said a few times, since the Almighty blessed us with precious minerals, there has always been and always will be mining in our country," said the President.

"We are not against mining, but we cannot accept mining in a manner that risks destroying our country. The reforestation programme that we have started should help to regenerate our forest cover and water bodies, and, hopefully, provide an attractive alternative employment to galamsey. On this subject, all of us, and not just government, have to do things differently."

Ghana is the heart of the West African mining sector and the WAMPEX 2018 expo and WAMPOC 2018 conference is expected to be bigger than ever this year thanks to commodity price stabilisation and greater government support across Africa.

Exhibitors from around the world will be at the Accra International Conference Centre from May 30 to June 1 for WAMPEX, and WAMPOC, The West African Mining & Power Conference 2018, which brings together senior government officials, industry leaders and influencers to discuss policy, legislation, challenges and market developments.

The event is endorsed by The Ghana Chamber of Mines, The Ghana Ministry of Lands & Natural Resources, The Minerals Commission of Ghana and The Energy Commission of Ghana.

For more details of the expo and conference go to www.wampexghana.com.

More information

WAMPEX 2018 runs from Wednesday May 30 to June 1 at the Accra International Conference Centre, Accra, Ghana. After 24 years WAMPEX has become a major forum for the international mining and power industries, a showcase for those exhibitors who will meet key figures from the mining and power sectors, as well as senior government ministers. More details www.wampexghana.com

The **WAMPOC 2018 conference** is organised by **dmg-ems Africa** in partnership with **Events & Projects International (EPI)**.

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