

# WCEF2025 Windhoek Side event, 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2025

Venue: Village, Windhoek

## PROGRAMME

*Directors of Ceremonies: Claudia Boamah Capelao, NIPDB*

09:00 – 09:30	Arrival & Registration (Arrival tea and snack)
09:30 – 09:45	Opening remarks, Leena Viljanen, the Ambassador of Finland to Namibia
09:45 – 10:00	Welcome remarks, Marleena Ahonen, SITRA
10:00 – 10:15	Keynote Speech, tbc
10:15 – 11:30	Panel Discussion <b>Theme: <i>Business opportunities and innovations in sustainable circular economy in Namibia</i></b> <i>Moderator: tbc</i> <i>Panelists: tbc</i>
11:30 – 12:30	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
12:30 – 15:30	<i>Networking on the side</i>
12:30 – 12:35	Stream starts, house rules
12:30 – 13:45	<b>Stream Session 1.</b> - <b>Unlocking a sustainable economy with circular innovations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Governments, the private sector and financial institutions must collaborate to make the circular economy a norm rather than an exception. This session will explore how innovation and financial positive signals can enable this transformation.</li></ul>
13:45 – 14:15	Coffee/tea <b>break</b>
14:15 – 15:30	<b>Stream Session 2.</b> - <b>Accelerating the just energy transition with a responsible critical minerals lifecycle</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The global demand for critical energy transition minerals is expected to triple by 2030. This session will share how circular economy approaches can generate meaningful sustainable development dividends for, and respect for the rights of, Indigenous Peoples, local communities and societies, particularly those most affected by mining activities, across the entire mineral value chain.</li></ul>
15:30	End of official program

