



# FROM PHALABORWA TO OXFORD

Dr Enock Mathebula Delivers Rare Earth Mining Lecture and Advances Global Partnership for Youth Empowerment

On 09 December 2025, Dr Enock Mathebula, Founder and Chairman of the Enock Mathebula Foundation (EMF), delivered a distinguished lecture at St Anne's College, University of Oxford, United Kingdom. The lecture focused on Rare Earth Mining and why it represents the future of global economic and industrial development.

The event was hosted by the London Institute of Skills Development, in partnership with The Royal Club, and brought together academics, industry leaders, and professionals interested in sustainable development, mining innovation, and economic transformation.

In his address, Dr Mathebula shared insights drawn from his extensive experience in the mining sector, highlighting the strategic importance of rare earth minerals in advancing technology, clean energy, and future industries. As Executive Chairman and Shareholder of Steenkamp Kraal

Mine, a rare earth mining operation, Dr Mathebula is recognized as a key voice in shaping conversations around responsible mining and economic growth.

Following the lecture, Dr Mathebula was awarded an Honorary Professorship in Business Revolution, a prestigious recognition conferred in acknowledgement of his meritorious contribution to his profession and industry. The honorary title celebrates his leadership, innovation, and impact within the business and mining sectors.

The award marks a significant personal and professional milestone for Dr Mathebula, symbolizing what can be achieved through perseverance, belief, and dedication. Born and raised in Phalaborwa by a single mother, Dr Mathebula's journey from humble beginnings to becoming a respected thought leader and prominent businessman serves as a powerful source of inspiration to many. Beyond his corporate achievements, Dr Mathebula remains deeply committed to social

development through his role as Founder and Chairman of the Enock Mathebula Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to rebuilding a well-rounded society through education, skills development, and empowerment.

In line with this mission, the Foundation has partnered with the London Institute of Skills Development to create opportunities for less privileged young people in South Africa. Through this partnership, young people are equipped with relevant skills to enhance employability, pursue entrepreneurship, and contribute meaningfully to economic growth.

This partnership represents a significant milestone for the Enock Mathebula Foundation, reinforcing its commitment to education as a catalyst for empowerment and long-term societal transformation.

