




INVEST IN
AFRICA
SUMMIT
2025

PROGRAMME.

 29th to 30th April 2025

 Leonardo Royal Hotel,
The Hague, Netherlands

DAY 1

TUESDAY 29TH APRIL 2025

8:30 AM
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09:00 AM

Registration and Networking Coffee

Invest in Africa Secretariat

9:00 AM
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9:30 AM

Opening Remarks

John Karegwa – CEO, Invest In Africa Summit

Opening Address

Ms Brenda Pennell - Fund and Investment Manager Bid
Capital Partners/ Impact Capital Partners

Mathilde Miedema Programme Director- TNO

Maxime Bayern - Operating Partner, Catalyst Fund

Chief Guest Keynote Address:

H.E Francis Danti Kotia - Ghana Ambassador to the
Kingdom of The Netherlands

Government of the Netherlands

9:30 AM
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10:30 AM

Plenary Session: Doing Business in Africa

- Opportunities and Challenges of doing business with Africa.
- Success Stories and understanding the African business system

Moderator: Dr Deanne De Vries

Ajay Wasserman - Group CEO and Chief Investment Officer
of Fio Capital Group

Bernardo G. Arnaud - AMD AGRO - Founder / StarkSat
Carbon - CEO

Matthew McLean - Founder - Endsight Consulting

John Kourkoutas - Founder & Managing Director,
MrExportToAfrica

10:30 AM
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11:00 AM

Break Time: Coffee and Networking

11:00 AM
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12:00 PM

Plenary Session: Technology Transformation & Digital Entrepreneurship In Africa

- Game-changing technologies, digitalization in Africa
- Africa Technology Startups Ecosystems and Trends
- How technology is transforming Africa's startup landscapes
- African Digital Economy Technology, youth innovation & transformation
- African Fintech Entrepreneurship
- How digitalization can help to address structural barriers to trade in Africa
- African digital Platforms
- Opportunities in AI

Moderator: Dr, Deanne De Vries

Maxime Bayern - Operating Partner, Catalyst Fund

Dimeji Falana - Chief Executive Officer Edves Nigeria Ltd

Jessica Long - President, Maad, Senegal

Bertil van Vugt - Director of Operations, VC4A

Mohamed Salah - General Manager, UGFS North Africa

Nelson T.Ajulo - Founder & CEO, Zarttech

12:00 PM
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1:15 PM

Innovation roundtable : How to improve the success rates of tech-related innovators in sub-Saharan Africa

- To boost entrepreneurship and future earning potential of sub-Saharan Africa and Europe accelerating technological innovation and scaling tech startups is crucial.
- This roundtable discussion will bring together innovators, startups, scale ups and investors on the topic of valorization of biomass.
- How to make a successful business out of agricultural residues and biomass streams?
- How to bring tech-related innovations to the African market faster, help startups scale better, and become more competitive?

Yvette Fleming - Senior Business Development Manager- TNO

Mathilde Miedema - Programme Director- TNO

Alyanne Boon - Project Manager-TNO

Marije Ter Steege - Bio Based Consultant- TNO

Sharon Mutai - Founder/ Director Africa Deposit System

Robert Skidmore - Trade, Small Business and Value Chain Development at International Trade Centre

Jan Kruse - Executive Director, Lithon Capital

1:00PM
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2:00PM

Networking Lunch & Exhibition Viewing

2:00 PM
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3:00PM

Panel Session: The impact of Climate Change on Africa and the need for Climate Financing

- Harnessing climate finance for African agribusiness
- Partnering for Achieving Sustainable Agribusiness and Rural Development in Africa
- Transforming Agribusiness to Foster Prosperity in Rural Communities in Africa

Maxime Bayern - Operating Partner, Catalyst Fund

Marje Ter Steege - Consultant- TNO

Bernardo G. Arnaud - AMD AGRO - Founder / StarkSat
Carbon - CEO

Douglas Greenwell - Commercial Director - Carbon, BURN

2:00PM
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5:00 PM

Investors Deal Room

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Partners and TNO

3:00PM
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4:00PM

Afternoon Workshop

**Workshop 1: How to Become investor ready
and Unlock Business Finance**

Ajay Wasserman - Group CEO and Chief
Investment Officer of Fio Capital Group

**Workshop 2. Invest in Ghana workshop
Ghana Embassy in the Netherlands**

4:00 PM
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5:00PM

Plenary Session: Africa Trade

- Understanding Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AFCTA)
- Facilitating efficient movement of goods across borders
- Opportunities in E- commerce in Africa
- International Trade
- Mitigating country to country risks, understanding the African Business System: Taxation, Logistics, Trade and importation /export incentives, marketing and forming business partnerships.
- Challenges and success stories-Overcoming trade barriers

Moderator:

Oyetola Oduyemi - Senior Director, Investor Relations and Sustainability, The END Fund

Jessica Long - President, Maad

Dr Sanjay Sharma - CEO,PTCECI, Promotion of Trade Culture Exhibition Council of India

Mykola Volkivskyi- Trade and Food Security and Advisor to Ukrainian Parliament

John Kourkoutas - Founder & Managing Director, MrExportToAfrica

5: 00 PM
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6:30 PM

B2B Networking & Cocktail **Invest in Africa Summit Team**

6: 30 PM
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8:30 PM

Fireside On Marketing African Film And **Movie Screening** **Silicon Valley Film Festival**

DAY 2

WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL 2025

9:00 AM
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9:30 AM

Morning Welcome & Exhibition Viewing
Secretariat

9:30 AM
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11:00 AM

Opportunities in Creative Economy in Africa

Dr Eileen CO - CEO Africa Media Chamber of Commerce | Managing Director Media Bypass News
Mandla Ncgongwane - Director, Black Brain Pictures
Mpumi Nhlapo - Managing Director, Black Brain Pictures
Adejoke Habitat - Managing Director Inside Nollywood Ltd
Chike C. Nwoffiah - Creative Ambassador, City of San José & Founding Director, Silicon Valley African Film Festival (SVAFF)
Angela Onuora – Producer and Director

11:00 AM
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11:30 AM

Tea Break

11:30 AM
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1:00 PM

African Government Officials Forum

1.00PM
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2.00PM

Networking Lunch & Exhibition Viewing

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Plenary Session: Why Technology is the Key in Transforming Africa

- Digital Trade & Financial Services
- Emerging Technologies for Financial Services Impact of AI and analytics in financial services?
- Digital opportunities in Africa
- Unlocking the Digital Economy Through Sustainable and Inclusive Digital transformation
- Digital Entrepreneurship in Africa
- Digital Transformation

Moderator: Evita Tjon A Ten

David Kleiterp - Head of Investments, Untapped Global

Emmie van Halder- Mpower International

Bertil van Vugt - Director of Operations at VC4A

Jessica Long - President, Maad, Senegal

Pascal Murasira - Co-Founder & CCO, Joble

Martin Labbé - Tech Sector Development Coordinator, International Trade Centre

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Opportunities in Agribusiness in Africa

Moderator: **Pascal Murasira - Co-Founder & CCO, Joble**

Dr Ikechi Agbugba - Agribusiness Expert

Bolaji Oyindamola Tinubu - Lead Strategist, Resolve and Resolute Limited.

Kate Kibaarah - Ceo, Kates Organics

Roundtable

The Market Place: African Sellers /European Buyers Opportunities and Requirements for Exporting to EU Market

Fresh Produce Buyers and Sellers Forum

Sports for Development Roundtable

Facilitated by Sport4impact

Paolo Bertaccini - Paolo Bertaccini Director, Sport4Impact.

Dr Sandra Damijan - Economics Lecturer Ljubljana

Leslie Koroma Sr. - CEO at Africa Sports Ventures Group

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Coffee Break

5.00 PM

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6:00PM

Closing Ceremony

Networking & Cocktail

6.00 PM

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9:00PM

African Fashion Show

PARTNERS

