



GRAND SUMMIT GUIDE

3 - 4 DECEMBER 2024

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WELCOME

Welcome to the eighth live edition of AfricaArena Tour, the first hybrid digital and in-person tech event on the African continent.

The summit and its related events represent an opportunity to explore today's and tomorrow's trends while unleashing some of the continent's best startups and innovators. The AfricArena events across five regions of Africa and the Summit have brought together key figures in the international and African tech innovation ecosystems with the aim of promoting African Tech excellence. Previous editions saw 700+ attendees watching over 60 speakers and witnessing more than \$800 million worth of impact being made. The two-day summit connects more than 20 of Africa's best startups with over 100 investors from across the globe, providing a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to really showcase Africa's innovation talent. We are grateful to have our tech ecosystem partners as the driving force in hosting 30+ founders, showing them and the world that Nairobi is East Africa's leading startup ecosystem. We look forward to being part of bringing the continent's fast-growing tech ecosystem to the forefront.

We are optimistic that a pan-African collaborative approach; leveraging and sharing innovations in hubs across Africa will continue to create an environment to change our world for the better. Grounded by this belief, we promise to provide the best experience and platform at this year's AfricArena Africa Tour Summits across Africa in Johannesburg, Abidjan, Nairobi, Tunis and Cape Town to accelerate the growth of the African tech startups and ecosystems because Africa is the future and we are rising.

This is the Grand Finale of the AfricArena 2024 Tour.



WHAT WE DO



Strengthen

Strengthening the international traction of Africa's most innovative tech startups.



Connect

Connecting founders with investors and corporations.



Promote

Attracting both entrepreneurs and investors to Africa.



Attract

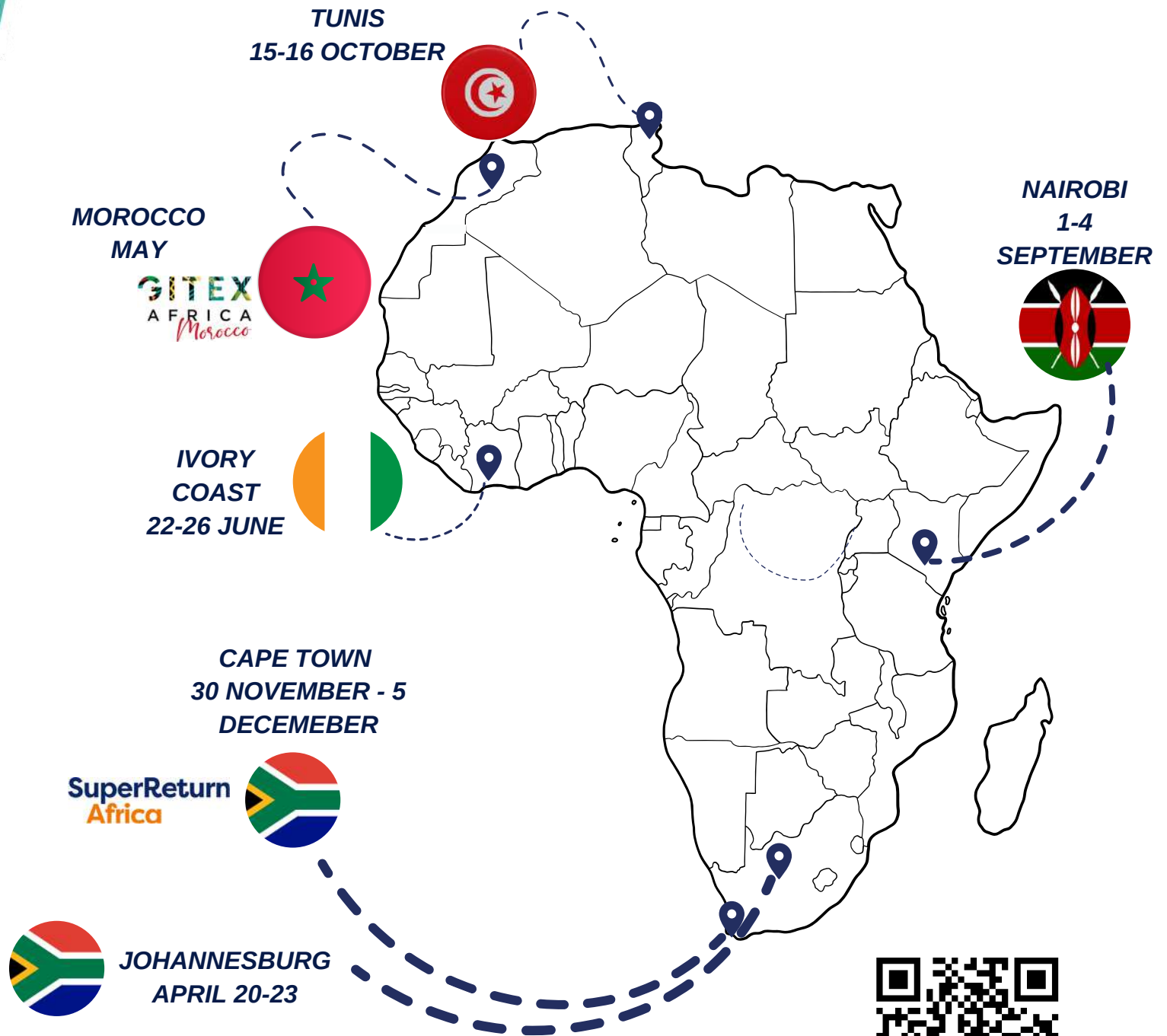
Promoting the African Tech ecosystem and its opportunities.

AFRICARENA 2024:

MAIN COUNTRIES OVERVIEW

The AfricArena Tour scouts the major capitals of the continent in search of tech startups that are changing Africa through their innovations

The all Pan-African Summits with sector focus consist of 4 main elements:
Soft Landing / Learning Expedition
VC Unconference
Founders Bootcamp
Two-Day AfricArena Summit



PROGRAM OF THE WEEK

Alongside the AfricArena Tour, exposure events and VC Unconference Weekend, AfricArena creates even more opportunities for startups and investors to connect with one another.

Soft-Landing Programme

25 November - 2 December 2024

The French South African Tech Labs (FSAT Labs) has launched its call for applications for SEADE Soft-landing Program in Cape Town. The aim of the program is to support high-potential European and African startups in setting up shop in South Africa



VC Unconference

30 November - 2 December 2024

The VC Unconference is a 2-day program for investors in an informal setting where investors can exchange ideas and share insights on key issues pertinent to the African startup and tech ecosystem in order to strengthen it.



Founders' Bootcamp

1 - 2 December 2024

The AfricArise Cape Town Founder's Bootcamp is a 2-day program for startups that fast tracks founders' knowledge in certain key areas that are often overlooked by other incubation programs.



AfricArena Grand Summit

3 - 4 December 2024

The mission of the AfricArena Grand Summit is to bring together the leading corporates and investors investing in the African continent's tech-ecosystem, with the most talented entrepreneurs from across Africa and announce the overall African continental winners in Cape Town, South Africa. Cape Town is Africa's leading startup capital and innovation ecosystem.

VC & Innovation Nights

3 - 4 December 2024

The VC and Innovation Nights are informal networking events where startups and tech investors come together for an evening of creative exchange of ideas and talk about potential investments.



EVENT LOGISTICS

This year's AfricArena Grand Summit is taking place at the Cape Town International Convention Centre in Cape Town, South Africa.

There is parking in the same venue for delegates attending the summit.



FLOOR PLAN



LEGEND

- Fabric Shell Booths
- Fabric Shell Walls
- Feature Areas
- Registration

SUMMIT

MAIN STAGE PROGRAM

Tuesday 3 December 2024

All times are in South Africa Standard Time (SAST)

09:00	GUESTS ARRIVE AND MINGLE
09:15	MC Welcome and Wake Up
09:20	Welcome - Christophe Viarnaud (CEO) & Founder
09:30	Intro to sponsors
09:50	Keynote: State of Tech in Africa
10:05	Panel Discussion: State of Tech in Africa
10:50	Panel Discussion: The Future is Now: Scaling Deep Tech & AI Solutions in Africa
11:20	Pitch Challenge - Deep Track & Ai
12:10	Panel Discussion: The Role of Impact Investing in African Startup Growth
13:00	LUNCH & NETWORKING
14:00	Founders Keynote: The Founders Journey - Taking a Startup Global from the Bottom Tip of Africa
14:10	Panel Discussion: Decarbonizing the Economy: Pathways to a Sustainable Future
14:50	Pitch Challenge - Climatech
15:40	Keynote: Topic TBC
15:50	Pitch Challenge - Agri & Green Economy
16:40	Panel Discussion: Finding the Next Growth Capital for African Tech
17:20	END OF DAY 1
18:30	VC NIGHT - NETWORKING EVENT - VC & FOUNDERS ONLY

SUMMIT INNOVATION PROGRAM

Tuesday 3 December 2024

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- 10:30** MC WELCOME & WAKE UP
- 10:40** Keynote: Building Bridges Between International Ecosystems & Africa
- 10:50** Panel Discussion: Building Bridges Between International Ecosystems & Africa
- 11:30** EIA Center Keynote : Championing Innovation: Empowering Africa's Startup Leaders
- 11:40** ENRICH in Africa Center Champion Pitch Challenge
- 12:30** Panel Discussion: The Art of the Pitch: What Investors Really Want to Hear
- 13:00** LUNCH & NETWORKING
- 14:00** Panel Discussion: The Rise of Debt and Mezzanine Funding: Focusing on The Growing Importance of Alternative Sources
- 14:45** Fireside Chat: Strategies to Scale Successfully
- 15:25** Panel Discussion: Lessons from the Trenches: Founders Share Their Failures and Wins
- 15:55** Keynote: The Role of Startup Acts in Shaping Africa's Future
- 16:05** Panel Discussion: The Role of Startup Acts in Shaping Africa's Future
- 16:30** RETURN TO MAIN STAGE
- 17:15** END OF DAY 1
- 18:30** VC NIGHT - NETWORKING EVENT - VC & FOUNDERS ONLY

SUMMIT

MAIN STAGE PROGRAM

Wednesday 4 December 2024

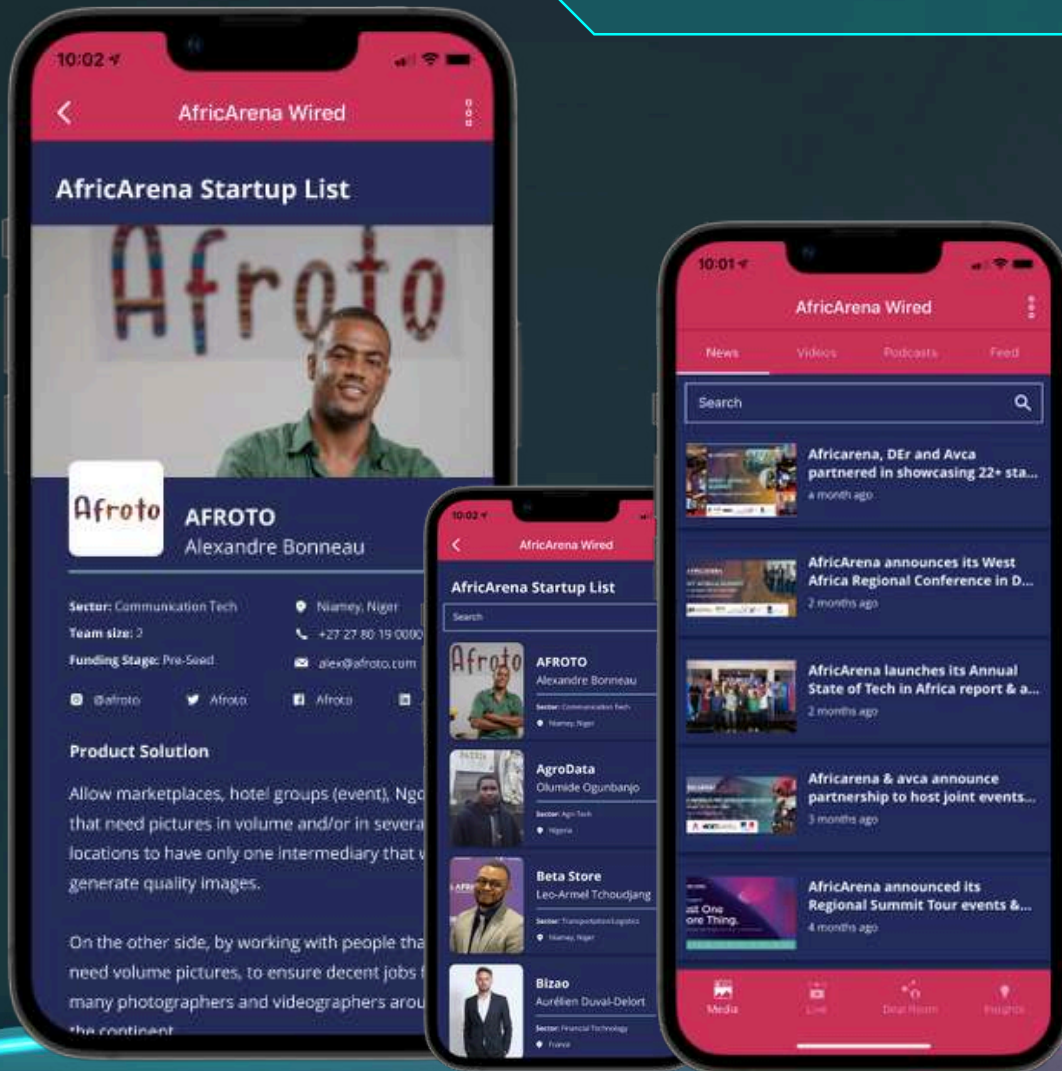
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| 09:15 | MC Welcome and Wake Up |
| 09:20 | Welcome - Mayor of Cape Town |
| 09:30 | Panel Discussion: Gender Diverse Pledge - Where Are We 1 Year Later? |
| 10:05 | Pitch Challenge - SaaS |
| 10:55 | Fireside Chat : Open Innovation and Corporate Exits: Navigating Collaboration and Successful Exits |
| 11:35 | Opening To - 100 Startupper Challenge |
| 11:45 | Pitch Challenge - 100 Startupper Challenge |
| 12:50 | LUNCH & NETWORKING |
| 13:45 | Fireside Chat: The Future of Cross-Border Payments: fintech impact in Africa |
| 14:15 | Pitch Challenge - Fintech |
| 15:05 | Investor Keynote: Achieving World-Class Returns in Africa VC: Lessons from the Last Decade |
| 15:20 | Keynote: What Lies Ahead: Africa's Journey to 2025 and Key Predictions |
| 15:30 | Pitch Challenge - Agnostic |
| 16:20 | Pitch Challenge - Investor Reverse Pitch |
| 17:00 | AWARD CEREMONY |
| 18:30 | INNOVATION NIGHT - Grand Africa Café & Beach - RSVP Only |

Welcome to AfricArena Wired

The African Tech Ecosystem at the palm of your hand.

A reimagined and innovative way of connecting african tech founders, investors, partners, mentors and ecosystem players.





ACCELERATING INNOVATION

From Africa to Europe

Methys is a unique international technology firm with expertise in Digital, Business Intelligence, Private Equity and Acceleration Services. We pride ourselves in consistent innovation and facilitate collaborative engagement between corporate, investors and start-ups. Our footprint reaches across the globe with a presence from Africa to Europe.

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DAY 1:
MAIN STAGE

MAIN STAGE HOST



Natasha Ngundu

Startup Consultant

Throughout her career, Natasha has had the opportunity to collaborate with groundbreaking startups in the payments, AI, and HR tech sectors. These experiences have provided her with the knowledge, skills, and strategic insights essential for helping businesses flourish in the digital era. As a seasoned marketing professional, brand strategist, and partnership specialist with a successful history of driving growth for both high-growth B2B tech startups and established firms, Natasha is passionate about innovation and possesses a profound understanding of the digital landscape. She assists businesses in navigating the complexities of modern marketing to achieve objectives and create a lasting impact.

OPENING KEYNOTE 'STATE OF TECH IN AFRICA'

MAXIME BAYEN

Co-founder, Africa: The Big Deal
Operating Partner, Catalyst Fund



Maxime is the Operating Partner at Catalyst Fund, previously serving as Head of Venture Building and Lead Venture Partner. Since early 2021, he has significantly influenced the organization, supporting over 20 startups across eight African markets and expanding a network of nearly 200 VC partners globally. Before Catalyst Fund, he led Venture Building at Greentec Capital, accelerating ten portfolio companies. With experience investing in over 50 startups, Maxime is a trusted mentor and advisor. He co-created "Africa: The Big Deal," a platform providing insights into the African startup landscape, solidifying his role as a key figure in Africa's startup ecosystem.



FOUNDER'S KEYNOTE 'THE FOUNDERS JOURNEY - TAKING A STARTUP GLOBAL FROM THE BOTTOM TIP OF AFRICA'

JUSTIN COETZEE

Founder & CEO of
GoMetro

Justin is the CEO and founder of GoMetro – a transport technology lab based in Cape Town, South Africa. He is also CEO of GoAscendal, a JV between GoMetro and international bus operator, Ascendal. He is a founder and entrepreneur who has led GoMetro to international growth. Justin has rich domain expertise in public transport planning, optimization, and technology projects in cities across Africa and Latin America. Justin has led Product Design and Development since the very first prototype, as well as Customer Development, at GoMetro for the last six years as a proven innovator and practical CEO/Chief Engineer. The company's track record speaks for itself. Justin holds a B.Eng in Civil Engineering from the University of Pretoria and an M.Eng in Transportation Engineering from the University of Stellenbosch.

PANEL DISCUSSION 'STATE OF TECH IN AFRICA'

MODERATOR

AZRA FREDERICKS

Technology Portfolio Manager
Wesgro



Azra Fredericks is the Technology Portfolio Manager at Wesgro, forming part of the larger Investment Promotions Team ensuring that the Western Cape continues to be Africa's leading technology hub supporting at least 40 000 jobs and promote strategies and connections that strengthen and nurture the province's well-developed local network of tech organisations. Azra holds a Masters degree in International Relations from the University of the Witwatersrand.



PANEL DISCUSSION 'STATE OF TECH IN AFRICA'

DAVID SAUNDERS

Director of Strategy and Growth at Briter Bridges
Programme Lead at AgBase

David Saunders is a Director of Strategy and Growth at Briter Bridges and the AgBase Programme Lead. With over 14 years of experience working with stakeholders across Africa, Asia, and Latin America, he specializes in data analysis and market intelligence to guide innovation strategies in financial and digital inclusion. Recently, he has focused on shaping investment and innovation in Africa, particularly in AgTech, ClimateTech, and gender-lens investing, collaborating with venture capital firms, impact investors, and donors. For the past year, David has led AgBase, a multi-year program funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and FCDO, aimed at boosting digital solutions for the agriculture sector in Africa. David holds a BA in Economics from Furman University.

AI & DEEP TECH TRACK JUDGE

PANEL DISCUSSION 'STATE OF TECH IN AFRICA'

AUDE JUGLARD

Head of Corporate Finance
Mstudio



Aude is an experienced CFO specializing in fintech and fundraising. She combines her strategic financial leadership with a sharp eye for growth opportunities in the vibrant Francophone African market. At Mstudio, she uses her strategic approach to corporate finance and fundraising to guide startups from their early stages to obtaining substantial capital from international investors. Previously, her leadership at CinetPay enabled the company to secure one of Cote d'Ivoire's largest seed financing rounds. Aude holds a Masters in Public Affairs from Sciences Po and a Masters in Corporate and Public Management from HEC Paris.

PANEL DISCUSSION 'STATE OF TECH IN AFRICA'

MELVYN LUBEGA

Partner
Breega



Melvyn Lubega is a seasoned technology entrepreneur and investor, founder of the Baobab Group, which employs over 1,000 people. He developed Go1, a prominent technology platform used by 17,000 organizations in over 60 countries, making it South Africa's first unicorn with a valuation over \$2 billion and \$450 million in funding from notable investors like Salesforce Ventures and M12. Committed to talent development, Go1 launches a new course every 1.2 seconds worldwide. Lubega has built and invested in fintech companies in Africa and is currently a Partner at Breega VC, managing over \$600 million in assets. He holds a BBusSc in Actuarial Science and Statistics from the University of Cape Town and a Master's in Education and Public Policy from the University of Oxford.



PANEL DISCUSSION 'STATE OF TECH IN AFRICA'

ZACHARIAH GEORGE

Managing Partner
Launch Africa Venture

Zachariah (Zach) George serves as a Managing Partner at Launch Africa Ventures, the leading and most active early-stage Venture Capital Fund in Africa, boasting a portfolio of over 150 ventures aimed at addressing the significant pre-Series A investment gap on the continent. He is also the co-founder and Chief Investment Officer of Startupbootcamp AfriTech, the premier multi-corporate-backed venture accelerator program in Africa. Recognized as one of Africa's foremost Angel investors, Zach has invested in several prominent tech startups, including Flutterwave, Kuda Bank, Djamo, Peach Payments, Gozem, and many more. Zachariah holds a B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras and a MSc in Management and Finance from Stanford University.

PANEL DISCUSSION 'STATE OF TECH IN AFRICA'

MUSHAMBI MUTUMA

Author & Speaker
Director & Dealmaker
Blue Oceans TNS



Andrew Darge is an Investment Manager at E3 Capital an investment firm dedicated to creating economic value for African economies and our investors without compromising sustainability. Andrew provides additional coverage for Southern Africa. He is responsible for deal origination and screening, through to execution and portfolio management. Before joining E3 Capital Andrew spent seven years at Stadia Capital. He holds both a BBusSc (Hons) in Finance and a Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting from the University of Cape Town.

PANEL DISCUSSION 'THE FUTURE IS NOW: SCALING DEEP TECH & AI SOLUTIONS IN AFRICA'

MODERATOR SUZANNE WOLHUTER

Startup Consultant | Financial Advisor
PPS



Suzanne Wolhuter earned her Honours Degree in Molecular Medicine and Haematology from the University of the Witwatersrand in 2011 and completed her Master of Science in Medicine with distinction, focusing on hepatitis research. She founded a consulting company in Cape Town supporting innovation and startups. Currently, as Technology Transfer Manager at Rhodes University, she commercializes intellectual property and has established a dedicated team for technology transfer initiatives. Suzanne also serves on several Steering Committees to promote local innovation and economic development and enjoys hosting Lean Start-Up Coffees to help students understand business models and innovation.



AI & DEEP TECH TRACK JUDGE PANEL DISCUSSION 'THE FUTURE IS NOW: SCALING DEEP TECH & AI SOLUTIONS IN AFRICA'

YASSINE OUSSAIFI

Partner
AfricInvest Group

Yassine Oussaifi joined AfricInvest in mid 2012. For the last six years he worked in the chemical and energy industry. First as a business analyst in charge of strategic studies, then as a business developer managing long term hydrogen supply projects. Yassine gained international exposure working on international projects with a focus on the Middle-East region and leading for two years a project investment committee. Yassine holds an engineering degree from the Ecole Polytechnique and Mines de Paris and an MBA from the Collège des ingénieurs.

PANEL DISCUSSION 'THE FUTURE IS NOW: SCALING DEEP TECH & AI SOLUTIONS IN AFRICA'

NIC RAWHANI

Co-founder & CEO
Vula



Nic Rawhani is the co-founder & CEO of Vula - a London-based startup closing Africa's SME funding gap. South African born and raised, Nic's background spans electrical & software engineering, management consulting, community development, film-making, and TV presenting. Nic led teams at McKinsey in London and Lagos focused on enabling African finance and development and since 2022 he's been focused on utilising cutting-edge automation and generative AI to close the \$400Bn SME funding gap across Africa. Nic holds a BSc in Electrical and Information Engineering from the University of the Witwatersrand and an MSc in Sustainable Energy Futures from Imperial College London.

PANEL DISCUSSION 'THE FUTURE IS NOW: SCALING DEEP TECH & AI SOLUTIONS IN AFRICA'

PRIAASH RAMADEEN

Founder

The Awareness Company



Priaash Ramadeen is the co-founder and CEO of The Awareness Company, a company that uses pioneering technology to solve real-world problems through positive impact. A coder at heart and an innovator at mind, Priaash tells stories driven by data. An electronic engineer by trade, Priaash spent the first ten years of his career in research, development and technology, on projects ranging from military and defence to security in the fight against rhino poaching. His strong belief that entrepreneurship is the path towards creating value and impact for the world led him to found The Awareness Company in 2018, with the mission to create a sustainable, safe and efficient planet using data, AI and storytelling.



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BABACAR SECK

Managing Partner

ASKYA Investment Partners

Babacar is the Managing Partner at Askya Investment Partners, dedicated to African development and entrepreneurship. His investment portfolio includes notable startups like MAX, Jumia, and GoMyCode. Previously, he was CEO of Digital Africa, transforming it into a platform for African startups, and a founding member of Proparco's €300 million VC program, where he led private equity in financial services and served on multiple boards. Before Proparco, he advised the CEO of AXA Group, focusing on digital transformation and strategic initiatives. He has also worked with Lazard, the Carnegie Endowment, and the OECD, and studied at Sciences Po, Tsinghua University, and Renmin University.

PANEL DISCUSSION 'THE FUTURE IS NOW: SCALING DEEP TECH & AI SOLUTIONS IN AFRICA'

MALESE BRENDA NDHLOVU

Head of Space Innovations

Technology Innovation Agency (TIA)



Malese is an experienced professional in Innovation Management, Technology Commercialization, and Business Development, based in South Africa. At the Technology Innovation Agency (TIA), she supports the commercialization of Intellectual Property funded by the South African government and leads the Space Innovation Initiative, enhancing Space Science and Technology capabilities. She holds a Master's degree in Information and Communication Technologies and has 20 years of experience in both sectors. Malese contributes to strategic projects, engages in Africa-EU initiatives, and provides thought leadership on Innovation Policy and STEM advocacy. Her previous roles included ICT specialist positions in telecommunications and software development. She received the Global Hasso Plattner Founders Award in 2017 for her work in Transformation and Job Creation for African ICT consultants.

PANEL DISCUSSION 'THE ROLE OF IMPACT INVESTING IN AFRICAN STARTUP GROWTH'

MODERATOR

THANDIWE MAQETUKA

Investment Associate
Knife Capital



Thandiwe Maqetuka is an Investment Associate at Knife Capital where she deploys her broad-based financial, investment analysis, investor relations, project management, operational and strategic consulting skills to her role. Thandiwe holds a BAccSc in Accounting Science from the University of the Witwatersrand.



PANEL DISCUSSION 'THE ROLE OF IMPACT INVESTING IN AFRICAN STARTUP GROWTH'

ELISABETH MORENO

Chairwoman | Board of Directors
Ring Capital and Ring Africa

Elisabeth Moreno is a transformative leader and former French Minister for Gender Equality, Diversity, and Equal Opportunities. Hailing from the Cape Verde Islands and raised in France, she embodies resilience and ambition. Her career began at 20 with a construction business, and she later held strategic roles at major companies like Orange, Dell Technologies, Lenovo France, and Hewlett Packard Africa, driving significant transformations. Moreno is dedicated to economic justice, serving as a consular judge, and currently leads LEIA Partners, promoting responsible governance. She chairs Ring Capital and Ring Africa, focusing on impact-driven investments. Recognized with the Legion of Honour and as a co-author of "Women Ministers and Feminists," she aims to inspire future leaders to blend ambition, inclusion, and impact for a sustainable future. Additionally, she presides over the Femmes@Numerique Foundation and founded La Puissance du Lien association.

PANEL DISCUSSION 'THE ROLE OF IMPACT INVESTING IN AFRICAN STARTUP GROWTH'

SUSAN NAKAMI

Regional Lead
Village Capital



As the Regional Lead for Africa at Village Capital, Susan works on regional strategy, programs, and ecosystem development for the African continent. She's particularly passionate about entrepreneurship as a means to pursue innovative ideas and turn passion into profits. Susan joined Village Capital from the Kenya Climate Innovation Center, where she worked closely with over 300 seed and growth-stage businesses in the climate space to help them scale and unlock access to capital. Prior to joining Village Capital, she worked in the entrepreneur support ecosystem in Africa for 12 years supporting entrepreneurs in Climate, Agribusiness, Renewable Energy, Manufacturing and Tech. Outside of work, she likes to hike, hang out with friends and spend time with her family. Susan holds a BCom in Economics and Finance from the University of Nairobi.

PANEL DISCUSSION 'THE ROLE OF IMPACT INVESTING IN AFRICAN STARTUP GROWTH'

RUSSELL JULIUS

Venture Partner
Africa Leadership Academy



Russell Julius has launched and operated nine businesses over 12 years across six different sectors including financial services, renewable energy, manufacturing, marketing and distribution, business services and e-commerce. Having exited operations at ARG, he turned his focus to being an ecosystem enabler by operating as a Venture Partner with Venture Capital firms and founders across Africa. Russell also co-manages a Fund called Young Entrepreneurs Fund (YEF) under African Leadership Academy's Anzisha Prize Fellowship where he is a contracted Venture Partner working with a portfolio of 17 ventures founded by very young founders (VYEs) across Africa. Russell holds a BBA in Business Administration and Management from Heriott-Watt University.



PANEL DISCUSSION 'THE ROLE OF IMPACT INVESTING IN AFRICAN STARTUP GROWTH'

WENDY VILJOEN

Knowledge Specialist: Education
Wesgro

Wendy Viljoen is a Knowledge Specialist in Education at Wesgro, Official Tourism, Trade, Investment Promotion Agency for Cape Town and Western Cape. With over 15 years of expertise, skills, and knowledge to improve education for all, Wendy is passionate about driving change through education and she facilitates new opportunities and pushes the boundaries of what is possible. In addition to this, she actively contributes to the development of knowledge and skills, and help to bring awareness to the endless possibilities that education brings as she keeps up with the latest trends and technologies. Wendy holds a BA in Development and Environmental Studies from the University of Stellenbosch.

PANEL DISCUSSION 'THE ROLE OF IMPACT INVESTING IN AFRICAN STARTUP GROWTH'

SAYED SYED

CEO
Chenosis



A visionary leader in Africa's technology and business space, Saad Syed is one of Africa's tech trailblazers who is busy rewriting the rulebook of API monetisation in Africa, across multiple market segments. He is driven by his passion for development, and his vision to make coding accessible to everyone – both people and organisations. His experience includes roles at Google and Cisco, as well as three IPOs which fortifies his position within Africa's tech ecosystem as an industry forerunner. Saad is proud to be a key figure who is working with a team to drive Chenosis' transformation from a basic API marketplace into a fully-fledged solutions-centred Accelerator Platform. He believes in Chenosis' potential to serve as a springboard that can help activate the wealth of untapped talent entrepreneurial talent in Africa's burgeoning business ecosystem. Saad holds a BEng in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from the Imperial College London.

PANEL DISCUSSION 'THE ROLE OF IMPACT INVESTING IN AFRICAN STARTUP GROWTH'

YINKA ADEGOKE

Founding Editor
Semafor Africa



Yinka Adegoke is the founding editor of Semafor Africa, part of Semafor, a global publication launched in October 2022. Before this he was Editor for Strategic Initiatives at Rest of World, a publication that covers the impact of technology on people in emerging markets. In 2018 Yinka was named as one of the 100 Most Influential Africans by New African magazine, recognizing his impact on African media. He launched Quartz Africa in 2015 where he led a team covering African innovation, business, politics and culture and launched its Africa Innovators Summit and brand in Nairobi. Yinka has reported from more than 20 countries across Europe, Africa and the Americas. He was previously deputy editor at Billboard where he ran the business coverage for the world's leading music magazine brand. Prior to that he was Reuters' senior media correspondent covering the global media business where he focused on the digital disruption of the traditional media industry. Earlier in his career Yinka was an editor at New Media Age in London covering the early days of the digital media revolution and a regular writer for The Guardian and The Financial Times. He has also been a contributor to TV networks including CNN, CNBC and BBC.



CLIMATE TECH TRACK JUDGE PANEL DISCUSSION 'DECARBONIZING THE ECONOMY: PATHWAYS TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE'

MODERATOR
SHIRO WACHIRA
Senior Manager
Factor E & Equator VC

Shiro Wachira is a manager working across, Factor E and Equator, where she helps early-stage climate businesses (pre-seed through Series A) define and execute strategy, and build towards later-stage investor readiness. She also currently serves as a strategic advisor to other Nairobi-based startups across a range of sectors. Prior to joining the team at Factor E & Equator, she served as Chief of Staff for Global Programs at GiveDirectly, and as a manager on the Internal Consulting Team, at One Acre Fund. Shiro holds a master's degree from Stanford University where she focused on environmental policy with a focus on food & ag entrepreneurship. She is also an alumna of The University of Chicago, where she graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honours.

CLIMATE TECH TRACK JUDGE PANEL DISCUSSION 'DECARBONIZING THE ECONOMY: PATHWAYS TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE'

JOSHUA ROMISHER
CEO & Head of Portfolio
Holocene



Joshua Romisher is driven by a mission to scale socially-focused, for-profit enterprises that deliver innovative climate solutions and foster economic growth across Africa. As the CEO and Head of Portfolio at Holocene, he is committed to unlocking the blended finance ecosystem to support early-stage climate tech startups aiming to mitigate climate change and promote sustainable development in emerging markets. gap between social impact and financial viability. His expertise lies in building and leading teams, securing international capital for scale, and supporting the next generation of climate innovators



PANEL DISCUSSION 'DECARBONIZING THE ECONOMY: PATHWAYS TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE'

FELIX MAGAJU

Director | Enterprise Support & Investment
Kenya Climate Innovation Centre

Felix Magaju is the Director Client Services at KCIC. He holds more than 13 years experience supporting early and growth stage companies with technical assistance and SME financing support across many African countries. At KCIC, he leads an advisory and investments team that has supported over 250 enterprises in the clean-tech space with both technical assistance support, grants and commercial financing. Before joining the Kenya Climate Innovation Center, he led an SME advisory team to support over 50 off-grid energy companies at Energy4Impact (E4I) (formerly GVEP International), a donor-funded strategy and investment advisory organization focused on off-grid and distributed energy solutions in Africa. Prior to this, he worked with clean-tech SME support programmes funded by The EU, USAID, Winrock International, AGRA, Hivos and SNV in various advisory capacities covering more than 12 African countries.

CLIMATE TECH TRACK JUDGE PANEL DISCUSSION 'DECARBONIZING THE ECONOMY: PATHWAYS TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE'

DARIO GIULIANI

Founder & Director at Briter Bridges
Co-Founder at London Africa Network



Dario Giuliani is the founder and director of Briter Bridges, a leading research and business intelligence platform dedicated to underserved markets. Prior to Briter, Dario supported research efforts at the crossroads with technology, finance, and socio-economic development, working alongside names such as the GSMA, CDC Group plc, Oxford University, the IFC, and MEST. Dario mainly works between London and Nairobi, with a history of working across Europe and Southeast Asia and he holds a MSc in Development Studies from SOAS University of London.



PANEL DISCUSSION 'DECARBONIZING THE ECONOMY: PATHWAYS TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE'

UTARI WANJOHI
Investment Manager
E3 Capital

Utari is the Investment Manager at E3 Capital. He brings over nine years of experience in private equity throughout Africa. His extensive background encompasses involvement in a broad range of sectors having been involved in the complete investment cycle on numerous ventures across the continent. At E3, Utari is responsible for deal sourcing and screening, transaction management, portfolio management post investments among others. Prior to E3, Utari worked at Ethos Private Equity and Centum Investments where he was involved in executing investment strategies across Africa. Utari holds an undergraduate degree in Engineering and a Master in Finance from University of Nairobi.



PANEL DISCUSSION 'FINDING THE NEXT GROWTH CAPITAL FOR AFRICAN TECH'

MODERATOR
ANTHONY WILLIAM CATT

Founder - Ventures 54
Co-Founder - London Africa Network

Anthony William Catt has a decade of experience in startup ecosystem building and investment across EMEA. Anthony is the founder of Ventures 54, a Pan-African advisory firm focused on mobilizing global investors and capital into the African tech ecosystem. He supports government institutions, DFIs venture capital funds, and ecosystem support organizations between Europe and sub-Saharan Africa. Anthony also co-founded the London Africa Network, the UK's largest community for leaders in the UK-Africa tech, startup and investment corridor. Anthony holds both an MSc in Entrepreneurship and International Business and a BSc in Management and Strategy from Aston University.

PANEL DISCUSSION 'FINDING THE NEXT GROWTH CAPITAL FOR AFRICAN TECH'

ABI AJAYI

Head of Primary Markets – Middle East
Africa London Stock Exchange



Abi Ajayi is the Head of Primary Markets for the Middle East and Africa at the London Stock Exchange, focusing on enhancing capital markets and promoting regional listings. Previously, he managed client relationships in Sub-Saharan Africa at Bank of America, leading mergers and capital market origination that raised over \$25 billion. He also worked at Chapel Hill Advisory Partners, executing transactions across various sectors and advising the Central Bank on financial stability. Abi holds degrees in Computer Science with Economics, Information Systems, and an MBA from the London Business School.



PANEL DISCUSSION 'FINDING THE NEXT GROWTH CAPITAL FOR AFRICAN TECH'

TRACEY AUSTIN
Director for Financial Services
UK Department for Business and Trade (Africa)

Tracey Austin leads capital mobilization strategies in the UK Department for Business and Trade's Financial Services sector. With 25 years of experience in emerging markets, particularly Africa, she has worked in 24 African countries with various financial institutions, including British International Investment and Omidyar Network. Now back in South Africa after 15 years in London, she collaborates with local pension funds on impact investing and energy transition policies. A former co-founder of Impact Investing South Africa, she promotes capital mobilization by challenging existing narratives. An outdoor enthusiast, she enjoys hiking and running in Cape Town and holds a BCom (Hons) in Accounting and Finance from the University of Johannesburg.

PANEL DISCUSSION 'FINDING THE NEXT GROWTH CAPITAL FOR AFRICAN TECH'

IDO SUM

Partner
TLcom Capital



Ido Sum is a Partner of TLcom Capital, Africa's most active tech-focused VC fund, investing in early-to-growth stage with offices in Lagos, Nairobi and London. TLcom has 17 portfolio companies including Andela, Autochek, Pula, uLesson, Fairmoney, Illa and LittleFish. Since joining TLcom in 2011, Ido has been part of the founding team of the TIDE Africa fund and has vast experience in working with and mentoring tech start-ups across Africa. His board positions include Terragon Group, uLesson, Zone, Littlefish and Ilara Health. Prior to TLcom, Ido was the Co-Founder and Managing Director of Airlines WiMAX Communication, an East Africa-based mobile broadband operator., He also led a consulting business focused on web start-ups and web incubators in Israel and worked as a Business Development Manager at TMT – Israel's largest interactive television company. Ido holds an MBA from Stanford Graduate School of Business, and a BSc in Industrial Engineering from Tel Aviv University.



DAY 1:
INNOVATION
STAGE

INNOVATION STAGE HOST



Phindile Dlamini

MC, Cloud Practitioner & Artisan

Phindile Dlamini, a cloud practitioner and artisan will be the Masters of Ceremonies for the second stage, the Innovation Stage at the AfricArena Grand Summit. She will be sharing invaluable insights in building Africa's innovation

PANEL DISCUSSION 'BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL ECOSYSTEMS & AFRICA'

MODERATOR

TENDAI PASIPAMIRE

Business Development Manager
ENRICH in Africa Center



Tendai Pasipamire is a seasoned professional in the tech innovation support ecosystem, currently excelling as the Business Development Manager at the ENRICH In Africa Centre. His role involves strengthening the EU-Africa tech and innovation ecosystems, fostering collaboration among innovators, incubators, accelerators, investors, corporates, and policymakers between the two regions making him a key player in bringing European and African innovation stakeholders together. He is passionate about innovation, strategic insight, and commitment to fostering an inclusive innovation ecosystem. Tendai holds a BCom in Entrepreneurship from UNISA and a certificate in programme management from the University of Cape Town.



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ALISÉE DE TONNAC

Co-founder and Co-CEO Seedstars

Alisée de Tonnac, is the co-founder and co-CEO of Seedstars, a Swiss investment holding on a mission to impact people's lives in emerging and frontier markets through technology and entrepreneurship. Seedstars works in partnership with governments, development agencies, corporate partners, and private donors to develop emerging market entrepreneurship ecosystems, create jobs and fuel income growth. On top of that, Seedstars is present in over 90 countries and invests in high growth technology companies in impactful sectors in those markets and support them with capital, knowledge and introductions. Alisee sits on several boards of companies and foundations and is also a member of the Swiss Innovation Council. She was nominated Social Entrepreneur Forbes 30 under 30, Innovation Fellow of Wired UK, Europe's most influential women in the startup and venture capital space and one of the 29 Powerful Women by Refinery29. Alisée holds a Bachelor's in Management and Economics from HEC Lausanne, and a MSc in International Management from Università Bocconi.

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ASHIM EGUNJOBI

Managing Partner
Octerra Capital



Ashim Egunjobi is the Managing Partner at Octerra Capital, a venture capital fund investing in technology startups across Africa. She oversees the fund's goals, investments, and operations, driven by impactful ideas for sustainable growth. With over 15 years of experience in Banking, Private Equity, and Technology, Ashim has scaled multinational companies worldwide, gaining both global and local insights. A strong advocate for diversity and inclusion, she is an Angel investor and EXCO member at Rising Tide Africa, an all-female angel network. Ashim co-founded Always Me by Anne Li, specializing in African-inspired children's accessories, and co-established the Bake for Change Development Foundation, focusing on disadvantaged youth. She holds a BA in International Studies from Munich Business School and an MBA from IE Business School.

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BEN MARREL

Co-Founder & CEO
Breega



Ben Marrel, co-founder and CEO at Breega is a repeat entrepreneur turned VC founder & investor. His experience as a founder and his passion for entrepreneurship led him to co-found Breega, a pan-European founder-led VC backing tech startups from Pre-Seed to Series B stage. Ben has built Breega to provide founders with the help he wished he had when he launched his own ventures. He debuted his entrepreneurial journey by launching Rugby Division, a disruptive rugby yewear brand, and FiftyFor, the first financial rating platform for SMEs in Africa. Ben holds a MSc in Telecommunications Engineering from Télécom SudParis.



PANEL DISCUSSION 'BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL ECOSYSTEMS & AFRICA'

DAMI THOMPSON

Co-founder & Partner
Diligence Africa

Damilola Thompson is an investment professional with over 14 years of experience investing, building, and executing strategies for VC funds and tech companies across global markets as a venture capital investor, entrepreneur, and operator. Her core competencies are in driving venture investments, due diligence & compliance solutions, developing and implementing strategic growth & market entry plans, and corporate development for tech and tech-enabled companies. She is the Managing Partner of DiligenceAfrica.co, a platform that provides due diligence services to investors investing in African and Africa-focused opportunities and provides startup advisory services to founders building for or expanding to the African continent through the Fractional CFO Services and Governance and Compliance Services. Damilola is passionate about entrepreneurship and, loves to support and train entrepreneurs to build sustainable businesses. Damilola holds an LLM in Business Law and Technology from the University of California, Berkeley.

PANEL DISCUSSION 'THE RISE OF DEBT AND MEZZANINE FUNDING: FOCUSING ON THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF ALTERNATIVE SOURCES'

MODERATOR

JANADE DU PLESSIS

Managing Partner
Launch Africa Ventures



Janade du Plessis is a five-times Fund Manager, currently the Managing Partner of Launch Africa Ventures (the most prominent and active Seed stage VC in Africa). Over the past three years, Launch Africa has invested in 148+ companies in 23 African countries. Janade is the co-founder and now advisor at Five35 Ventures (a leading Pan-African female-focused VC fund in Africa). He has previously started and managed a corporate VC fund for a listed African investment bank, a female-focused Pan-African SME fund, as well as an impact fund called Abrazo Capital. He has invested in over 250+ technology start-ups across these funds. Janade's background is as an entrepreneur, investment banker and human behavioural researcher with M&A, Management Consulting and Development Finance experience. To date, Janade has travelled to 50 of the 54 African countries. He is an Executive Coach with the International Coaching Federation. Janade holds Master's degrees in Finance, Economics, Psychology and Business Administration and currently conducting an extensive research study understanding the psychographic archetypes of African entrepreneurs.

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JACKLYNE IMINZA-ANYAMBA

Chief Operating Officer
East Africa Private Equity & Venture Capital Association



Jacklyne Iminza-Anyamba is the Chief Operating Officer of the East Africa Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (EAVCA), where she leads the strategic and operational efforts for the organization. EAVCA represents over 100 private capital investors and partners in East Africa. Jacklyn specializes in human and capital mobilization, playing a key role in fostering partnerships and driving significant investments into the region. Her work has been crucial in contributing to East Africa's economic growth. Passionate about using private capital to create positive social and economic impact, she is committed to leveraging the opportunities and addressing the challenges in the region. Jacklyne holds an MSc in Project Management from the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology.



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JILL CURR
Managing Partner
MsFiT Ventures

Jill Curr is the Managing Partner at MsFiT Ventures, a Pan-African working capital debt fund that supports fast-growing women-led SMEs that use basic technology to improve the revenue-generating ability of real-world assets. Prior to this, she was a Senior Investment Associate at Newtown Partners. She is passionate about telling the story of Africa's rising tech, investment and innovation ecosystem to mobilise capital. Jill holds a BCom in Accounting and Finance from the University of Cape Town.

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OLUFEMI OYINSAN

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The Continent Venture Partners

Olufemi Oyinsan is the General Partner at The Continent Venture Partners where he is focused on investing in and supporting early stage tech-enabled start-up across Africa. He is also a General Manager at Harbor Point Limited, a multi-disciplinary Investment and asset management company with a substantial focus and interest in Real Estate. Also active in other sectors such as tech start-ups, gaming, telecommunications and agriculture. Olufemi holds a BTech in Real Estate from the Federal University of Technology Akure and a Master's in Real Estate and Finance from Heriot-Watt University.



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OLU OYINSAN

Managing Partner
Oui Capital

Olu Oyinsan is the managing partner at Oui Capital , an early-stage venture capital fund investing in promising technology companies in frontier markets at the pre-seed and seed stage, especially in Sub-Saharan Africa. Before launching at Oui Capital, Olu Oyinsan started his career in commercial banking with Nigeria's Guaranty Trust Bank, later working as a TEI Consultant at Forrester, a global market research firm advising some of the biggest technology companies. He also worked at Silicon Valley Bank's early-stage practice supporting early-stage tech companies across the east coast of the US. Olu Oyinsan holds an MBA from Hult International Business School, Boston with a concentration in Finance and Strategy.



FIRESIDE CHAT 'STRATEGIES TO SCALE SUCCESSFULLY'

MICHELLE WESSON

Operations Director
Nomadic Minds

Michelle Wesson is the Operations Director at Nomadic Minds where she has spearheaded efforts to get startups investment-ready, linking them with investors globally. Normadic Minds has supported over 20+ accelerators, helping startups raise \$400 million+ across 30+ countries. Michelle is passionate about innovation and has a vision to fuel innovation and growth worldwide and see entrepreneurs successfully scale their startups while she is at Normadic Minds. Michelle holds a Certificate in Economics and Management Sciences from the University of South Africa.

FIRESIDE CHAT 'STRATEGIES TO SCALE SUCCESSFULLY'

CAMERON COUTTS

Co-Founder & Director of Growth
Metavolve



Passionate about strategy, business and startups, Cameron Coutts is the Co-Founder and Director of Growth at Metavolve, a strategy consultancy focused on making strategy simpler for scaling entrepreneurs, helping both startups and entrepreneurs to navigate the complexities of growth sustainably. Cameron is also the host of the Founders Files Podcast and he holds a MCom in Organisational Psychology from the University of Cape Town.



FIRESIDE CHAT 'STRATEGIES TO SCALE SUCCESSFULLY'

NICCOLÒ SAPIO

Senior Ventures Associate
Plug and Play Tech Center

Niccolò Sapiro, a Senior Ventures Associate at Plug and Play Tech Center is passionate about investing in early-stage startups within the MENA and African tech and investment ecosystem. Plug and Play is the ultimate innovation platform and its mission is to build the world's leading innovation platform and make innovation open to anyone, anywhere. Plug and Play does this by connecting entrepreneurs, corporations, and investors worldwide. Over the past 15 years, Plug and Play has brought together 35,000+ startups, 500+ world-leading corporations, and hundreds of venture capital firms, universities, and government agencies across 20+ industries. Plug and Play is active in 50+ locations globally, including the U.S., China, France, Germany, South Africa, Singapore, Indonesia, Brazil, and more. Niccolò has a Bachelor's in International Economics and Management and an MSc in Economics and Management of Innovation and Technology from the University of Bocconi.



FIRESIDE CHAT 'LESSONS FROM THE TRENCHES: FOUNDERS SHARE THEIR FAILURES AND WINS'

MODERATOR
BRETT MATHESON

Co-Founder & Director of Products & Operations
Metavolve

Brett Matheson is the co-founder & director at Metavolve. As the business strategy expert and the co-founder of Metavolve, Brett specialises in helping founders on their scaling journey to Navigate Growth, Professionalise Operations, and Validate Strategies. Brett holds a Sports Management Baccalareus Technologiae in Business and Commerce. Brett holds a BTech in Sports Management, Business and Commerce from the Cape Peninsula University of Technology.

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VUYO PAKADE

Co-Founder & CEO
Propela Labs



Vuyo Pakade, who is the co-founder and CEO at Propela Labs is passionate about opening doors for Africa's next generation of youth by using technology to level the playing field and to help them reach their full potential and find career fulfilment. At Propela Labs, he and his team use AI-powered tools to bridge the gap between talented young professionals and global employers. An economist at heart and a self-taught designer, Vuyo's expertise lies in labor economics, data analytics, and building digital marketplaces to influence the future of work. Vuyo holds a BBusSci in Economics from Monash South Africa.



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CEO
Adbot

Michelle Geere is the CEO of Adbot, a women-led tech startup that focuses on helping SMEs setup and automate their Google Ads for more efficient lead generation in record time. Michelle, who has over 15 years' experience in digital marketing, is passionate about helping SMEs understand online advertising as it is critically important for accessing local and international markets.



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HEIN DUVENAGE

Co-Founder & Managing Director
Arable Grow

Hein Duvenage is the co-founder and Managing Director at Arable Grow, a company that believes in creating a sustainable future for the farming industry. Our commitment to ethics, freshness, and quality is reflected in our produce that is 100% free of pesticides and fungicides. Our innovative farming methods use 90-95% less land and water compared to traditional farming, making us a responsible choice for the environment, especially in light of South Africa's water shortages. Hein holds a MEng in Civil Engineering from Stellenbosch University.

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ANGELA SHURINA

Executive Entrepreneur Coach
Propela Labs



Angela Shurina is an executive entrepreneur coach who shares her insights with entrepreneurs, founders, executives and leaders. She focuses on impactful communication strategies, using proven techniques rooted in neuroscience, behavioural psychology, the science of human performance and integrative health to helping purpose-driven leaders close the gap between MTP vision and IRL results. She achieves these outcomes through working with en building simple systems and processes to nurture and promote consistent growth and results. Angela holds a BSc in Computer Science from State University of International Economics, Management and Law.

INVESTOR KEYNOTE: "ACHIEVING WORLD-CLASS RETURNS IN AFRICA VC: LESSONS FROM THE LAST DECADE"

MAURIZIO CAIO

Founder and Managing Partner of TLcom Capital LLP,
Nairobi



Maurizio Caio, based in Nairobi, is the Founder and Managing Partner of TLcom Capital LLP, focusing on supporting entrepreneurs using mobile and communication technologies in Europe, the US, and Africa for two decades. He holds board positions at several companies in Africa and the US, collaborates with the Stanford Institute for Innovation in Developing Economies, and chairs the TIDE Foundation to boost the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Sub-Saharan Africa. Previously, he was a Director at Bain & Company, leading the EMEA Telecom/Technology practice, and worked at McKinsey & Company on technology strategies. He advised executives in telecom and tech sectors for 15 years on various strategic matters. Additionally, he was Deputy Chairman of an NGO promoting entrepreneurship in East Africa, Central America, and Southeast Asia. Maurizio earned his MBA from Stanford and holds a Summa cum Laude Laurea in Business Administration from Bocconi University and NYU, where he also taught Information Technology.



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TONEE NDUNGU

Entrepreneur | Speaker | Author

Tonee Ndungu is a visionary entrepreneur and the CEO of Kytabu, an EdTech company that leverages AI to make education more accessible across Africa. With extensive experience in fintech, AI, and community building, Tonee is dedicated to driving social impact through technology and innovation. He is also the founder of Tribbe, a fintech startup aimed at fostering financial inclusion among Africa's youth.

PANEL DISCUSSION 'GENDER DIVERSE PLEDGE - WHERE ARE WE 1 YEAR LATER?'

MODERATOR HENRI ZIETSMAN

Senior Startup Business Development Manager
Amazon Web Services



Henri Zietsman has over 20 years of experience in developing scalable solutions for the African market across various sectors, including startups, government, and fintech. His expertise includes MVP development, investment, and media strategies. As a panelist and mentor, he supports emerging entrepreneurs through organizations like "Startup Wise Guise" and "Unleash.org" and participates in selection panels for accelerators like "Startupbootcamp." He believes in the unique progress of each African community and is committed to aiding founders in both Venture and Impact. Henri holds a BEng in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from the University of Stellenbosch.



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THEA SOKOLOWSKI

Head of Marketing & Communications | Stitch
Co-Founder | Women Who Build Africa

Thea Sokolowski is the Head of Marketing and Communications at Stitch, a leading fintech company focused on building seamless payment and financial infrastructure across Africa. With a strong background in scaling marketing efforts for tech and financial startups, Thea is dedicated to driving growth and expanding Stitch's impact in the fintech landscape. She is passionate about leveraging technology to increase financial access and innovation in emerging markets. Thea holds a BA in Marketing and Communications from New York University and an MBA from Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford.

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NAMARA

Partner | Africa Seed Fund
Flat6Labs



Namara has over 12 years of experience in the African tech ecosystem, having held roles in high-growth startups specializing in B2B sales, people management, and technical product management. As the former Head of Ventures at a leading African accelerator, she redesigned the program and managed investments in 25 startups over two years. Currently, she is a Partner at Flat6Labs's Africa Seed Fund, an \$85 million fund aimed at supporting early to seed-stage startups across North, East, and West Africa. Namara is committed to driving transformative change and helping Africa reach its full potential through innovative programs and capital investments. Namara holds a

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CATHERINE YOUNG

Founder of Thinkroom Consulting,
Managing Partner - Grindstone Ventures & Grindstone Accelerator
Partner at Knife Capital



Catherine has extensive executive experience in her previous corporate lives across Chevron, SAP Ariba, Shoprite, and Deloitte, but lost her heart to entrepreneurship whilst being in these corporates, as she managed their franchise networks, procurement solutions for small businesses and supplier development initiatives. She founded SME Development company, Thinkroom, a decade ago, and became 50% shareholder in Grindstone accelerator, co-owned with Knife Capital in 2017. She is Managing Partner of Grindstone Ventures, a post-seed fund also co-owned with Knife Capital. She has recently joined Knife Capital as a Partner. Catherine has an astute ability to build and grow businesses. She lives for entrepreneurs, and as the founder of Thinkroom she played a part in building the entrepreneurial ecosystem across Africa and has grown businesses globally. Catherine is an SME ecosystem influencer in Africa and works with clients in the space of entrepreneurship development across the continent. In her role as Partner at Knife Capital, she has custodianship of portfolio growth. Catherine has co-authored various books, represents Africa on various forums and has been an invitee to WEF. She holds a Bachelor Degree in Commerce from the University of South Africa, Diploma in Procurement from Nelson Mandela Bay University and a Venture Finance Certificate from Saïd Business School, University of Oxford.



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TSHILDZI MATLALA

Chief Portfolio Officer
E Squared Investment

Tshildzi has more than 16 years of experience in Venture Capital and Development Finance. She is currently the Chief Portfolio Officer at E Squared, where she leads the teams that focus on creating value and managing investments after they are made. With a background in engineering and experience on advisory and investment committees for different VC funds, along with her entrepreneurial work in retail and services, she has a broad understanding of how to support growing and sustainable businesses at E Squared. As an experienced dealmaker in various industries, she has effectively managed many start-ups after their investments. Her role as a board member has helped ensure successful investments and profitable outcomes through different financial events, highlighting her creative and effective problem-solving skills in impact investing in responsible businesses. Tshildzi has a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Witwatersrand and a certification from the VC Executive Programme at the Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley. She is also a CFA Charterholder.



FIRESIDE CHAT 'OPEN INNOVATION AND CORPORATE EXITS: NAVIGATING COLLABORATION AND SUCCESSFUL EXITS'

**MODERATOR
MARK KLEYNER**

Co-founder and Co-CEO
Dream VC

Mark is co-founder and co-CEO of Dream VC, a venture capital institute focused on Africa, which has trained over 250 fellows since 2021. He serves as a Board Advisor for 8+ startups, has mentored over 620 founders, and helped startups raise over \$12 million in VC funding. Mark has worked with multiple VC funds since 2017, backing 20+ tech startups and coaching over 200 new investors for Tier 1 and Tier 2 VC & PE funds globally. He leads initiatives at Dream VC, including overseeing its corporate venture capital practice, and holds an MA in Economics from the University of Edinburgh.

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SHIELA YABO

Head of Ecosystem Development
Ayoba



Shiela Yabo is an impactful strategist, venture builder, and ecosystem connector driven by a passion for nurturing high-impact businesses. With over 12 years of experience spanning higher education, innovation & entrepreneurship, technology, and Impact Investing; Shiela brings a unique blend of academic expertise and practical knowledge to the table. Currently, Shiela serves as Head of Ecosystem Development at ayoba, a super app platform for Africa. There, she leverages her deep understanding of human behavior and its influence on business to cultivate a thriving ecosystem for startups and entrepreneurs. Prior to her role at ayoba, Shiela honed her skills as Country Director for University Impact and Programme Manager at the UCT GSB's Solution Space, guiding aspiring entrepreneurs through the process of turning tech innovations into viable businesses. Shiela holds a BSocSci in Anthropology and Gender Studies, and a Certificate in Product Management from the University of Cape Town and a Post Graduate Diploma in Management Practice, Business Administration and Management from the Graduate School of Business at the University of Cape Town.



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KEET VAN ZYL
Partner & Co-Founder
Knife Capital

Keet van Zyl, Partner and Co-Founder at Knife Capital has over 20 years of investment experience in private equity, banking and venture capital. He co-founded Knife Capital in 2010 to scale African high-growth businesses globally and worked at industry-leading companies such as Procter & Gamble, Investec Bank and 'Here Be Dragons' (HBD) Venture Capital. Keet is passionate about building the early-stage funding ecosystem in Africa. Keet holds a BAcc in Accounting and Finance from the University of Stellenbosch and an MBA from Deakin University.



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CRAIG MULLET

President
Branison Group

Craig Mullet is the president at the Branison Group which has unique expertise to provide insight with integrity to its clients in the USA and internationally, with deal experience globally in 16 countries. Craig is an experienced global dealmaker providing insight with integrity for M&A and venture capital. He holds an MBA in Business Accounting from Nyenrode Business University and a BCom (Hons) in Accounting from the University of Cape Town.

FIRESIDE CHAT 'THE FUTURE OF CROSS-BORDER PAYMENTS: FINTECH IMPACT IN AFRICA'

MODERATOR

LEBOGANG LETSOALO

Founder & Executive Director
Sinpoint



Lebogang Letsoalo is the founder and executive director of Sinpoint, an organisation focusing on sustainable supply chain consulting advisory, logistics, capacity development (training, coaching, mentorship) and recruitment solutions. She is a supply chain coach and mentor with over 20 years of experience on end-to-end supply chain. She is a speaker, radio contributor on supply chain matters and an advocate for professionals, youth entrepreneurs and women in the supply chain. She is also the founder of African Women in Supply Chain Association (AWISCA), the first and only association in Southern Africa focusing on functional mentorship and coaching in supply chain to build skills and capacity in the sector. Adding to her repertoire, she has successfully integrated the industry, government institutions and academia to take a unified approach to upskilling within the supply chain sector. Lebogang holds a BTech in Logistics from the University of Johannesburg and an MBA from UNISA School of Business Leadership.



FIRESIDE CHAT 'THE FUTURE OF CROSS-BORDER PAYMENTS: FINTECH IMPACT IN AFRICA'

ANTON GAYLARD

Co-Founder, Director and Chief Exponential Officer
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Anton is a Co-founder, Director and Chief Operating Officer at Crossfin Technology Holdings with more than 25 years of technology, retail, eCommerce and M&A experience in entrepreneurial and corporate entities with a specific focus on technology, payments, strategy and operations. His experience enables him to provide high quality strategic and operational solutions to both business development and value creation. Anton holds a BBusSci (Hons) in Marketing and Economics.

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COLLINS FOMBA KEN

CEO

IWOMI Technologies



Collins Fomba Ken is the CEO at IWOMI Technologies, a Cameroonian fintech, and major player in the fight for financial inclusion through the digital transformation of the banking and finance sector in Africa. Collins is passionate about innovation and leveraging technology to drive financial inclusion and economic growth in Africa, Collins has a strong focus on leveraging innovation to bridge the gap in financial services accessibility, availability and affordability (3As) through cutting-edge digital solutions. Collins holds a MSc in Computer Engineering from Ecole Nationale Supérieure Polytechnique Yaoundé.



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SEBASTIEN LACOUR

Co-Founder & CEO
PayGenius

Sebastien Lacour is the co-founder and CEO at PayGenius where he leads operations, strategy, business development and innovation, drawing on a strong skillset that includes a good mix of business and technical skills (strategy, general management, growth, e-commerce, m-commerce, engineering and consulting). PayGenius is online digital wallet that aims to simplify digital commerce in Africa. PayGenius helps African businesses collect payments online from their clients and supports various currencies (ZAR, EUR, USD, GBP) and can operate in most Africa countries with a focus on the travel sector. Sebastien is also the Director of Energy Intelligence Consulting, an energy management company focused on measuring and managing utilities and deploying energy saving solutions. Sebastien holds a BEng in Chemical Engineering from Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Ingénieurs en Arts Chimiques et Technologiques, an MSc in Chemical Engineering from the University of KwaZulu Natal and an MBA from the University of Cape Town.



INVESTOR PITCHES

A reverse investor pitch turns the conventional pitching process on its head. During this time, investors will present their value proposition to entrepreneurs instead of the other way around. This approach allows startups to evaluate potential investors and choose partners that align best with their goals, values, and vision.



INVESTOR REVERSE PITCH KNIFE CAPITAL

AYANDA BOLANI

Investment Associate
Knife Capital

Ayanda Bolani is a Investment Associate at Knife Capital, representing the leading South African venture capital firm that is focused on scaling high-growth, innovation-driven businesses across Africa, particularly in the B2B technology space. Ayanda's expertise spans business and financial analysis, valuations, IC presentations, legal reviews, and portfolio monitoring. Ayanda holds a Bachelor of Commerce Honors degree in Investment Management from the University of Pretoria and is a CFA Level II candidate.

INVESTOR REVERSE PITCH

GLADWYN LEEUW

CEO

E Squared Investments



Gladwyn will present E Squared Investments, a South African impact investor focused on supporting startups, high-growth ventures, and social enterprises to drive both financial and social returns. Gladwyn has extensive expertise in finance and investment across several sectors. Initially joining E Squared as Chief Investment Officer in 2022, he now drives the strategic direction and portfolio growth for this South African Impact Investment Fund. Additionally, he is a Partner and member of the investment committee at Kingson Capital, a South African-based venture capital firm. Gladwyn's career includes senior roles at Anglo American's enterprise and supplier development arm, Zimele, as well as CCI Global, Enlabeler, and OneCart. He is also the founder of a peer-to-peer lending platform and occasionally lectures on entrepreneurship and management at the University of the Witwatersrand and Wits Business School. He holds a Master of Management in Entrepreneurship and New Venture Creation, a Postgraduate Diploma in Management specialising in Business Administration from Wits Business School, and a Bachelor's degree in Economic Studies and International Relations from the University of the Witwatersrand. Committed to economic development, Gladwyn actively participates in investment committees, coaching, mentorship, and supports innovative ventures across Africa.



FINTECH & AGNOSTIC TRACK JUDGE

SCOTT YOUNG

General Partner
Digital Africa Ventures

Scott Young, CFA has been working in investments for 16 years and specifically focussed on the startup ecosystem for the last 7 years. During this time he has invested as an angel investor and also headed up a family office in the USA focussed on early stage investments on the African continent. Currently he is a general partner at Digital Africa Ventures which is currently raising a \$15m - \$20m pan-African seed fund focussing on female founders and founders of colour.

FINTECH TRACK JUDGE

CHUKA EZENWALIE

Account Manager
Silicon Overdrive



Chuka Ezenwalie is an Account Manager at Silicon Overdrive, where he empowers startups and accelerates cloud adoption. His expertise includes AWS Credits and Funding, Systems Integration, Cloud Migration, and AI Integration. He plays a pivotal role in helping businesses leverage cloud technologies for scalability and innovation, particularly through partnerships with AWS. Let me know if you'd like help crafting content related to his role!



SAAS TRACK JUDGE

MUHAMMED MALEK

Investment Professional
Hlayisani Capital

Muhammed Maled is an experienced Private Banker with a proven track record in the banking industry. He excels in investment advisory, communication, sales presentations, marketing, and private banking, making him a versatile finance professional. Muhammed holds a Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) with honors in financial and digital media marketing from the University of the Witwatersrand. His expertise combines a strong foundation in finance with strategic insights into modern marketing, enabling him to deliver exceptional service and solutions for his clients.



FINTECH & AGNOSTIC TRACK JUDGE

SIMON NDORIA

Regional Investment Manager
P4G Partnerships

Simon Ndoria is the P4G Regional Investment Manager Africa. He supports early-stage climate businesses implementing solutions across food, water, and energy systems to become investment ready. This entails origination of partnerships, acceleration, and graduation. He is also tasked with advancing enabling policy, regulatory reforms, and knowledge related to how to enable greater flows of global climate capital to local climate businesses.

AGRI & GREEN ECONOMY TRACK

SHAKIRA AKBAR

Country Manager
P4G Partnerships



Shakira Akbar is a seasoned Global Trade & Investment Strategist with expertise in international stakeholder management, impact investment, and climate finance. As a former Economic Diplomat, she has a proven track record in deal origination, fostering cross-border partnerships, and leading high-impact global events. Passionate about innovation, Shakira mentors startups and bridges gaps between diverse markets to create sustainable growth opportunities. Her leadership in investment strategy and event coordination positions her as a key player in advancing global economic development and financial inclusivity.



AI & DEEP TECH TRACK

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CLIMATE TECH TRACK JUDGE

MICHELLE HEAH

Startup Advisor

Michelle Heah is a Startup Advisor and Tech Strategist at Green Intelligence, with a career that began in African Exits in London. She has diverse experience across sectors, including investment banking and venture building, fueling her ambition to invest in pan-African early-stage ventures for economic growth. Currently, she is an angel investor at the African Angel Academy and works with candi.solar, focusing on climate solutions in South Africa and India. Advocating for education and addressing challenges in Africa and emerging economies, she aims to leverage innovative technology for scalable solutions.

AGRI & GREEN TECH TRACK JUDGE

SHEILLA OTIENO

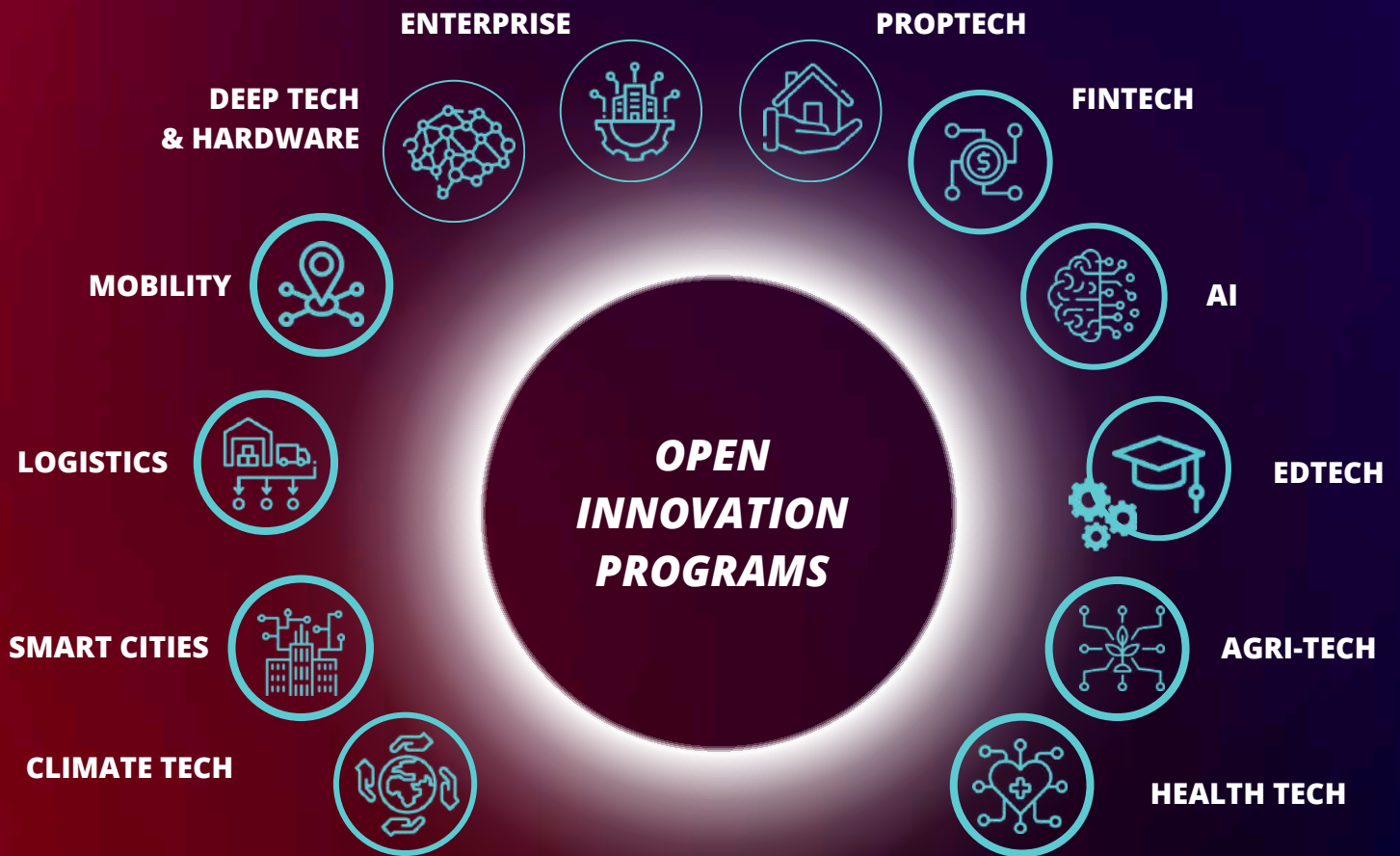
Senior Program Manager

Seedstars



Sheilla is a dedicated Senior Program Manager with a deep passion for the startup ecosystem and years of expertise in managing all stages of the project lifecycle—from inception to successful delivery—while exceeding time and budget expectations. Skilled in data analysis, financial strategy development, and business planning, Sheilla is tech-savvy and detail-oriented, contributing to team success through strong organizational skills and a commitment to excellence. Sheilla leverages their knowledge and experience to create impactful solutions that drive growth and innovation in dynamic environments.

AFRICARISE



Become a part of AfricArise, a truly unique African Tech Investment Network! This annual program is designed to help startups expand globally by offering investment deal support, mentorship, events, and a host of other fantastic benefits.



AI & DEEP TECH TRACK



NOVAS MENTIS - SOUTH AFRICA

Nova Mentis helps customers find purpose and direction in a world overwhelmed with information.



OURSPACE - SOUTH AFRICA

OURS is a deeptech startup that provides data-free connectivity to rural and peri-urban schools, so that they can access online learning resources. We do this through the OURS space connectivity device which is a low cost network infrastructure solution. Our aim is to connect communities and bridge the digital divide in Africa.



ENVOYX - IVORY COAST

EnvoyX automates the insurance claim verification process to allow insurance companies to verify claim faster and allow healthcare providers to get paid in 48 hours instead 90 days.



OKHI - KENYA

OkHi is the innovator of digital address system that transforms how businesses build trust with their customers. They unlock location intelligence with their streamlined address collection and cutting-edge behavioural verification to confirm user residency from their mobile phone movement patterns. Forward-thinking businesses leverage OkHi to mitigate fraud, reduce credit risk and streamlining operational efficiencies - even in the most difficult markets.



FLIPJUNGLE - SOUTH KOREA

FlipJungle is a platform that focuses on enhancing language learning through personalized, interactive education. FlipJungle helps students master new languages by offering tailored learning experiences that adapt to their individual pace and style. By combining engaging content with innovative teaching methods, FlipJungle make language acquisition accessible and enjoyable for learners of all K12 students.



NEXTAV - TUNISIA

NextAV is a geospatial startup offering remote sensing solutions, satellite and airborne, powered with latest AI technologies, data analysis, scientific interpretation, and 3D software visualization. NextAV delivers AI-powered solutions and systems for the enterprise. This startup has a team with expertise in AI, aerospace & aeronautical engineering.

CLIMATE TECH TRACK



GJENGE MAKERS - KENYA

Gjenge Makers produces eco-friendly paving blocks from recycled plastic waste. These pavers are durable, lightweight, and cost-effective alternatives to concrete. They are designed to withstand heavy use while reducing environmental impact. Gjenge's pavers offer a sustainable solution for modern construction needs.



KALOOLA - SOUTH AFRICA

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CARBON ZERO MOBILITY - KENYA

Dominion-Ev is a two wheeler Electric Vehicle that is built for the African Market . The Electric Vehicle is designed to charge on any 240V power source and takes 2.5hrs to charge to full capacity. The Vehicle has an average range of 100km per charge at an average speed of 65km/hr. Dominion EV is data enabled to provide realtime data for product and market development.



M-TAKA - KENYA

M-taka is a tech-integrated waste management and recycling social enterprise committed to promoting sustainable waste management practices and empowering communities. We leverage technology, social incentives, and value addition to make recycling more accessible and rewarding. Leveraging the App, USSD and system technologies increases access to recycling services and the recycling culture. We focus on improving the livelihoods of waste workers, dignifying waste work, and building social connections with the communities.



ELDOPLY - SOUTH KOREA

Eldoply is a company involved in wholesale distribution of construction supplies and related services, specializing in woodwork and timber yard operations in Eldoret, Kenya



IMPACT BOTANICS AFRICA

Impact Botanics Africa sources and delivers premium organic products for nutrition and care, ensuring quality in Nairobi.



GREEN VOYAGE

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AGRI & GREEN ECONOMY TRACK



ISHAMBA LIMITED - KENYA

iShamba is a mobile-based agricultural advisory service that connects farmers to timely, accurate, and localised information. Designed to enhance productivity and resilience, iShamba provides a range of services including expert tips, weather forecasts, market prices, and tailored agricultural advice through SMS, phone calls, and other digital channels. By empowering farmers with relevant insights, iShamba aims to improve their productivity, boost income, and contribute to better livelihoods.



MAUA MAZURI - TANZANIA

Maua Mazuri uses advance Biotechnology knows as Tissue Culture Technology or Micropropagation process to produce premium quality seedlings. Tailored for smallholder, midsize and commercial farmers they enable increased income and long term sustainability



TERRAA - MOROCCO

Terraa transforms agricultural value chains by utilizing advanced technology and its digitally native franchise network, sourcing produce directly from farmers and bypassing intermediaries. Terraa pioneers the premier franchise chain for fresh produce powered by digital tools and AI to offer real-time data, forecast demand, and optimize operations, resulting in fresher, higher-quality products at prices 15% below market averages, enhancing the overall customer experience.



GENEPLUS - KENYA

Geneplus Global Ltd is an agricultural biotechnology company focusing on enhancing on-farm best practices and support sustainable agricultural production through the provision of modern and advanced technologies in the form of Inputs, Aides, Extension/training, and support services. This startup has vast experience in the provision of lasting solutions that serve small, medium, and large-scale farming enterprises in East Africa. Geneplus' main portfolio is in Livestock Genetics, Animal Nutrition, Animal Identification and Traceability.



RHEA - KENYA

Rhea is revolutionizing smallholder farming in East Africa with our on-site soil testing technology that delivers real-time results in just 15 minutes, compared to the typical 14-day lab turnaround, positively impacting the lives of over 2,000 farmers in Kenya and Tanzania to optimize their fertilizer use, cutting costs and boosting crop yields. With their beta-tested device, Rhea is driving sustainable farming practices, reducing fertilizer overuse, and improving soil health.



DJOLI - IVORY COAST

Djoli optimises fresh goods with smart technology in Africa and allows hotels and restaurants in French-speaking Africa to order quality products at the best prices and receive them within 24 hours.

TOTALENERGIES 100 STARTUPPER CHALLENGE TRACK



VIRIDI

VIRIDI - EGYPT

Virdi is an Egyptian clean tech startup on a mission to liberate the world from fossil fuels and combat greenhouse gasses emissions by replacing the dependence on the traditional sources of electricity, which mostly is generated through carbon intensive fossil fuel through installation of renewable energy systems and hybrid energy systems.



WATERSEC - TUNISIA

WaterSec is a response to a world critical problem : lack and waste of water. Through WaterSec we aim to shape a more responsible water consumption behavior using cutting-edge technologies.



V-GREEN - SOUTH AFRICA

V-Green is a startup that has created a vanadium solar-powered battery as part of its innovative solutions for both homes and large-scale industries, providing off-grid power that could help address electricity instability in South Africa. With 600 million people affected by unreliable electricity access, V-Green believe they can make a big difference to these people's lives.



TRANSDATA ECO-SOLAR - SOUTH AFRICA

Transdata Consult is a forward-thinking, technologically-driven firm specializing in data collection and analytics, civil engineering advisory, and infrastructure project management. Transdata Consult offer services across Southern Africa with a focus on roads and highway engineering, traffic engineering, and transportation planning.



KODU TECHNOLOGY

Kodu Technology is an agribusiness into the production of eco-friendly and affordable sanitary towels from banana and plantain fiber.



YEGGAH - CAMEROON

Yeggah is an innovative platform that is transforming Cameroon's real estate sector using technology that simplifies and enriches the experience of people investing in real estate as this startup believes that investment in Africa should be simple and accessible.



BAKO MOTORS - TUNISIA

Bako Motors is a German-Tunisian startup that develops solar electric vehicles. We build high-end, cost-friendly, and 100% sustainable transportation powered by Africa's Sun.

TOTALENERGIES 100 STARTUPPER CHALLENGE TRACK



QAREEB - ALGERIA

Qareeb specialises in embedded artificial intelligence and edge computing, revolutionizing the management and monitoring of businesses' projects. Qareeb has a comprehensive range of embedded IoT devices ensures optimal performance. This startup's all-in-one IoT solutions are designed to simplify a customer's journey, from data capture to presentation on an intuitive interface. Discover customized solutions, including combinations of bespoke software development, AI-powered automation, and advanced surveillance with Qareeb.



SOLLLOWER - BURKINA FASO

Sollower is an automatic solar tracker system that allows PV modules to follow the sun's path during the day and thus increase the efficiency of the panels. It has a water jet system for cleaning PV modules.



ROBALOTO - TOGO

Rôbalôtô aims to revolutionize the management of plastic waste in Africa through technology, promoting recycling and education. Our solution is a platform that allows schools to optimize the management of their plastic waste by collecting data on its use and reselling these wastes

FINTECH TRACK



LEYA - IVORY COAST

Leya transforms mobile money points of sale into reliable cash access points in Africa's mobile money ecosystem. By providing real-time cash and float delivery, Leya ensures that every POS can meet customer demand seamlessly. This solution boosts revenue for distributors and mobile money brands while maintaining consistent cash flow. With Leya, customers can complete transactions on the first try, enhancing service quality across the board.



MYNK - MOROCCO

Mynk is a financial mobile application built for Moroccan students to make peer-to-peer payments free, fast and secure. With Mynk, you send and receive money with just a phone number — no RIB/IBAN needed anymore.

CHPTR - KENYA

Kenyan startup chptr provides an AI-powered conversational commerce platform that enables businesses to sell more on social platforms like WhatsApp and Instagram by automating conversations, marketing and payments all in one place.



PROBOUTIK - SENEGAL

Proboutik is a point of sale management and digital ledger application for merchants/merchants and their customers to facilitate the digital recording of credit/deferred payment transactions. This Senegalese fintech startup offer merchants a simple and secure way to administer credit files for their clients. Proboutik replaces the famous notebook of the traders.

SAAS TRACK



EMPIRAS GLOBAL ACADEMY - SOUTH AFRICA

Empiras Global Academy is South Africa's premium EdTech consultancy offering access to viable alternatives to conventional education, from home-schooling, studying abroad, and working abroad, allowing students to unleash the best version of themselves. Through the support of technology and an experienced workforce, Empiras Global Academy boasts a successful track record of assisting numerous learners to gain qualifications and critical skills to thrive in local and global academic and career spaces.



G-AVICOLE - TOGO

G Avicole helps poultry farmers boost productivity and revenue through an SaaS ERP for poultry farming, automating over 99% of reports with tools. It offers a management tool to efficiently handle flocks management, sales, inventory, customer and supplier relationships, equipment, accounts, and statistics, ensuring smooth farm operations for rapid decision-making.



TRENDERZ - IVORY COAST

Trenderz is a data driven influencer marketing platform tailored for the African market to help them to increase their visibility and develop their activity by creating and managing impactful and profitable influencer campaigns in one place.



CYNOIA - FRANCE

Cynoa is a B2B SaaS that centralizes communication and collaboration tools in an all-in-one dynamic platform for more efficient and productive work management.



CLINICAA - TOGO

Clinicaa is an ERP SaaS for hospital management to increase efficiency in the day-to-day operations of healthcare structures, helping healthcare teams to effectively and efficiently respond to challenges related to the management of patient care, patient monitoring, management of medicine stocks, administrative management, instant monitoring of service provision in all units of the structure. It is a suite of interconnected applications for simplified and efficient management of health centres.



LEPSTA - SOUTH AFRICA

Lepsta is a collaboration platform designed for remote teams who want to use AI and automation to streamline their remote collaboration, improving teams' workflow processes.



WAZIEATS - TOGO

WaziEats is a company operating in the online food delivery and on-demand meals sector. The company's innovative approach includes providing digitalised end-to-end services centered around market linkages to enhance informal vendor productivity.

AGNOSTIC TRACK



Ann-Connect

ANN-CONNECT - SOUTH AFRICA

Ann-Connect is an offline exam platform and invigilation that enables students to write online exams even when there is no internet connection.



Points Africa

POINTS AFRICA - SOUTH AFRICA

Points Africa is revolutionizing African loyalty marketing via an integrated mobile payment driven loyalty network, offering rewards for underbanked consumers and data-driven profit for companies.



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RISKS FORESIGHT- SOUTH AFRICA

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ANAXAR

ANAXAR - TOGO

Anaxar is a digital platform that optimizes road transport operations. It is the first network of professional and experienced transporters in Togo, ensures the transport of consumers' goods throughout the Togolese territory and in the hinterland countries (Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger) and the sub-region. ANAXAR specializes in the transport of goods, delivery and carpooling.



Enakl

ENAKL - MOROCCO

Enakl is a tech enabled shared transit platform for commute rides in fast growing cities. Enakl focuses on collective transport solutions enabled by technology to offer on demand reliable, safe, available, comfortable and sustainable urban transportation options in emerging countries. By adapting Transport as a Service (TaaS) technologies to traditional local transport solutions (eg : shared taxis), ENAKL creates an affordable and convenient alternative to public transport, adapted to the real needs of the populations of the emerging cities.

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