



AFRICARENA NAIROBI SUMMIT

AFRICA CLIMATE TECH WEEK SUMMIT GUIDE

3- 4 SEPTEMBER 2024

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WELCOME

Welcome to the seventh live edition of AfricArena Tour, pioneering the fusion of digital and in-person tech experiences across the African continent.

Our summit and ancillary events offer a unique opportunity to delve into current and future tech trends while spotlighting Africa's finest startups and innovators. Spanning five regions, AfricArena has convened renowned figures from global and African tech landscapes, championing excellence in African Tech. Previous editions boasted 700+ attendees, 60+ speakers, and over \$500 million in impactful deals.

The two-day AfricArena Nairobi Summit facilitates connections between 20+ top African startups and 100+ global investors, showcasing the continent's innovation prowess.

Thanks to our esteemed tech ecosystem partners, Nairobi is fast emerging as East Africa's top startup ecosystem hub and gaining a reputation as Africa's Climate Tech capital. At this summit, 20+ founders who are pioneering highly scalable tech startups in Africa will demonstrate Africa's green tech leadership during the pitch tracks.

As we envision a collaborative, pan-African approach to innovation, we're committed to fostering an environment that fosters positive change. This year's Summit promises to offer the ultimate platform to accelerate the growth of African tech startups and ecosystems, underlining Africa's ascent as the beacon of the future. Join us as we shape tomorrow's world together.

WHAT IS AFRICARENA?

AfricArena plays a unique and key role in unifying Tech Startups, Corporations, and Investors.



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.

Nairobi Tour 2024

Series of Events: Preview

31 August - 2 September

The AfricArena Nairobi Founder's Bootcamp 2024 accelerates founders' knowledge in key areas overlooked by other programs to prepare startups for the summit.



**Founders' Bootcamp
Masai Lodge**

2 September @9am

The AfricArena Nairobi Learning Expedition provides investors and startups with a one-day tour to explore Nairobi's dynamic startup and tech ecosystem.



**Learning Expedition
in Nairobi**

2 September @6PM at Radisson Park Inn - Westland

The AfricArena VC Night is an informal networking event where startups and investors come together to share ideas for potential investments.



**AfricArena VC Night | Park
Inn Westlands**

3 - 4 September

The AfricArena Nairobi Summit 2024 will feature 20+ startups from Africa competing in pitch track categories, with winners advancing to the AfricArena Grand Summit in December.



**2-day Summit | Shamba
Events**

3 September @6PM at Shamba Events

The 2024 AfricArena Nairobi Summit Innovation Night will host summit attendees for an interactive and lively networking event to connect with tech ecosystem participants in Kenya.



**AfricArena Innovation
Night | Shamba Events**



Nairobi Summit AfricArise Founders' Bootcamp

Preceding the AfricArena Summits in various cities across Africa each year, AfricArise offers selected founders a remarkable opportunity to engage with speakers, ecosystem partners, investors, and peers in a concentrated two-day bootcamp focused on their growth.

The Founder's Deal Flow Bootcamp accelerates founders' knowledge in crucial areas often overlooked by other incubation programs, equipping them for future investor interactions, networking, and collaborations. Alongside interactive workshops, founders can also connect with peers and founders from across Africa through a series of events and activities during the bootcamp.

This year, the venue for the AfricArise's ClimateTech Founder's Bootcamp will be at the Maasai Lodge on the border of the Nairobi National Park, where the founders, hosts and speakers will stay for 2 nights.

Check out our 2023 Founders Bootcamp Video for more insights.



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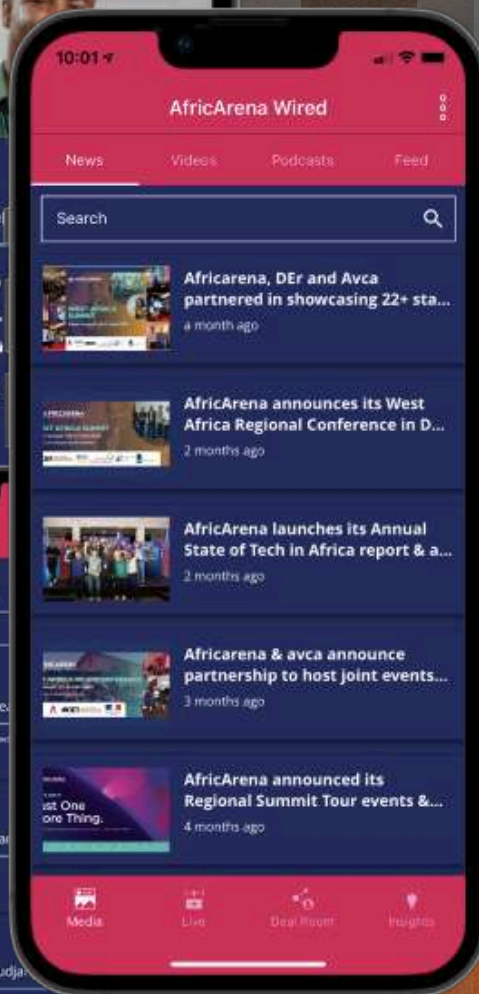
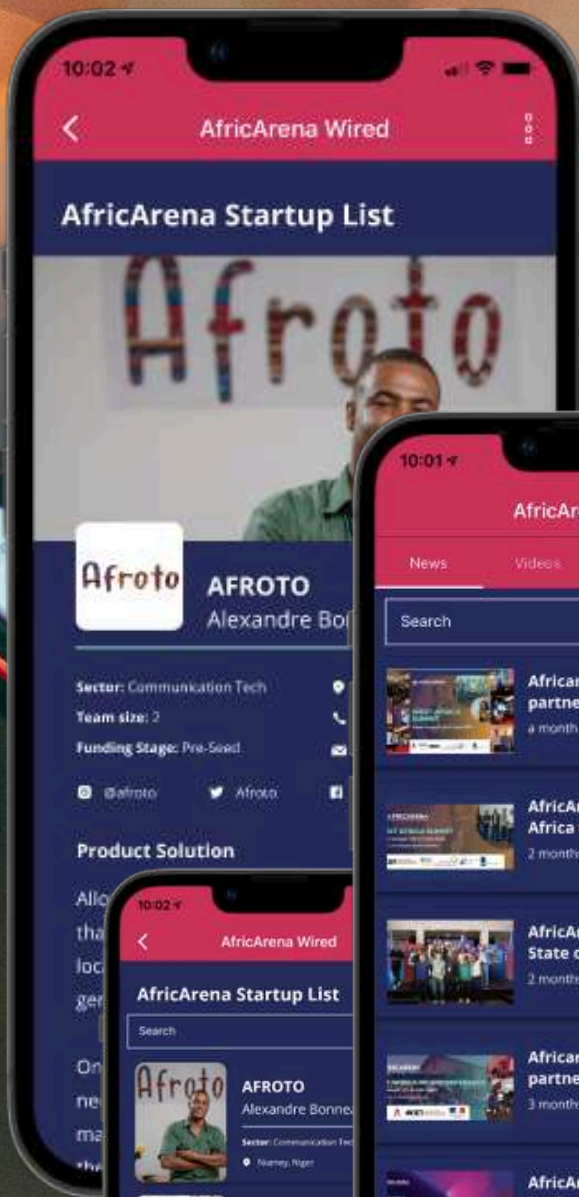
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Welcome to AfricArena Wired!

This is 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.



Get Wired!



Lex's Overview

2 September 2024

Objectives of the Learning Expedition

AfricArena & AfricArise provides partners, corporates delegates, and investors the opportunity to explore entrepreneurial and investor scenes. We have designed a mini tour where we cover topics while visiting leading co-working spaces, accelerators, incubators, where key local innovation, speakers will be giving insights into one of Africa's most exciting tech landscapes. This occasion is designed to discover the Nairobi innovation and cultural scene just before the AfricArena Nairobi Summit the following day, 3rd September. This is an extraordinary opportunity for entrepreneurs alike to gain invaluable insight into the Kenyan ecosystem and its important local innovation players in just one day.

The Learning Expedition is designed to cover key topics such as:

- Corporate Collaboration
- Funding in Nairobi
- An Overview of the Innovation Landscape
- Business in Nairobi & Africa
- Soft-Landing Possibilities

Program for the Nairobi Learning Expedition

9:00 AM - 10:30: **Shamba Pride** ([map](#)).

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Visit of **E3 Capital** ([map](#)).

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM: Lunch

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM: Visit to **Impact Hub Nairobi** ([map](#)).

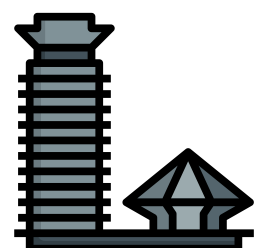
From 6:00 PM: **VC Night @ Radisson Park inn**

SUMMIT PROGRAM

DAY ONE - TUESDAY 3 September 2024

All times are in EAT (East Africa Time)

9:00	GUESTS ARRIVE AND MINGLE
9:30	MC Welcome and Wake Up
9:40	AfricArena Welcome - Christophe Viarnaud (CEO)
9:45	Intro from sponsors
10:00	Keynote: Why Africa Matters in the Global Climate Conversation
10:15	Panel Discussion: Next-Gen Renewable Energy: The Impact of AI and Carbon Credits on Sustainability
11:05	Pitch Challenge: Clean- Tech Program
11:55	Panel Discussion: Fintech Sparks Green Finance: Bridging Policy and Investment
12:45	Pitch Challenge: Climatech Program (Korea-Africa Delegation)
13:30	LUNCH & NETWORKING
15:00	Panel Discussion: Future Farming: Integrating Climate-Resilient Crops with Smart Technology
15:40	Pitch Challenge: Agritech Program
16:40	Panel Discussion: Green Tech Funding: Bridging Innovation and Impact
17:30	END OF DAY 1
18:00	INNOVATION NIGHT

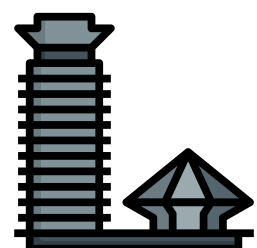


SUMMIT PROGRAM

DAY TWO - WEDNESDAY 4 September 2024

All times are in EAT (East Africa Time)

9:00	GUESTS ARRIVE AND MINGLE
9:30	MC Welcome and Wake Up
9:40	Panel Discussion: The Circular Economy Revolution: Scaling Sustainable Solutions
10:30	Pitch Challenge: Circular Economy Program
11:35	Keynote : Ecosystem Evolution: Building a Resilient Climate Tech Investment Network
11:45	Panel Discussion: Funding the Future: Building a Resilient Investment Ecosystem
11:45	Wired Speed Connect - Matchmaking (Taking place in meeting rooms)
12:35	Pitch Challenge: Reverse Investor Pitch
13:30	AWARDS CEREMONY
14:10	LUNCH & NETWORKING
17:00	END OF SUMMIT





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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.

JOSHUA ROMISHER
HEAD OF PORTFOLIO AND CEO
HOLOCENE

KEYNOTE: 'Why Africa Matters in the Global Climate Conversation'
PANELLIST: 'Green Tech Funding: Bridging Innovation and Impact'



Joshua Romisher, is the CEO at Holocene Ventures, a company committed to positively impact the African climate landscape by building a community of mission aligned, climate activists and investing in early-stage climate tech startups. He will give a keynote address titled “Why Africa Matters in the Global Climate Conversation”. Joshua holds a BSc in Economics and International Business from the Pennsylvania State University.

JOSHUA MURIMA
HEAD OF ENGAGEMENT & INVESTOR RELATIONS
BRITERBRIDGES

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
'Ecosystem Evolution: Building a Resilient Climate Tech Investment Network- Briterbridges'



Joshua Murima is the Head of Ecosystem Engagement & Investor Relations at Briter Bridges, a data driven research firm in Nairobi. He works closely with the local community of tech founders, hubs and investors to forge friendships and collaboration in a bid to unlock growth opportunities for entrepreneurs in Africa.

CYNTHIA MWAURA
SENIOR INVESTMENT ANALYST
E3 CAPITAL

MODERATOR :

Next-Gen Renewable Energy: The Impact of AI and Carbon Credits on Sustainability



Cynthia Mwaura is a Senior Investment Analyst at E3 Capital where she is responsible for managing deal flow, deal evaluation and execution, and portfolio management, and is part of the team that closed the first investment under the E3 Low Carbon Economy Fund. She has spent the past 5+ years working with entrepreneurs and investors across SSA within the financial services, agriculture, energy, climate-tech, and real-estate sectors. Cynthia is passionate about pioneering, scaling and sustaining tech-driven enterprises across emerging markets. Prior to E3, Cynthia worked at Onafriq (prev. MFS Africa) as an Investment Analyst and Open Capital as an Associate in Management Consulting and Financial Advisory.

VIVIAN OPONDOH
DATA ANALYST

PANELLIST :

Next-Gen Renewable Energy: The Impact of AI and Carbon Credits on Sustainability



Vivian Opondoh is a versatile Data Analyst with a background in Aerospace Engineering, Software Development, Entrepreneurship, and Data Science. She founded Farmula, focusing on automating agricultural supply chains using data, winning the GIZ Women in Agribusiness Agtech Innovation Award in 2021. Vivian's experience includes roles at Health-e-net, Mastercard Foundation Alumni Network, and currently as a Data Analyst at the World Food Programme. She leads LvngDB to reduce food waste and mentors entrepreneurs through the WFP Innovation Champions Community.

ASAD ALI
FELLOW, STAGE CLIMATE-TECH INVESTOR
HOLOCENE

PANELLIST :
Next-Gen Renewable Energy: The Impact of AI and
Carbon Credits on Sustainability



Asad Ali is an early stage climate-tech investor at Holocene, nature enthusiast and former sustainability consultant dedicated to helping climate tech startups unlock their potential

DIANA MARANGA
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT LEAD
OCTAVIA CARBON

PANELLIST :
Next-Gen Renewable Energy: The Impact of AI and
Carbon Credits on Sustainability



Diana Maranga is the Business Development Lead at Octavia Carbon and heads the commercialisation team. She spearheads customer discovery and acquisition and engages with investors to secure financing for our operations through revenue from carbon credits and investments.

KAMAL DEEN YAKUB
CHIEF VISIONARY OFFICER
TROTRO TRACTOR

PANELLIST :
Next-Gen Renewable Energy: The Impact of AI and Carbon Credits on Sustainability



Kamal-Deen Yakub is a social entrepreneur and a technology enthusiast with 15 years of Corporate Accounting and Marketing experience. He is a hands-on manager with expertise in Startups, Agtech, fiscal management and financial reporting, and has a proven record of developing and implementing financial and operational controls that improve P&L scenarios and competitively position firms.

CAROLINE KIMANI
CARBON TECHNICAL EXPERT
CLIMATE ACTION PLATFORM FOR AFRICA (CAP-A)

PANELLIST :
Next-Gen Renewable Energy: The Impact of AI and Carbon Credits on Sustainability



Caroline Kimani is a Carbon Technical Expert at CAP-A with experience in carbon development, nature-based solutions, and household efficiency projects. Previously, she worked at Earthbanc and ecosecurities managing land restoration projects and carbon projects in Africa and Asia. Her commitment to advancing sustainable climate solutions stems from her Bachelor of Science in Range Management and a Master of Science in Range Socio Ecology from the University of Nairobi.

STÉPHANE EBOKO
MANAGING PARTNER & CO-FOUNDER
101 CAPITAL PARTNERS



MODERATOR :
Fintech Sparks Green Finance: Bridging Policy and Investment Panel

Stéphane Eboko, managing director and co-founder of 101 Capital Partners is an operator turned investor. He describes himself as a hyperactive pan-Africanist who is the leader of a smart pack.

ONYEKA EKEH
ACTING COO/DIGITAL IMPACT & MARKETING HEAD
BLUESPACE AFRICA TECHNOLOGIES



PANELLIST :
Fintech Sparks Green Finance: Bridging Policy and Investment Panel

Onyeka Ekeh is a product marketing manager and communication strategist with over a decade of corporate experience. Currently the acting COO and Head of Digital Impact at BlueSPACE Financial Cloud, she drives innovative financial solutions and growth initiatives. Relocating to Ghana in 2018, she delved into tech entrepreneurship, excelling in UI design and product management. Onyeka leads digital marketing strategies at BlueSPACE, fostering innovation and sustainability. She supports startups in the tech ecosystem, focusing on effective business growth strategies. Notably, she won the first all-women Startup Weekend in Accra in 2019 and has worked with startups in Accra and Lagos. Passionate about inclusivity, she advocates for diverse representation in the industry.

UGOCHUKWU CHUKWUJIAKA
FOUNDER
ENERGY TALENT COMPANY



PANELLIST :
Fintech Sparks Green Finance: Bridging Policy and Investment Panel

Ugochukwu Chukwujiaka is a Business Executive dedicated to nation-building through scalable education solutions. As the Founder and CEO of Energy Talent Company (ETC), he leads an initiative to recruit, train, and place top solar talents in Africa, starting with Nigeria, Ghana, and Kenya. Ugo's career spans education, technology, and social impact. Previously, he was a Design Manager Consultant at Generation, where he developed a curriculum to connect unemployed youths in the UK with employers, including Hilton Hotels. He also worked with Andela, helping to expand their mission to train Africa's top software developers. Since ETC's inception, the company has trained over 3,000 talents, contributing to over 50 MW of electricity across the region.

KEET VAN ZYL
CO-FOUNDER
KNIFE CAPITAL VENTURES



PANELLIST :
Fintech Sparks Green Finance: Bridging Policy and Investment Panel

Keet 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.

KOYA MATSUNO
COO & CO- FOUNDER
VUNAPAY



PANELLIST :
Fintech Sparks Green Finance: Bridging Policy and Investment Panel

Koya Matsuno, Co-Founder and COO at VunaPay, is focused on improving financial access in agriculture, particularly ensuring fair payments to smallholder farmers. He began his career as an investment banker at J.P. Morgan, gaining strong financial experience. His passion for financial inclusion developed during his time at UCLA, where he worked on microfinance projects in Central America and Ghana. At Cookpad, he expanded his skills in data analytics and product development, contributing to international market growth. Later, in Nairobi, he led a crowdfunding platform for off-grid solar panels. Now, Koya applies his diverse experience to advancing VunaPay's mission.

VICTOR NDIEGE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
KENYA CLIMATE VENTURES



MODERATOR :
Green Tech Funding: Bridging Innovation and Impact Panel

Victor Ndiege has 20 years of experience in investments and investment linkages, design, development and management, fundraising, fund management, business modeling and assessments, and public-private partnerships. Prior to joining Kenya Climate Ventures, Victor worked at Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund, KPMG - International Development Advisory Services, providing technical sector expertise, leading investment and portfolio management, enterprise development, and impact monitoring and reporting of renewable energy businesses and climate-smart solutions in Eastern, Western, and Southern Africa and Asia. Victor holds a BSc. in Agricultural Economics from Egerton University and an MBA in Strategic Management from Nairobi University. Victor is a member of the Cleantech Group - 50 to Watch Expert Panel, the Investment Committee of West Africa Brighter Future Fund, and various Boards.

FARES SEAIDI
ADVISOR
SCALING DIGITAL AGRICULTURE INNOVATIONS
THROUGH START-UPS (SAIS)
GIZ



PANELLIST:
Green Tech Funding: Bridging Innovation and
Impact Panel

Fares Seaidi is an Advisor for Partnerships and Investor Relations at SAIS, focusing on enhancing investor readiness of African startups and fostering responsible connections with investors. He advocates for technology's role in driving economic growth, food security, and income opportunities in Africa, with extensive experience in the African startup ecosystem collaborating with VC funds, incubators, and startup communities.

JACKLYNE IMINZA-ANYAMBA
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER
EAST AFRICA PRIVATE EQUITY &
VENTURE CAPITAL ASSOCIATION (EAVCA)



PANELLIST :
Green Tech Funding: Bridging Innovation and
Impact

Jacklyn 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.

SUSAN NAKAMI
REGIONAL LEAD
VILLAGE CAPITAL

PANELLIST :
Green Tech Funding: Bridging Innovation and Impact



As the Regional Lead for Africa at Village Capital, Susan oversees regional strategy, program development, and ecosystem growth across the African continent. She is a serial entrepreneur and innovation enthusiast with extensive experience in business advisory and in designing, implementing, and monitoring programs tailored to the African context. Susan is particularly passionate about unlocking access to capital for women founders in Africa.

DAVID LONGDON
SENIOR ASSOCIATE
EQUATOR VC

MODERATOR FOR 'Future Farming: Integrating Climate-Resilient Crops with Smart Technology'



MARTHA HAILE
FOUNDER
ABZE

PANELLIST :
Future Farming: Integrating Climate-Resilient
Crops with Smart Technology



Martha Haile, an entrepreneur with a background in agricultural technology, has held key leadership positions in leading agtech startups. For the last decade, she has resided in Kenya and Nigeria, working extensively across sub-Saharan Africa. Recently, she founded Abze, a digital media company focused on showcasing the narratives, innovations, and pioneers revolutionizing Africa's food industry. Martha, also a co-founder of Hello Tractor and former Vice President of Business Development at Wefarm, is dedicated to utilizing technology to empower small-scale farmers and develop sustainable solutions in the food and agriculture sector. Proudly Eritrean-American, Martha resides in Nairobi with her husband and two daughters.

DAMILOLA THOMPSON
CO-FOUNDER & PARTNER
DILIGENCE AFRICA

JUDGE & PANELLIST IN 'Future Farming:
Integrating Climate-Resilient Crops with Smart
Technology'



Damilola Olokesusi, CEO of Shuttlers, a tech-driven shared mobility startup in Nigeria, aims to revolutionize urban mobility. As a chemical engineering graduate, she received accolades like Forbes 30 Under 30 and leads initiatives like SheMoves Shuttles for female professionals. Under her leadership, Shuttlers secured \$5.6 million in funding and is expanding in Africa. Damilola advocates for women's empowerment and supports female entrepreneurs in the digital economy. Recognized as one of the Most Influential Women in Mobility in 2022, Damilola continues to drive innovation and growth in the technology and transportation sectors.

PHILIP ODINO
MANAGING PARTNER
PEPEA CAPITAL



PANELLIST :
Future Farming: Integrating Climate-Resilient
Crops with Smart Technology

Philip Odino is a Resource Mobilization Expert and Organisational Strategy Technical Advisor with extensive experience in supporting entrepreneurial ecosystems in Africa. He is the Managing Partner at Pepea Capital, a fintech company focused on providing digital finance solutions to smallholder farmers. Through its platform, Pepea Capital offers affordable credit, insurance, and digital payment services, promoting financial inclusion and climate-smart agriculture. Philip has worked with a variety of organizations, including DFIs, NGOs, and development partners, and has a background in strategy development, capital raising, and SME ecosystem development. He holds an M.Sc. in Design for Sustainable Development from Chalmers University, Sweden, and has collaborated with organizations like GIZ, UNICEF, and the World Bank throughout his career.

HANGYUL LEE-SONG
DATA LEAD
BRITER BRIDGES



PANELLIST :
Future Farming: Integrating Climate-Resilient
Crops with Smart Technology

Hangyul Lee-Song leads the data development of AgBase, which is the agtech arm of Briter Bridges, managing the collection of agtech ecosystem data across Africa. Hangyul and her team translates the collected data into digestible research and advisory pieces for a diverse range of partners ranging from VC companies, foundations, research institutions and international organisations.

EVA WAWERU
SENIOR ASSOCIATE, COMMUNICATIONS - EMEAA
VILLAGE CAPITAL

MODERATOR :
The Circular Economy Revolution: Scaling
Sustainable Solutions



Eva Waweru is a Senior Associate for Communications at Village Capital, where she leads the organization's communications and brand-building efforts across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia.

FLORENT NDUWAYEZU
CLIMATEHACK NAIROBI AMBASSADOR
HACKGROUP

JUDGE & PANELLIST :
The Circular Economy Revolution: Scaling
Sustainable Solutions



Florent Nduwayezu has been deeply involved in the African tech ecosystem, serving in various capacities from CFO of startups to managing early-stage and growth-stage investments. He has also explored innovative financing models such as venture debt and milestones based financing across both East and West Africa. Over the past few years, his focus has been on early-stage climate tech investments, driving innovation and sustainability within the sector.

CHRISTINE MBAABU
SOFTWARE ENGINEER
MICROSOFT



PANELLIST :
The Circular Economy Revolution: Scaling Sustainable Solutions

Christine Mbaabu is dedicated to guiding businesses on their journey toward sustainable success by focusing on people, planet, and profit. With over 10 years of specialized experience in program management, enterprise support and investments, SME advisory and mentorship, and innovative climate financing, Christine is committed to making a positive impact on the world.

THOMAS BONGANI HART
PROGRAM MANAGER
FRENCH SOUTH AFRICAN TECH LABS



PANELLIST :
The Circular Economy Revolution: Scaling Sustainable Solutions

Thomas Hart is a green economy and communications specialist with 13 years of experience working across Africa. He has led health campaigns, business development programs, and eco-tourism research. Thomas focuses on green and circular economy design, collaborating with companies like SAB-Miller and Unilever. He currently manages programs at the French South African Tech Labs, an early stage business incubator helping digital startup founders move from concept to customer.

ALVIN ANDERSON
COUNTRY DIRECTOR
BORDA South Africa

PANELLIST :
The Circular Economy Revolution: Scaling Sustainable Solutions



Alvin Anderson is the Country Director for BORDA South Africa, an international non-profit specializing in decentralized sanitation solutions. Based in Durban, South Africa, he oversees operations, strategic oversight, and project management in South Africa while also managing project finance and donor-related funds across the Africa region. BORDA, with its headquarters in Germany, operates in five other African countries: Tanzania, Mali, Zambia, Senegal, and Mauritania. Alvin originally joined BORDA in 2020 as the Regional Finance Project Manager, a role he continues to fulfill. He has over 10 years of experience in the social enterprise and development sector and holds a Bachelor of Technology in Public Management & Economics from Durban University of Technology.

WINSTON REID
CO-FOUNDER & PARTNER
FINTECH IN CLIMATE: DECARBONISE

MODERATOR :
Funding the Future: Building a Resilient Investment Ecosystem



VLADIMIR DUGIN
SENIOR PARTNER
E3 CAPITAL

PANELLIST :
Funding the Future: Building a Resilient Investment Ecosystem



Vladimir is a Senior Partner at E3 Capital. He has 17+ years of experience in investment banking and private equity in emerging markets. Vladimir is passionate about driving disruptive innovation across the emerging world and effecting positive impact across industries and economies. After spending a few months in East Africa in 2017, he decided to follow this passion and move to Nairobi to focus on low carbon investments across the African continent. He is a Board Member of Untapped Global, Solarise Africa, SolarX Africa and ZiZ Energie. Vladimir holds an MBA from INSEAD.

MAXIME BOUAN
GENERAL PARTNER
SEEDSTARS AFRICA VENTURES

PANELLIST :
Funding the Future: Building a Resilient Investment Ecosystem



Maxime Bouan is a seasoned investor in the African landscape, investing for nearly 15 years in the region across banking, fintech, education, energy, and agriculture. After managing BlueOrchard Finance's African strategy for 8 years, he is co-founding Partner at Seedstars Africa Ventures and Investment committee member of the Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund.

TOWETT NGETICH
INVESTMENT AND FINANCE PROFESSIONAL
54 COLLECTIVE VC

PANELLIST :
Funding the Future: Building a Resilient Investment Ecosystem



Towett is an investment and finance professional. He serves on the 54 Collective Investments portfolio team, investing, supporting, building value, and realising exits across Africa’s most extensive portfolio of 78+ businesses and founders. He has led investments and exits in early—and growth-stage—African companies in climate, agriculture, finance, and healthcare, among other industries. He has a keen interest in finance, its investment instruments, and how new financial structures can optimise portfolio value while being of service to founders. He aligns his investment prospects with SDG, climate, and ESG/responsible investment goals.

NAMARA
PARTNER | AFRICA SEED FUND
FLAT6LABS

JUDGE & Panellist:
Funding the Future: Building a Resilient Investment Ecosystem



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.

NIKUNJ SHAH
DIRECTOR
SELECT GLOBAL SOLUTIONS



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Founder of Select Global Solutions, I help international companies build human capital in Africa, Middle East, India, and other emerging markets. With 25+ years of experience in manufacturing, entrepreneurship, and talent development, I drive business growth through strategic talent acquisition, leadership development, and technology transformation. I am an active angel investor with over 30 investments across Asia, Africa and Europe and advise early stage ventures as they scale.

THEA SOKOLOWSKI
HEAD OF COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING
STITCH



JUDGE

Namara has over 12 years of experience in the African tech ecosystem. She previously held roles at two prominent high-growth startups in East Africa, specializing in B2B sales, people management, and technical product management. Most recently, she was the Head of Ventures at a leading early-stage startup accelerator in Africa, where she led a team and redesigned the accelerator, overseeing investments in 25 startups within two years. Currently, Namara is a Partner at Flat6Labs's Africa Seed Fund, an \$85 million fund targeting North, East, and West Africa. Flat6Labs focuses on advancing Africa's tech landscape by supporting early to seed-stage startups through innovative programs and capital investments. With a proven track record across seven countries over 13 years, Flat6Labs is expanding its impact across the continent through the Africa Seed Fund. Namara is dedicated to driving transformative change to help Africa reach its full potential, one startup at a time.

ANDREW DARGE
INVESTMENT MANAGER
E3 CAPITAL



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Andrew is an Investment Manager at E3 Capital where he is responsible for deal origination and screening, through to execution and portfolio management. Throughout his career, he has advised and executed on transactions in numerous countries in Africa, as well as further afield in emerging markets such as India, Colombia and Indonesia. His experience covers several sectors including foods & agribusiness, fin-tech, logistics, digital infrastructure and energy & climate. Andrew is a qualified CA(SA) and CFA Charterholder.

JOCELYN NYAGUSE
HEAD OF MARKETING
STARTUPBOOTCAMP AFRITECH



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Jocelyn has a passion for Storytelling and Business Development which has resulted in her working with incredible companies that include Impact Hub and Startupbootcamp AfriTech where she is currently the Head of Marketing and Storytelling. She is a renowned pitch coach and startup enthusiast with a particular leaning toward Social Innovation, Impact, and Entrepreneurship.

DELILA KIDANU
COO
OKOA RESCUE



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Delila Kidanu is the Co-founder and COO of OKOA Rescue, which provides emergency and relief services across East Africa by building a network of skilled mechanics and service providers. She holds an MSc in Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship from KTH in Stockholm. Delila’s previous roles include managing external relations at ThinkYoung and working in Business Development and Partnerships at MEST Africa, where she focused on supporting African tech startups.

NAME
TITLE
COMPANY



PANEL

bio of extra judge

Pitch Challenge: Agritech



Stable Foods
Sector: Agritech



Aquarech
Sector: Agritech

Pitch Challenge: Agritech



Gene Plus Global
Sector: Agritech



iShamba Limited
Sector: Agritech

Pitch Challenge: Agritech



RHEA Soil Health
Sector: Agritech



Maua Mazuri
Sector: Agritech/Plant Biotechnology

Pitch Challenge: Agritech

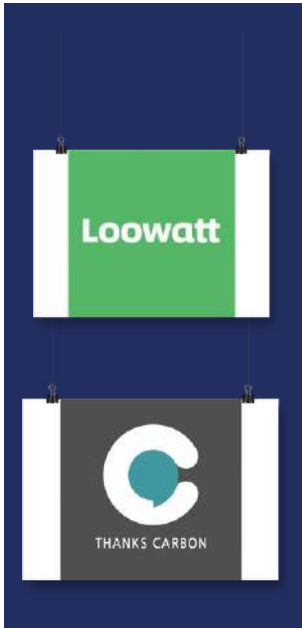


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