

NAIROBI SUMMIT GUIDE

6 - 7 SEPTEMBER 2023

















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WELCOME

Welcome to the seventh live edition of AfricaArena Tour, the first hybrid digital and inperson 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 5 million US dollars' 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, Cairo, Dakar, Tunis, Nairobi 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 AfricArena 2023.



WHAT IS AFRICARENA?

The AfricArena Summit is a tech conference that showcases Africa's best startups and innovators in front of an audience of local and international investors looking for the most promising tech startups. It presents an opportunity to explore tomorrow's trends today by showcasing some of Africa's most innovative startups and connecting them with investors, corporates, and enablers to accelerate their growth. We strongly believe in the power of providing a platform that fosters bright and forward-thinking minds to network, get inspired, and co-build a stronger tech startup investment ecosystem for Africa.

Since its inception in 2017, AfricArena has been a platform dedicated to supporting the creation of market access and investment opportunities for its ever-increasing community of founders, angels, corporates, and VC investors.

This year, AfricArena has successfully hosted the AfricArena Johannesburg Deep Tech, Hardware, Enterprise & Climatech Summit in March; the AfricArena Cairo Growth Stage Summit and the AfricArena Dakar Fintech, Mobility & Logistics in May. We're now coming to Nairobi with the AfricArena Nairobi Summit from 6 - 7 September 2023.

We aim to:



Connecting founders with investors and corporations.



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



Promoting the African Tech ecosystem and it's opportunities.



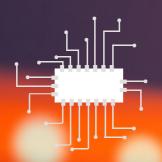
Attracting both entrepreneurs and investors to Africa.



The NAIROBI

Summit 2023

6 - 7 September 2023







The AfricArena Nairobi Summit will bring together local and international tech startups, corporates and investors in a two-day summit with the aim to enhance the process of investing on the African continent. The event will focus on growth stage startups.





PROGRAM OF THE WEEK

Alongside the AfricArena Tour, exposure events and Venture Unconference Weekend, AfricArena creates even more opportunities for start-ups and investors to connect with one another.

SafariLEX Bootcamp

3 - 4 September 2023

The startup AfricArise SafariLEX Bootcamp is a 2 day program that fast tracks founders' knowledge in certain key areas that are often overlooked by other incubation programs.





SafariLEX Nairobi 5 September 2023

The Learning Expedition (LEX) in Nairobi will take us on an exploratory tour of the Kenyan tech ecosystem by visiting different entrepreneurs, investors and ecosystem players. Book your ticket to Safari Lex here.

Ecosystem Night 5 September 2023

The mission of Ecosystem Night is to connect African and global ecosystem players together in the local ecosystem.





AfricArena Nairobi Summit

6 September 2023

The mission of the AfricArena Nairobi 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. Nairobi, East Africa's most mature startup ecosystem.

VC & Corporate Night

6 September 2023

The VC & Corporate Night will take place at the Nairobi Street Kitchen after the AfricArena Nairobi Summit concludes. It is an informal evening where investors can come together to exchange ideas in an unfiltered space.



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Africa Climate Tech Festival

7 September 2023

An event co-hosted by AfricArena and The Catalyst Fund, the Africa Climate Tech Festival is a one-of-a-kind invitation-only gathering that is more than just a conference, this is a day where invited African startup innovators and investors can meet, network and collaborate during a day of empowering workshops, insightful panels, startup pitches, product demos and more.





Climate Innovation Night

7 September 2023

The Climate Innovation Night is the closing event of the Africa Climate Tech Festival, which will take place at Shamba Cafe & Shop. It is an informal networking event where startups and tech investors come together for an evening of creative exchange of ideas and talk about potential investments.

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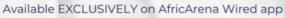
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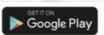
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All times are GMT

9:00 AM	GUESTS ARRIVE AND MINGLE
9:30 AM	MC Welcome and Wake Up
9:40 AM	AfricArena Welcome & Official Opening - Christophe Viarnaud (CEO) & Catalyst Fund
9:50 AM	Word from the sponsors - EDF, GIZ, FMO
10:10 AM	Panel Discussion: EDF Panel on Low Carbon Growth
10:50 AM	Program Presentation: EDF Pulse Africa
11:00 AM	EDF Pulse Challenge
12:00 PM	Keynote: Assessing African startup ecosystems beyond funding statistics
12:30 PM	LUNCH & NETWORKING
13:30 PM	Panel Discussion: Building Inclusion Within Women In Green Economy
14:10 PM	Pitch Challenge: Women In Green Economy
14:20 PM	Panel Discussion: Building Inclusion within Women Green Economy
14:45 PM	Founders Keynote: Regenerative Africulture
15:15 PM	Panel Discussion: Funding Green Economy Innovation: Equity vs Debt What Makes Sense?
15:55 PM	Pitch Program: Deep Tech
16:30 PM	Building Sustainable Value Chains of Investment in Africa) - Hurdle to Fundraising
17:20 PM	Pitch Program: Sustainable Building Materials
18:00 PM	VC & CORPORATE NIGHT









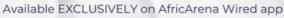
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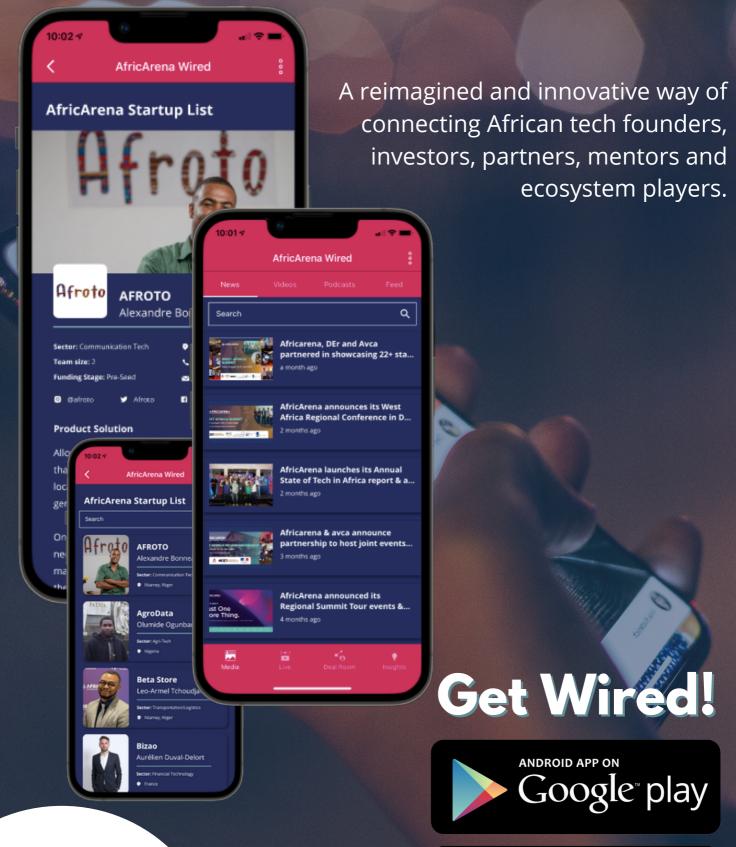
8:00 AM	BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION
8: 45 AM	MC Welcome and Wake Up - Maelis Carraro, Catalyst Fund Managing Partner & Christophe Viarnaud, AfricArena Founder & CEO
9:00 AM	Keynote: Bogolo Joy Kenewendo, Climate Champions Africa Director & Special Advisor
9:15 AM	Panel Discussion: What Will It Take for Africa to Lead in the Climate Transition?
10:00 AM	Pitch Track: Climate Tech
10:35 AM	Fishbowl: Climate in Action: Opportunities, Barriers and Risks
11:05 AM	Fireside Chat: Investment Landscape
11:35 AM	Pitch Track: AgriTech
12:10 PM	Parallel Breakout Sessions: Deep Blue Horizons: Exploring Ocean Tech Opportunities in Africa Cultivating Tomorrow: The power of Innovation in Agriculture Feeding the Future: Innovating Food Systems in Africa Tech Meets Empathy: Al-Driven Support for Every Climate Victim
13:10 PM	LUNCH & NETWORKING
14:10 PM	Parallel Breakout Sessions: The African Carbon Frontier: What's Next? Metrics that Matter: Measuring Climate Resilience and Adaptation Impact Mobilising Capital for African Climate Resilience Innovation
15:10 PM	Pitch Track: Clean Tech
15:45 PM	Breakout Session Output Each Session Leader Shares High Lights and Outcomes of Breakout Rooms
16:20 PM	Reverse Pitching VCs Pitch to Startups
16:50 PM	Awards Ceremony & Closing
17:20 - 21:20 PM	CLIMATE INNOVATION NIGHT







Welcome to AfricArena Wired!









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.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

KEYNOTEBENJAMIN ROMBAUT

Co-Founder Sand to Green

Benjamin Rombaut is the Co-Founder of Sand to Green, a French-Moroccan startup that is transforming Morocco's arid desert land in Morocco into cultivatable land and helping to fight food insecurity through its integrated model of agroforestry. He will deliver the keynote address at the AfricArena Nairobi Summit on 6th September 2023.





KEYNOTE
ABDERRAHMANE CHAOUI
CEO
Sendemo

Abderrahmane Chaoui is the CEO at Sendemo, Africa Director & Special Advisor at the UN High Level Climate Champions Team. He will give a keynote address at the Africarena Nairobi Summit on 6th September 2023. He has a Master's Degree in Business Management and MSc in Strategy and Organizational Consultancy from EDHEC Business School.

KEYNOTE BOGOLO JOY KENEWENDO

Africa Director & Special Advisor UN High Level Climate Champions Team

ongolo Joy Kenewendo, is the Africa Director & Special Advisor at the UN High Level Climate Champions Team. She has a background in economics, development and investments. She will deliver the keynote address at the Africa Climate Tech Festival on 7th September 2023. She has a MSc in International Economics and an Executive Education in Global Leadership and Public Policy from Harvard Kennedy School.



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CHRISTOPHE VIARNAUD

CEO & Founder AfricArena

Christophe Viarnaud is the CEO and founder of AfricArena, Africa's tech ecosystem accelerator that brings founders, angel investors, corporates and VC investors together at the AfricArena events, VC Unconference, Founders' Bootcamp and the AfricArena Summits. He will give the welcome address at the AfricArena Nairobi Summit. He has a BsC in Finance from EDHEC Business School and a Executive MBA in Systems Thinking from the University of Cape Town.





MAELIS CARRARO Managing Partner Catalyst Fund

Maelis Carraro is the Managing Partner at The Catalyst Fund, a pre-seed VC fund and accelerator backing startups building tech solutions for a climate-resilient future in Africa. She will give the welcome address at the AfricArena Climate Tech Festival and moderate the "What Will It Take for Africa to Lead in The Climate Transition? Panel. She has a Master's in International Affairs, Economics and Political Development from Colombia School of International and Public Affairs and a MBA from Colombia Business School.

MATSI MODISE CEO Furaha Afrika Holdings

Matsi Modise is the CEO and founder of Furaha Afrika Holdings, a progressive Pan-African organisation dedicated to enable and leverage growth across the African continent through forming strategic partnerships with like-minded dynamic organisations that seek to move Africa forward. She will participate in the "Funding Green Economy Innovation: Equity vs Debt What Makes Sense?" Panel. She has a B.Com in Finance and Management from the University of Witwatersrand.





NAPA ONWUSH Startups Leader - Sub-Saharan Africa AWS

Napa Onwush is the Startups Leader for Sub-Saharan Africa at AWS where she leads the cross-functional organizational strategy, sales strategy and execution across the continent focused on helping help startups scale and accelerate growth. helps startups scale and accelerate growth. She will participate in the "Building Inclusion Within Women Green Economy" Panel. She has B. Eng in Computer Science and Engineering from Enugu State University of Science and Technology and a MBA from ESUT Business School.

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LAURIE FULLERVenture Partner Raiven Capital

Laurie Fuller is a Venture Partner at Raiven Capital, a company focused on Series A, early stage companies, just before scaling begins. The company has deep experience with companies at every life-cycle stage, including start-ups, SMEs, and large corporations. Raiven Ventures helps accelerate companies with their deep play-book of operational experiences and global access to deals, intelligence, resources and markets. Laurie will participate in the "Building Inclusion Within Women Green Economy" Panel. She has Masters in Communication and Media Studies from Stanford University and an Executive MBA from the London School of Economics.





AISHA RAHEEM-BOLARINA Founder -Farmz2U

Aisha Raheem is the founder at Farmz2U, a company focused on empowering the next generation of Sub-Saharan African smallholder farmers with data-driven solutions to help them expand their agricultural capacity. She will participate in the ""Building Inclusion Within Women Green Economy" Panel. She has a BSc in Economics from Queen Mary University of London.

SEBASTIAN WICHMANN ROGERS

Regional Head - Africa Lendable

Sebastian Rogers is the Regional Head for Africa at Lendable, a private credit fund manager focused on growing impact driven fintechs across emerging and frontier markets. He will share his insights, expertise and learnings in the "Funding Green Economy Innovation: Equity vs Debt What Makes Sense?" Panel. He has a LLB from SOAS University of London.





DAVID SAUNDERSDirector of Strategy & Growth
BriterBridges

David Saunders is the Director of Strategy & Growth at BriterBridges, a company focused on building the knowledge infrastructure that informs businesses and leaders across underserved markets. He will participate in the "Funding Green Economy Innovation: Equity vs Debt What Makes Sense?" Panel. He has a BA in Economics from Furman University.

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IVOR PRICE Editor-in-Chief Ventureburn

vor Price is the Editor-in-Chief at Ventureburn, a digital platform focused on telling the world's startup news and tech entrepreneurs' stories from the emerging market sector. He will participate in the "Funding Green Economy Innovation: Equity vs Debt What Makes Sense?" Panel. Ivor has a Post Graduate Certificate in Journalism Innovation and Leadership from the University of Central Lancashire.





CLAIRE NYAMBORI-DIPHOORNTechnical Assistance Officer
FMO - Dutch Entrepreneurial Bank

Claire Nyambori - Diphoorn is the Technical Assistance Officer at FMO - Dutch Entrepreneurial Bank. She has an extensive background in finance that includes compliance, client services, capacity development, and technical assistance. She will share her expertise and knowledge in the "Building Sustainable Value Chains of Investment in Africa) - Hurdle to Fundraising" Panel. She has a BSc in Business Administration from the University of London.

ROBYN MCGUCKINDirector of Partnerships - P4G
World Resources Institute

Robyn McGuckin is the Director of Partnerships for the P4G (Partnerships for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030) at the World Resources Institute where she focuses on finding, accelerating and scaling partnerships that create new models in the areas of food/agriculture, water, energy, cities, and circular economy in developing and emerging economies. She will participate in the "Building Sustainable Value Chains of Investment in Africa) - Hurdle to Fundraising" Panel. She has a BSc in BioSystems Engineering from Virginia Tech and a MSc in Biological Engineering from the University of Georgia.





MARIANA OSÓRIO DE CASTRO Investment Associate Edge Growth

Mariana Osório de Castro is the Investment Associate at Edge Growth, a SME focused fund that co-creates innovative solutions aimed at combating business growth constraints and provide SMEs with market access, skills development and funding. She will participate in the "Building Sustainable Value Chains of Investment in Africa - Hurdle to Fundraising" Panel. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Politics from the University of Bath.

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VLADIMIR DUGIN

Senior Partner E3 Capital

Vladimir Dugin is a senior partner at E3 Capital, and he has 17 years experience of managing funds and investing in climate tech across various emerging markets to E3 Capital which help startups with innovative solutions and business models unleash their full potential and scale their businesses. He will participate in the "Building Sustainable Value Chains of Investment in Africa - Hurdle to Fundraising" Panel. He has a MBA from INSEAD.





AUDREY MATEProgram Manager
Village Capital

Audrey Mate is the progam manager at Village Capital, the largest organisation in the world supporting impact-driven, seed-stage startups. The organisation is committed to unlocking capital for impact startups solving the world's biggest problems. She will participate in the "Building Sustainable Value Chains of Investment in Africa - Hurdle to Fundraising. She has a BA in Community Development from Daystar University.

JOSHUA ROMISHER

CEO

Holocene Venture

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 participate in the "Building Sustainable Value Chains of Investment in Africa - Hurdle to Fundraising" Panel. He has a BSc in Economics and International Business from Penn State University.



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MAELIS CARRARO

Managing Partner Catalyst Fund

Maelis Carraro is the Managing Partner at The Catalyst Fund, a pre-seed VC fund and accelerator backing startups building tech solutions for a climate-resilient future in Africa. She will give the welcome address at the AfricArena Climate Tech Festival and moderate the "What Will It Take for Africa to Lead in The Climate Transition? Panel. She has a Master's in International Affairs, Economics and Political Development from Colombia School of International and Public Affairs and a MBA from Colombia Business School.





CHRISTOPHE VIARNAUD
CEO & Founder
AfricArena

Christophe Viarnaud is the CEO and founder of AfricArena, Africa's tech ecosystem accelerator that brings founders, angel investors, corporates and VC investors together at the AfricArena events, VC Unconference, Founders' Bootcamp and the AfricArena Summits. He has a BsC in Finance from EDHEC Business School and a Executive MBA in Systems Thinking from the University of Cape Town. He will give the welcome address at the Africa Climate Tech Festival.

BOGOLO JOY KENEWENDO

Africa Director & Special Advisor The UN Climate Change High-Level Champions

Bogolo Joy Kenewendo is Africa Director & Special Advisor at the UN Climate Change High-Level Champions. She is a former Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry for the Republic of Botswana, and has a background in trade & investment policy, industrial development policy, macroeconomic policy, public finance management, regulatory frameworks and reforms and private sector capacity building & development. She will give the opening keynote address at the Africa Climate Tech Festival. She has a MSc in International Economics from the University of Sussex and an Executive Education in Global Leadership and Public Policy for the 21st Century from Harvard Kennedy School.



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ANNE-MARIE CHIDZERO

CIO

FSD Africa Investments

Anne-Marie Chidzero is the CIO at FSD Africa Investments, where she leads FSD Africa Investments, the development capital arm of FSD Africa, a specialist development agency working to build and strengthen financial markets across sub-Saharan Africa. She will participate in the "What Will It Take for Africa to Lead in The Climate Transition? Panel. She has BSc in Psychology from McGill University and a MA in Economics from the University of Toronto.





JAMES MWANGI Founder Climate Action Platform for Africa (CAP-A)

James Mwangi founded the Climate Action Platform for Africa (CAP-A) to help unlock Africa's potential as a global hub for climate action that underpins a new climate smart model of economic growth and inclusive livelihoods. He will participate in the "What Will It Take for Africa to Lead in The Climate Transition?" Panel. He has a BA in Economics from Harvard University.

NNEILE NKHOLISE

Founder Thola

Nneile Nkholise is the founder at Thola, a company that focuses on accelerating auditing and global export compliance certification for farmers and their produce within the sustainable agricultural supply chain for climate sustainability and quality standards - through a mass decentralized 'Certification-as-a-service' software solution. She will participate in the "What Will It Take for Africa to Lead in The Climate Transition?" Panel. She has a BSc in Computer Science and Physics from the University of the Witwatersrand and a





KATE KALLOT CEO & Founder Amini

Kate Kallot, is the CEO and founder of Amini, a company that is on a mission to solve Africa's data scarcity by building its environmental data infrastructure through delivering on cutting-edge solutions that drive social impact and transform communities. She will participate in the "What Will It Take for Africa to Lead in The Climate Transition?" Panel and in the "Climate Action in Practice: Opportunities, Barriers and Risks" Panel. She has a MA in Marketing from EFAP.

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FLAVIA HOWARD

Co-Founder Nairobi Climate Network

Flavia Howard is the co-founder of the Nairobi Climate Network, a thriving community of professionals propelling climate action in Kenya. This network is committed to building connections and networks in within Kenya's climate ecosystem by curating events, improving access to information and building knowledge for the climate movement in Kenya. She will participate in the "Climate Action in Practice: Opportunities, Barriers and Risks" Panel. She has a BA in Politics and Economics from Newcastle University and a MSc in Energy, Society and Sustainability from the University of Edinburgh.





PALLAVI SHERIKAR
Senior Advisor: Office of the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate
US Department of State

Pallavi Sherikar is the Senior Advisor in the Office of the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate at the US Department of State. She has a background in environmental economics, policy, communications and project finance and will participate in the "Climate Action in Practice: Opportunities, Barriers and Risks" Panel. She has a BSc in Environmental Economics and Policy from the University of California, Berkeley and a MSc in Environmental Management from Yale University.

NICK HUGHESManaging Director & Founder 4RDigital

Nick Hughes is the Managing Director & Founder at 4RDigital, a B2B service company, launched with the specific goal of helping clients and partners create innovative, digital products and services. Nick founded Vodafone's M-PESA mobile payments services and built the team that delivers this service to multiple markets. He will participate in the "Climate Action in Practice: Opportunities, Barriers and Risks" Panel and the "The African Carbon Frontier: What's Next?" Breakout Session. He has a Ph.D in Applied Science from Loughbourough University and a MBA from London Business School.



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HETAL PATELDirector Mercy Corps Ventures

Hetal Patel is the Director at Mercy Corps Ventures, a seed and early-stage impact investment fund that invests in agriculture, financial services, logistics and distribution, and youth employment in Sub-Saharan Africa, SE Asia, and Latin America. Hetal has a background in commerce, investments and emerging markets. He will participate in the "Climate Action in Practice: Opportunities, Barriers and Risks" Panel. He studied Philosophy at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.





LILY STEELE
Investments Director
Global Innovation Fund

Lily Steele is the Investments Director at the Global Innovation Fund, a non-profit, impact-first investment fund that invest in the development, rigorous testing, and scaling up of new products, services, business process, or policy reforms that are more cost-effective than current practice and targeted at improving the lives of the world's poorest people. She will participate in the "Climate Action in Practice: Opportunities, Barriers and Risks" Panel and in the "Metrics that Matter: Measuring Climate Resilience and Adaptation Impact" Breakout Session. Lily has a background in chartered finance, investment management and business development and she has a BSc in Economics from the University of Nottingham.

DAVID DEL SERCIO BFA Global

David del Ser is the Chief Innovation Officer at BFA Global, an impact innovation firm that combines research, advisory, venture building, and investment expertise to build a more inclusive, equitable, and resilient future for underserved people and the planet. A serial entrepreneur, David is also the founder of Frogtek, a social venture that empowers micro-entrepreneurs in emerging markets through technology tools. He will participate in the "Climate Action in Practice: Opportunities, Barriers and Risks" Panel. He has a dual Masters of Telecommunications from the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid and Télécom ParisTech and an MBA from Columbia Business School.



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PAUL BRELOFF

CEO & Co-Founder Shortlist

Paul Breloff is the CEO & Co-Founder at Shortlist, an executive search and talent technology company that focuses on building a better way to hire, combining the best of tech, data, and human touch to provide executive search and youth employment programming across Africa, India, and 20+ countries globally. He will participate in the "Climate Action in Practice: Opportunities, Barriers and Risks" Panel. Paul has a background in law, international business transactions, corporate finance, banking, and real estate development & financing. He has a BA in Philosophy and Psychology from Amherst College and a JD (Law) from Yale Law School.





JULIET MUNRODirector: Digital Economy
FSD Africa

Juliet Munro is the Director of the Digital Economy at FSD Africa, a specialist development agency working to build and strengthen financial markets across Sub-Saharan Africa. Juliet has a background in marketing and finances. She will participate in the "Tech Opportunities in Africa" Breakout Session. She has a BSc in Geography from the University of Liverpool.

OLAF SEIDEL Head of Project SOUTH Make-IT in Africa

Olaf Seidel is the Head of Project South at Make-IT in Africa, a company that creates environments in which the full potential of African digital innovation can unfold – with all ecosystem stakeholders. Olaf is an IT and management professional with years of experience in leadership, business development, digitalization, IT management and project and transformation management. Before joining Make-IT Africa, Olaf worked for GIZ as Program Director for Digital Solutions for Sustainable Development through which he set up the Digital Transformation Center Kigali, an innovation hub bringing together government, start-ups and other actors in the ecosystem to develop transformative. He will participate in the "Tech Opportunities in Africa" Breakout Session. He has a BSc in Business Studies and Economics and a MBA from the University of Hamburg.



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SHIRLEY MBURU TECA Africa Lead BFA Global

Shirley Mburu is the TECA Africa Lead at BFA Global, an impact innovation firm that combines research, advisory, venture building, and investment expertise to build a more inclusive, equitable, and resilient future for underserved people and the planet. Shirley has a background in commerce and development finance. She will moderate the "Tech Opportunities in Africa" Breakout Session. She has a Bachelor of Commerce in Financial Accounting and a Master of Commerce in Development Finance from the University of Cape Town.





CHIRAG SHAMDASANI Climate Action Lead Mastercard Foundation

Chirag Shamdasani is the Climate Action Lead at Mastercard Foundation, with a background in finance, chartered accountancy, business administration, blockchain and crypto application and strategy and innovation. He will participate in the "Cultivating Tomorrow: The Power of Innovation in Agriculture" Breakout Session. He has a BA in Business Administration from Wilfrid Laurier University and an Executive Program in Strategy and Innovation from MIT Sloan School of Management.

PUNEET CHOPRAT

Global Partner: Agriculture, Digital Transformation, Climate Sustainability, and Digital Finance Microsave Consulting

Puneet Choprat is the Global Partner of Agriculture, Digital Transformation, Climate Sustainability & Digital Finance at Microsave Consulting. Experienced in business planning, strategy and operations, management consulting, consumer research, product development and innovation; Puneet has diverse experience in various roles and capacities across banking, financial services, insurance, telecommunications, information technology, media, entertainment, and transportation industries. He will participate in the "Cultivating Tomorrow: The Power of Innovation in Agriculture" Breakout Session.



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MOUHAMADOU LAMINE KEBE

CEO & Founder

Mouhamadou Lamine Kelbe is the CEO & Founder of Tolbi, a Pan-African Climate-Agri Tech startup that is committed to using new technologies to strengthen food security in Africa using AI and GeoSpatial Data. His startup focuses on accelerating climate finance in Africa via a certified carbon credits marketplace. He will participate in the "Cultivating Tomorrow: The Power of Innovation in Agriculture" Breakout Session.





JOHN MUNDY
Director: Global Partnerships
One Acre Fund

John Mundy is the Director of Global Partnerships at One Acre Fund, a social enterprise that supplies smallholder farmers in East Africa with asset-based financing and agriculture training services to reduce hunger and poverty. John is an experienced impact professional with a global track record of working in social entrepreneurship, international development, digital innovation, nature based solutions and agriculture/food security with a focus on climate change. He will participate in the "Cultivating Tomorrow: The Power of Innovation in Agriculture" Breakout Session.

BENJAMIN ROMBAUTCo-Founder Sand to Green

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ELI POLLAKCEO & Founder Apollo Agriculture

Eli Pollak is the CEO & Founder of Apollo Agriculture, a startup committed to unlocking the potential of small-scale farmers with best-in-class inputs, financing, insurance, and training. Eli, who has a B.S in Atmosphere and Energy Engineering from Standford University will participate in the "Feeding the Future: Innovating Food Systems in Africa" Breakout Session.





RORY BUCKWORTHPrincipal Consultant
BFA Global

Jane del Sel is the Principal Consultant at BFA Global, an impact innovation firm that combines research, advisory, venture building, and investment expertise to build a more inclusive, equitable, and resilient future for underserved people and the planet. She is also the Program Director for Strive Mexico, a flagship program launched by the Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth with BFA Global and Fundación Capital as implementation partners. Jane will participate in the "Cultivating Tomorrow: The Power of Innovation in Agriculture" Breakout Session.

ADAN MOHAMMED CEO & Co-Founder Ecodudu

Adan Mohammed is the CEO and Co-Founder of Ecodudu, a waste-to-value startup that uses data-driven analytics to recycle organic waste into high-protein animal feed and organic fertilizer using the black soldier fly.He will participate in the "Feeding the Future: Innovating Food Systems in Africa" Breakout Session. He hs a Bsc. Engineering from Kenyatta University and a Certificate in Business Administration and Management from the University of London.



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FRANCIS NDERITU Managing Director Raino Tech4Impact

Francis Nderitu is the Managing Director at Raino Tech4Impact, a social enterprise that leverages technology as an enabler to empower African communities. This startup aims to become Africa's leading innovator in the continent's supply chain industry, utilizing technology and innovative business models to increase the income of small-scale farmers and fishermen. He will participate in the "Feeding the Future: Innovating Food Systems in Africa" Breakout Session. He has a BSc in Computer Technology from the Technical University of Kenya; a Post Graduate Degree in Blue Economy from the University of Stellenbosch and a Master's Degree in Global Business, Sustainability and Social Enterprise from Universita Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.





CAROL KARUNO Impact Lead Raino Tech4Impact

Carol Karuno is the Impact Lead at Raino Tech4Impact where she focuses on building and cultivating a strong impact story for Raino Tech4Impact, a social enterprise that leverages technology as an enabler to empower African communities. She will participate in the "Feeding the Future: Innovating Food Systems in Africa" Breakout Session. She has a BA in Development and Environment from the University of Stellenbosch.

REBECCA MINCYInvestment Director Acumen Resilient Agriculture Fund

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Caitlin Wale is a Climate VC Investor who is the Founder at Kinjani, a digital initiative that backs African talent building solutions aimed at reviving our planet, and investing in technologies that scale. She is also the Entrepreneur in Residence at Counteract, a carbon removal company combating the climate crisis through research, development and investment and which invests in pre-seed & seed stage innovations with the potential to enable scalable carbon removal in a durable way. She will participate in "The African Carbon Frontier: What's Next?" Breakout Session. She has a BSc in Civil Engineering from the University of Cape Town and a MSc in Mechanical Engineering with Finance from University College London.





CHANIA FROSTSenior Engagement Manager
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Chania Frost is the Senior Engagement Manager at McKinsey & Company a global management consulting firm where she engages with climate stakeholders. Before stepping in this role, she was the Manager for Climate Analytics, McKinsey's core team of experts who analyze, and generate insights on the quantitative impact of physical and transition risk of climate change for their clients. She will moderate the "The African Carbon Frontier: What's Next?" Breakout Session. She has BSc in Neuroscience from The University of Edinburgh and a MSc in Sustainable Development, specialising in Natural Resource Management from SOAS

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AMAL-LEE AMIN

Senior Advisor COP26 - UN Climate Change Conference

Amal-Lee Amin, a passionate advocate for sustainable development is a Senior Advisor at the COP26 - UN Climate Change Conference where she advises on public strategy and finance for COP26. Previously, she was the Managing Director and Head Climate Change at British International Investment, the development finance institution of the UK government and Director of Climate Strategy at CDC Group (now British International Investment). She will participate in the "Metrics that Matter: Measuring Climate Resilience and Adaptation Impact" Breakout Session. She a BSc in Environmental Science, a MSc in Science and Technology Policy and a Ph.D. in Science and Technology Policy, Energy and Development from the University of Sussex.





JOSEPH OGWAL
CEO & Founder
Agro Supply

Joseph Ogwal is the CEO and Founder at Agro Supply, a startup transforming the lives of small holder famers in Uganda through a four-tier model that focuses on enabling farmers to not only access quality inputs but also be financially included and protected. He will participate in the "Metrics that Matter: Measuring Climate Resilience and Adaptation Impact" Breakout Session. Joseph has a BSc in Agronomy and Crop Science from Makerere University.

MALIKA ANAND Head of Impact & ESG The Catalyst Fund

Malika Anand, is the Head of Impact & ESG at The Catalyst Fund, a pre-seed VC fund and accelerator backing high-impact tech startups that seek to improve the resilience of underserved, climate-vulnerable communities. At The Catalyst Fund, Malika is responsible for extracting, authoring, and packaging insights from the fund's venture building and circles in order to support the growth of the inclusive fintech sector. She also also supports knowledge management across BFA Global by facilitating a firmwide learning agenda, and authoring and editing knowledge resources. She will moderate the "Metrics that Matter: Measuring Climate Resilience and Adaptation Impact" Breakout Session. She has a BA in Public Policy and South Asian Studies from the University of Chicago and a Master of Public Administration in International Development from Harvard Kennedy School.



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ALAA AFIFICEO and Founder Bekia

Alaa Afifi, the CEO and founder of Bekia, a mobile app that monetize separated inorganic waste like paper, plastics, food oil, metal, etc for cash through a mobile smart wallet in a way that makes waste management and recycling rewarding for individuals and businesses and impactful for the planet. A member of the Global Shapers Community, he will participate in the "City of Tomorrow: Innovations Driving Urban Resilience in a Changing Climate" Breakout Session. He has a BSc in Computer Science from Cairo University.



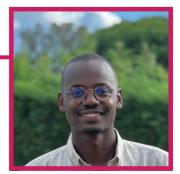


DAVID LONGDONCEO & Founder
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Joseph Ogwal is the CEO and Founder at Kubik, a startup that leverages technology to turn plastic waste into low carbon buildings in such a way that it helps countries to reduce their carbon and plastic footprint. Joseph who holds a

ANIL MAGURU Investment Director Satgana

Anil Maguru is an Investment Director and founding member at Satgana, an early-stage climate tech VC fund that brings decades of venture-building experience to support purpose-driven founders in launching and scaling solutions to build the future of earth. He will participate in the "City of Tomorrow: Innovations Driving Urban Resilience in a Changing Climate" Breakout Session. He has a BSc in Economics and Finance from Universite Catholique de Lille and a MSc in Finance and Management from EDHEC Business School.



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SHRUTI CHANDRASEKHAR

Head of Private Equity Investments, Africa Region IFC - International Finance Corporation

Shruti Chandrasekhar, an experienced private equity and VC investor leads the private equity and VC funds business for the African continent for the IFC, investing and managing a portfolio of over \$2B invested across Africa. She will participate in the "Mobilizing Capital for African Climate Resilience Innovation" Breakout Session. She has an MBA from the Wharton School and a Bachelor of Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).





JOSHUA ROMISHER
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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 participate in the "Mobilizing Capital for African Climate Resilience Innovation" Breakout Session. He has a BSc in Economics and International Business from Penn State University and a MSc in Management for Experienced Leaders from Standford University Graduate School of Business.

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Maxime Bayen, an experienced venture and startup ecosystem builder is the Operating Partner for Catalyst Fund where he has made a remarkable impact on the organization, the fund's portfolio, and the startup ecosystem. He has played a pivotal role in expanding and animating Catalyst Fund's network of nearly 200 esteemed VC partners globally, fostering a dynamic environment for startups to thrive. He is also the Principal Consultant for BFA Global and he is the founder of Africa: The Big Deal, Africa's Startup Deal Database. Maxime has a MBA from ESSEC Business School in Paris. He will participate in the "Mobilizing Capital for African Climate Resilience Innovation" Breakout Session.



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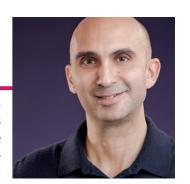


NIJHAD JAMALManaging Partner
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Nijhad Jamal is the Managing Parter at Equator, a venture capital firm with teams in Nairobi, Lagos, London and Colorado that targets technology-enabled, early-stage ventures in energy, agriculture and mobility that are accelerating an equitable climate transition in Sub-Saharan Africa and supporting inclusive economic growth. He will participate in the "Mobilizing Capital for African Climate Resilience Innovation" Breakout Session and in the in the "Flipping the Script: Climate VCs in the Hot Seat" reverse pitching session. He has a BSc from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and a MBA from Harvard Business School.

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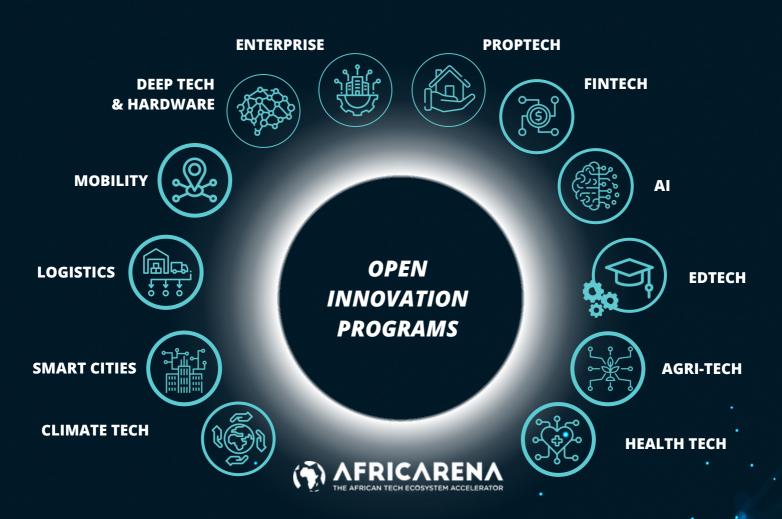
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