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CLIMATE TECH SUMMIT

AfricArena returns this September in Nairobi, presenting significant trends in technology and featuring innovative startups dedicated to the green economy and artificial intelligence.

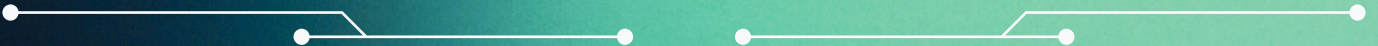
9-10 SEPTEMBER 2025

DAY 1 VENUE: NAIROBI STREET KITCHEN

DAY 2 VENUE: SHAMBA EVENTS

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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 summits promise 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 2025

Series of Events: Preview



**Founder's Bootcamp
Maasai Lodge**

6 - 7 September

The AfricArena Nairobi Founder's Bootcamp 2025 accelerates founders' knowledge in key areas overlooked by other programs to prepare startups for the summit.



**AfricArena VC Night | The
Aviary Rooftop Bar, Dusit
Princess Hotel Residences**

9 September @6PM at Nairobi Street Kitchen

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



**2-day AfricArena Nairobi
Summit |Shamba Events**

9-10 September

The AfricArena Nairobi Summit 2025 will feature 20+ startups from Africa competing in pitch track categories, with winners advancing to the AfricArena Grand Summit in December.



10 September @6PM at Delta40

The 2025 AfricArena Nairobi Summit Innovation Night will host summit attendees for an interactive and lively networking event to connect with tech ecosystem participants in Kenya.

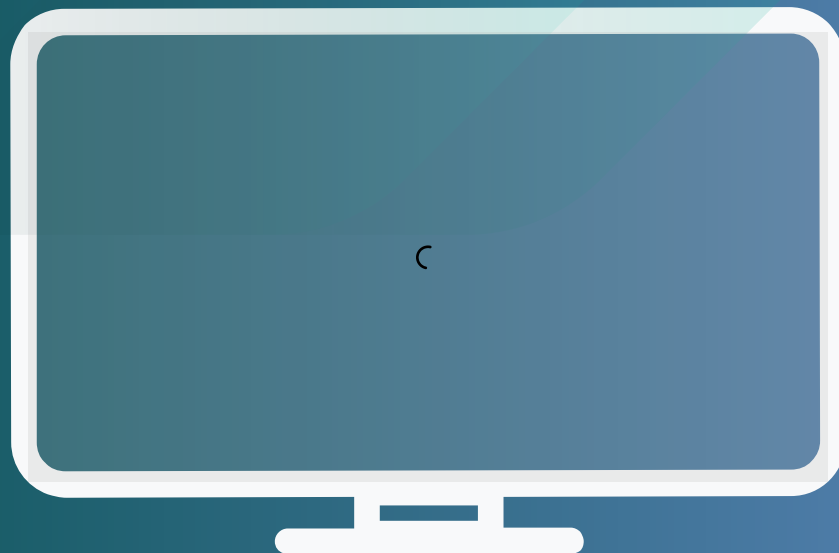
Nairobi Summit AfricArise Founder's Bootcamp

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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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.



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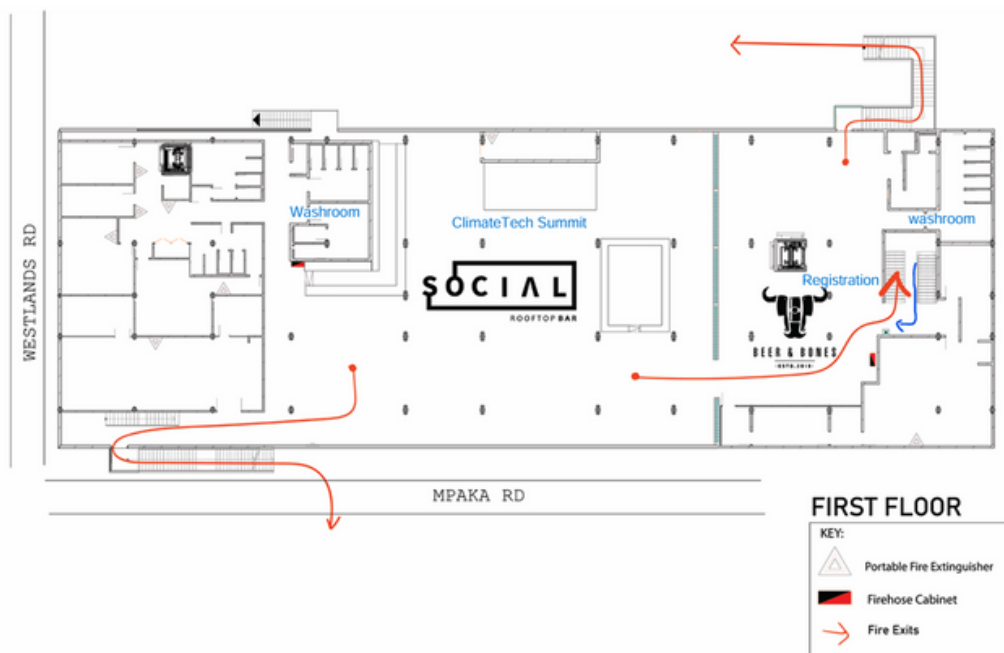
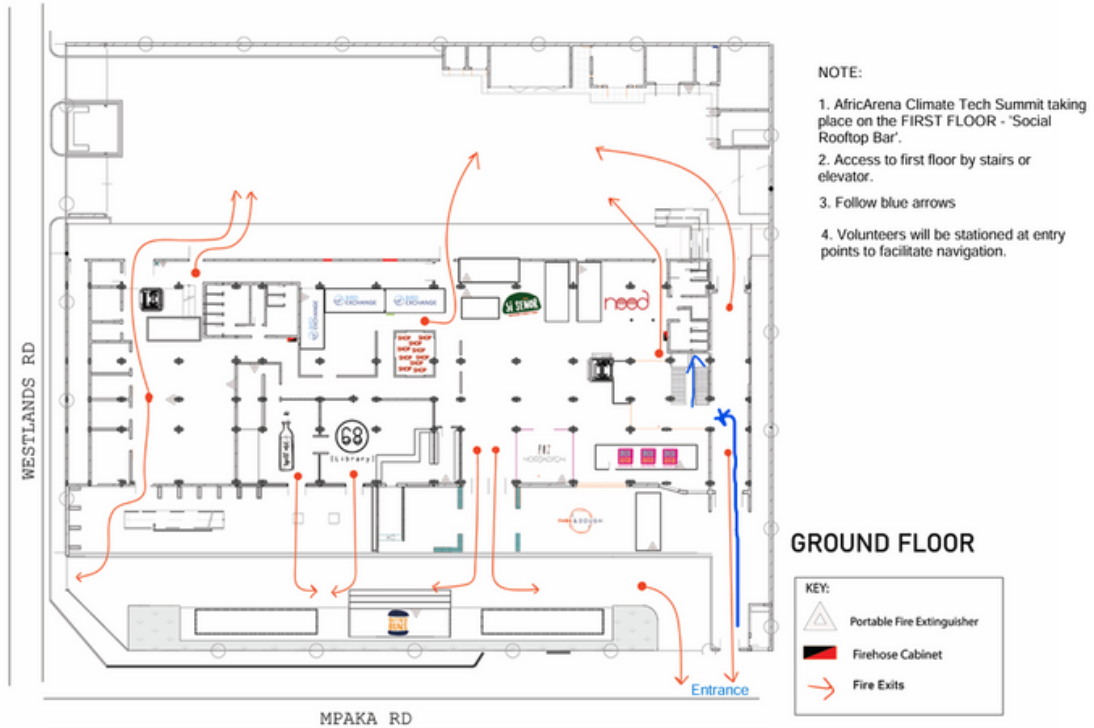


EVENTS LOGISTICS

DAY 1

NAIROBI STREET KITCHEN

MAP



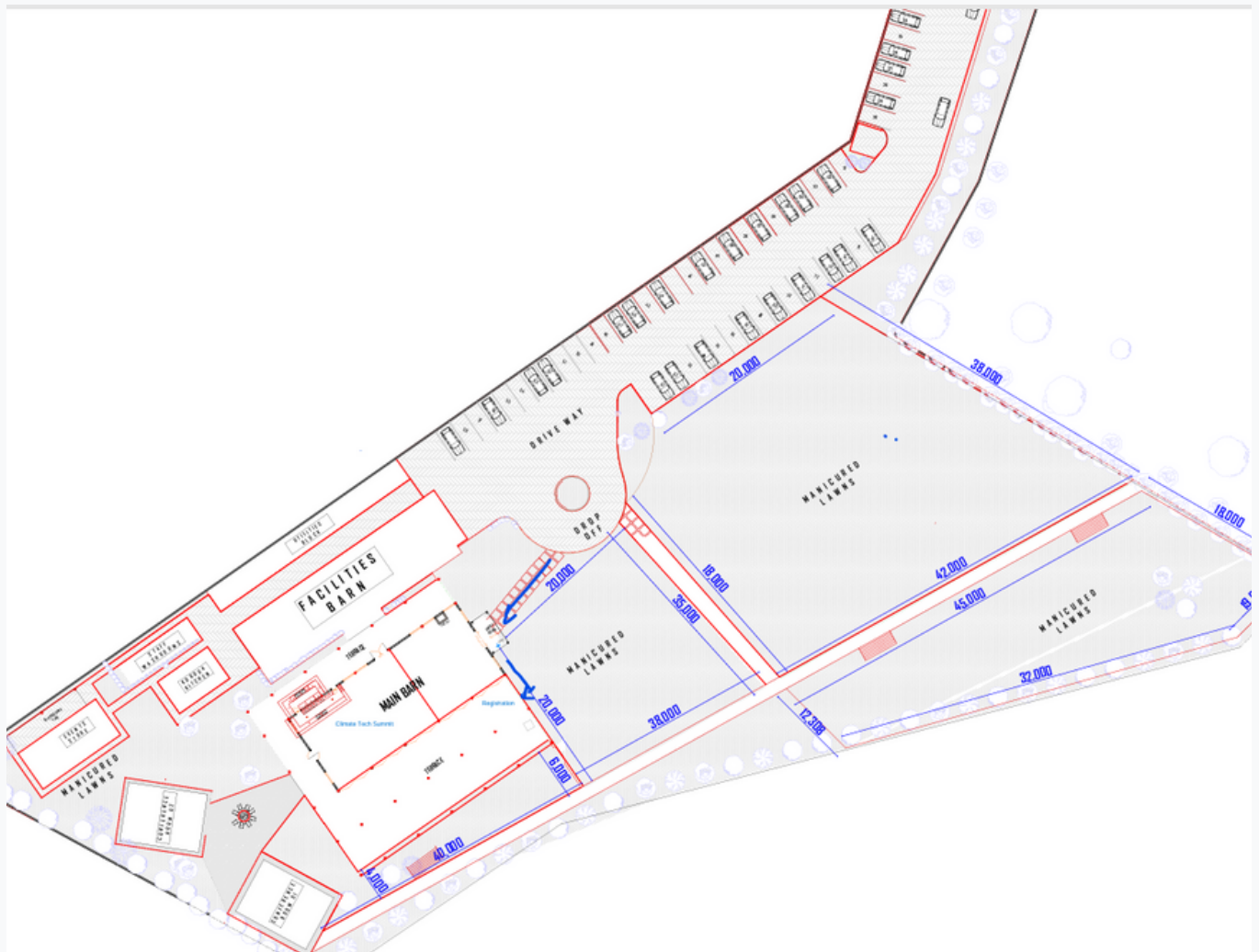
EVENTS LOGISTICS

DAY 2

SHAMBA EVENTS

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1. Follow blue arrows from parking lot.
2. AfricArena Climate Tech Summit happening in the 'main barn'.
3. Volunteers stationed at entry point to facilitate navigation.



SUMMIT PROGRAM

DAY 1 - TUESDAY 9 September 2025

All times are in EAT (East Africa Time)

9:30

GUESTS ARRIVE AND MINGLE

10:00

MC Welcome and Wake Up

10:10

AfricArena Welcome - Christophe Viarnaud (CEO)

10:15

Intro from Sponsors

10:25

Keynote: The State of Climate Tech in Africa

10:40

Panel Discussion: The State of Climate Finance in Africa

11:20

Pitch Challenge: Climate Startups

12:10

Panel Discussion: AI and Carbon: Unlocking New Markets for Sustainable Innovation

12:50

LUNCH & NETWORKING

14:20

Panel Discussion: Climate-Smart Agriculture: Tech Solutions to Feed Africa and the World

15:00

Pitch Challenge: Agritech Startups

15:40

Founders Panel: Women Leading Africa's Green Tech Revolution

16:20

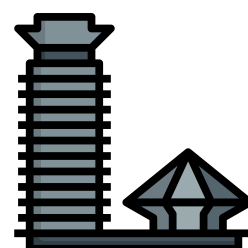
Day 1 Wrap-Up: Key Takeaways and What's Next

16:30

END OF DAY 1

17:30

VC NIGHT - NSK

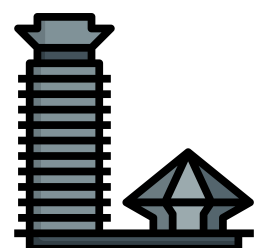


SUMMIT PROGRAM

DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 10 September 2025

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09:30	GUESTS ARRIVE AND MINGLE
10:00	MC Welcome and Wake Up
10:10	Community-Led Panel: From Ecosystem to Action: Where Are the Gaps in Climate Innovation
10:50	Panel Discussion: De-Risking Climate Tech: How Blended Finance Can Catalyze Growth
11:30	Pitch Challenge: Clean Tech Startups
12:10	Panel Discussion: Waste to Wealth: Scaling Circular Economy in Africa
12:50	Pitch Challenge: Agnostic track
13:20	Founders Keynote : Carbon Markets & Climate Impact in Africa
13:35	LUNCH & NETWORKING
14:50	Panel Discussion: Women Leading the Climate Tech Charge
15:20	Pitch Challenge: Reverse Investor Pitch
15:50	Fireside Chat: Venture Studios in Africa: Trend, Trap, or the Future?
16:30	AWARDS CEREMONY
17:00	END OF SUMMIT





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CHRISTOPHE VIARNAUD
CEO & FOUNDER
AFRICARENA

SPEAKER :
Welcoming Address & Fireside chat Moderator



With a distinct entrepreneurial and innovation track record in Africa, Christophe Viarnaud is the founder of several ventures, including Methys, an international technology innovation firm, and the French South African Tech Labs. He has also initiated multiple startups such as AfricArena, Powertime, PayGenius, and Energy Intelligence. Christophe boasts a proven track record in strategy development and execution across software, services, and hardware product environments within corporate settings, particularly in the energy and technology sectors.



MAURIZIO CAIO
FOUNDER AND MANAGING PARTNER OF TLCOM
CAPITAL LLP, NAIROBI

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
'Climate VC in Africa '

Maurizio Caio, based in Nairobi, is the Founder and Managing Partner of TLcom Capital LLP, supporting entrepreneurs in mobile and communication technologies across Europe, the US, and Africa for 20 years. He serves on several boards, works with the Stanford Institute for Innovation in Developing Economies, and chairs the TIDE Foundation to enhance the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Sub-Saharan Africa. Formerly a Director at Bain & Company, he led the EMEA Telecom/Technology practice and advised executives in telecom and tech for 15 years. Additionally, he was Deputy Chairman of an NGO promoting entrepreneurship in various regions. Maurizio holds an MBA from Stanford and a Summa cum Laude Laurea in Business Administration from Bocconi University and NYU, where he also taught Information Technology.



MAELIS CARRARO
MANAGING PARTNER
CATALYST FUND

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
‘The State of Climate Tech in Africa’

Maelis has over 13 years of experience in impact investing, entrepreneurship, development consulting, and climate policy. She is the Founding Partner at Catalyst Fund, a pre-seed venture capital fund and accelerator. She supports high-impact tech startups in Africa serving underserved communities. Her focus is on climate-resilient innovation across agtech, insurtech, fintech, and waste management. She is committed to driving sustainable growth in emerging markets.

MARTIN FREIMULLER
CO-FOUNDER & CEO
OCTAVIACARBON

FOUNDER’S KEYNOTE:
Carbon Markets & Climate Impact in Africa



Martin Freimüller is the Co-Founder & CEO of Octavia Carbon, the first Direct Air Capture (DAC) company in the Global South, established in Kenya in 2022. He believes Kenya’s geothermal potential and talent make it ideal for DAC. Since founding Octavia, he has built a strong team and led the company to operational success with over 9,000 hours of operation. Achievements include Africa’s first DAC prototype, in-house manufacturing capabilities, and multi-year carbon credit agreements with global buyers. Martin focuses on commercial, technical, project, and people strategies, aiming to establish Kenya as a leader in climate innovation.

MARY NDINDA

FOUNDER

CFO INNOVATION PARTNERS

MODERATOR & JUDGE :

‘The State of Climate Finance in Africa’



A strategic finance leader and the founder of CFO Innovation Partners, a firm that empowers startups and SMEs across Africa with fractional CFO support, funding readiness, and business clarity. With over a decade of experience in finance, she has worked with startups in fintech, AI, mobility, and climate resilience. Mary also hosts The Africa Startup CFO Podcast, where she shares insights at the intersection of finance, innovation, and impact



LISA G. THOMAS

CO-FOUNDER AND PARTNER

ATG SAMATA

PANELLIST :

‘The State of Climate Finance in Africa’

Ms. Thomas has 20 years of experience in venture capital and private equity investing, governance, and operations in emerging markets; having worked with companies in more than 20 countries in Africa, Asia, and the Caucasus. She is a Co-Founder and Partner at ATG Samata, a fund management company dedicated to making private sector investments in small and growing businesses in emerging markets that advance opportunities for women and promote gender diversity.

JOEL WANJOHI
INVESTMENT DIRECTOR
EQUATOR

PANELLIST :
'The State of Climate Finance in Africa'



Joel has over 17 years of experience in investment and financial management, focusing on innovative business models within agribusiness, mobility, logistics, financial inclusion, and clean energy. Prior to Equator, he was an Associate Partner at Goodwell Investments where he led all investment activities at their East Africa Office and was a member of the Internal Investment Committee where he looked at deals across Sub-Saharan Africa.



MÉLANIE KEÏTA MARIAM
CO-FOUNDER & CEO
MELANINKAPITAL

PANELLIST :
'The State of Climate Finance in Africa'

Melanie is a 10-year impact finance and investment professional, recognized by Forbes 30 Under 30 in 2021. She is the CEO and Co-Founder of Melanin Kapital, Africa's leading carbon neobank for SMEs. Her platform helps African SMEs access and track carbon credits and green lending. Melanie aims to provide \$5B in carbon financing and has already disbursed \$1.5M+ in agriculture and renewable energy. She has received multiple awards, including VC Include's Best Climate Finance Innovation and Africa Arena's Most Promising Entrepreneur. She also teaches sustainability, finance, and investment at business schools and incubators.



KEVIN MTAI

COMMUNICATION CO-ORDINATOR
LOSS AND DAMAGE YOUTH COALITION

PANELLIST :

‘The State of Climate Finance in Africa’

Kevin Mtai is a climate justice advocate and environmentalist from Kenya. He is the Co-Founder of the Kheri Environmental Action Network (KEAN) and serves as the Communication Coordinator at the Loss and Damage Youth Coalition, where he amplifies youth voices, advocates for climate justice, and pushes world leaders to deliver on climate finance commitments.

ABEL BORETO

INVESTMENT DIRECTOR
NOVASTAR VENTURES

MODERATOR :

AI and Carbon: Unlocking New Markets for
Sustainable Innovation



Abel is an Investment Director at Novastar Ventures East Africa Advisors Limited, Nairobi. Abel started off his professional career in 2011 as a Credit Research Analyst at Bloomberg L.P. in the US after graduating with an A.B degree in Government from Harvard University. He relocated to Kenya in 2014 to launch Sarora Dairies, a milk processing and retail distribution company in Eldoret town. Abel exited the dairy business in 2018 and joined Tulaa, an agritech business providing smallholder farmers with access to inputs on credit and markets. Abel joined Novastar in June 2019.



KARIUKI KIBATHI
PROGRAM MANAGER
DECARBONIZEINITIATIVE

PANELLIST :
AI and Carbon: Unlocking New Markets for
Sustainable Innovation

Kariuki Kibathi is a Program Manager and Carbon Project Developer at Decarbonize Initiative, where he leads efforts to help companies implement local climate solutions. He specializes in pre-feasibility studies and carbon estimation using remote sensing and AI tools to evaluate carbon project viability. His work bridges climate technology and grassroots action, supporting nature-based solutions that empower communities and drive data-informed impact.

CAROLINE KIMANI
CARBON TECHNICAL CONSULTANT

PANELLIST :
AI and Carbon: Unlocking New Markets for
Sustainable Innovation



Caroline is a carbon specialist with over 7 years' experience working in nature-based solutions and technical carbon development in natural climate solutions and household energy efficiency. As a Senior Associate, Carbon Markets, at Climate Action Platform Africa (CAP-A), she supports initiatives that unlock carbon-related opportunities across Africa.



ALICE MORTON

ACMI

PROGRAMME MANAGER

PANELLIST:

AI and Carbon:

Unlocking New Markets for Sustainable Innovation

Alice is climate leader who advises climate focused organisations on policy strategy, launching new products and market expansion. Alice is passionate about climate tech, the green energy transition and widening energy access. Alice has 14 years experience in strategy, technology consulting, product and programme management. She has broad sector experience across distributed renewable energy, retail, distribution, FMCG and transportation, combined with deep knowledge of the clean cooking sector and carbon markets. Alice enjoys connecting and collaborating with a diverse range of public and private sector stakeholders to tackle energy and climate challenges.

FLORENT NDUWAYEZU
INVESTOR | BESTSELLER
FOUNDATION CLIMATEHACK

PANELLIST & JUDGE :

AI and Carbon: Unlocking New Markets for
Sustainable Innovation



Florent holds a degree in Actuarial Science from Strathmore University, Kenya. He started his career in management consulting, helping African businesses raise capital and develop strategies. He then worked at an East African investment fund, supporting companies through growth phases. At a family office, he provided capital and strategic guidance to early-stage businesses. He is currently a Venture Capitalist at FP Capital, fostering sustainable business growth.



NONNIE BURBIDGE
PRINCIPAL
ENZA CAPITAL

MODERATOR :
Climate-Smart Agriculture: Tech Solutions to Feed
Africa and the World

Nonnie graduated with a Bachelor of Law from the University of Bristol. She began her career as a Consultant at africapractice in Nairobi. Following this, she moved into private equity as an Analyst at TBL Mirror Fund before founding East Africa Private Equity & Venture Capital Association in 2013 as its first Executive Director. Thereafter Nonnie moved into pan African PE firm as a Vice President at Emerging Capital Partners before shifting her career towards early stage venture, first as an Antler founder in 2020. She is currently a Principal at Enza Capital, a multi stage pan African VC firm.

EUGENE GIKONYO
INVESTMENT PRINCIPAL
MERCY CORPS VENTURES

PANELLIST :
Climate-Smart Agriculture: Tech Solutions to Feed
Africa and the World



Eugene Gikonyo is an Investment Principal at Mercy Corps Ventures, leading regional efforts in East Africa. He previously worked at the Global Innovation Fund and Global Partnerships' Social Venture Fund, focusing on portfolio monitoring, pipeline development, and due diligence. He began his career in investment banking in Kenya, specializing in corporate finance advisory and equity research. Eugene holds an MSc in Mathematical Trading & Finance from Bayes Business School and a BSc in Economics with Finance from the University of Sheffield.



ELIAS NGOTHO

PRODUCT MARKETING MANAGER/
HEAD OF PARTNERSHIPS
ISHAMBA

PANELLIST :

Climate-Smart Agriculture: Tech Solutions to Feed
Africa and the World

Elias Ngogho serves as the Product Marketing Manager at iShamba, a startup that participated in AfricArena Nairobi 2024. With over seven years of experience as a Climate Change Specialist, he is dedicated to promoting innovative agricultural solutions. His work centers on utilizing technology and data-driven insights to bolster climate resilience and sustainability for farmers. He excels in fostering gender inclusivity, optimizing agricultural advisory services, and spearheading impactful projects that empower farming communities.

FRANCIS NDERITU

MANAGING DIRECTOR & FOUNDER
KEEP IT COOL

PANELLIST :

Climate-Smart Agriculture: Tech Solutions to Feed
Africa and the World



Francis Nderitu is the Managing Director and Founder of Keep IT Cool, a cold chain logistics company supporting smallholder farmers and fisherfolk in East Africa. He leads strategic growth, operations, and partnerships, reducing post-harvest losses and improving incomes. Under his leadership, the company has served 3,800+ producers, increased incomes by 15%, and prevented significant food loss. Keep IT Cool uses solar-powered cold storage, electric logistics, and a digital platform connecting producers to markets. Francis is developing Farmarkiti, an AI assistant offering farmers data-driven recommendations. He and the company won the Earthshot Prize 2024 for building a waste-free world.



FARES SEIDI

ADVISOR

**SCALING DIGITAL AGRICULTURE INNOVATIONS THROUGH
START-UPS (SAIS)
GIZ**

PANELLIST:

Climate-Smart Agriculture: Tech Solutions to Feed Africa and
the World

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.

PAULINE MUCHUNU

MARKET ENGAGEMENT MANAGER (CLIMATETECH)
GSMA

MODERATOR :

From Ecosystem to Action: Where Are the Gaps in Climate
Innovation



Pauline Muchunu is the Market Engagement Manager for ClimateTech at GSMA, where she facilitates stakeholder engagement and ecosystem building across the climate and urban digital utilities ecosystem to advance climate mitigation, resilience, and adaptation. In her previous experience, she supported the implementation and carbon asset development of carbon projects and across Africa spanning sustainable technologies and nature-based solutions to advance climate action.



JACKLYNE IMINZA ANYAMBA
DIRECTOR
IGASITECH

PANELLIST & JUDGE :
From Ecosystem to Action: Where Are the Gaps in
Climate Innovation

Jacklyne Iminza Anyamba is a strategist and ecosystem builder. With deep roots in East Africa's investment landscape, she focuses on unlocking private capital for public good, driven by a belief in purpose-driven growth. Iminza is dedicated to transforming ideas into action and fostering collaborative ecosystems. Her work champions sustainable growth and ecosystem collaboration strategies that drive economic transformation from the ground up. Whether guiding capital toward impact or creating spaces for reflection and connection, her mission is to build a world where local action is powered by global vision and conversations become catalysts for change.

BRUCE NSEREKO
GENERAL PARTNER
LULE SEEDSTARS AFRICA VENTURES



PANELLIST :
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Climate Innovation

Bruce is a General Partner at Seedstars Africa Ventures, a Venture Capital fund providing stronger support to entrepreneurs in anglophone and francophone Africa by leading pre-series A and series A rounds and providing follow-on capital to catalyse these investments further. With his partners, SAV has raised over USD 42m to deploy in promising African start-ups and invested several million dollars.

ROMAIN DIAZ
FOUNDER, CEO
SATGANA

PANELLIST :
From Ecosystem to Action: Where Are the Gaps in
Climate Innovation



I am a passionate entrepreneur, investor and a pragmatic idealist. Serving as CEO & Founder of Satgana, a Climate Tech VC firm on a mission to invest in planet-positive startups building solutions to the climate and ecological crisis. Trying my best to use business as a force for good



EVA WAWERU
MANAGER | COMMUNICATIONS - EMEA
VILLAGE CAPITAL

MODERATOR:
De-Risking Climate Tech: How Blended Finance Can
Catalyze Growth

Eva Waweru is a strategic communications professional and Senior Communications Associate at Village Capital. She leads communications across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia (EMEAA), enhancing the organization's visibility and thought leadership. Eva specializes in media relations, strategic messaging, and multi-regional PR campaigns. She leverages storytelling to highlight innovative solutions addressing global challenges, including climate resilience and inclusive entrepreneurship.



SAWA NAKAGAWA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ALPHAMUNDI FOUNDATION

PANELLIST & JUDGE :
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Sawa is an impact-driven professional with 20+ years of experience in impact investing, private equity, investment banking, and strategy. She founded and led ThreeArrows Impact Partner, an advisory firm focused on impact investing and social innovation. Previously, she served as CEO of E2 Investments, promoting sustainable jobs and poverty alleviation in South Africa. Sawa has worked with institutions including Barclay Africa/Absa Investment Bank, IFC (World Bank Group), and UBS. She combines strong financial and business expertise with a focus on emerging markets.

SHIRO WACHIRA
HEAD OF PORTFOLIO SERVICES
EQUATOR VC

PANELLIST :
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Shiro is Head of Portfolio Services at Equator where she leads portfolio management, and investor relations. Prior to joining the team at Equator, Shiro was an early-stage founder and operations consultant in the agri-food sector. Previously she held a range of programs and strategy roles at sector-leading impact organisations, GiveDirectly and One Acre Fund. Shiro holds a master's with a concentration in international environmental & energy policy from Stanford University, and a BA with Phi Beta Kappa honors from the University of Chicago.

JOSHUA ROMISHER
GENERAL PARTNER
HOLOCENE

PANELLIST:
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Joshua Romisher, is the CEO Partner 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.



LAURENT AMBROSE
INVESTMENT MANAGER
CLOSE THE GAP KENYA

PANELLIST :
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Catalyze Growth

Laurent has 6+ years experience as a venture builder. Managing the Close the Gap Impact Accelerator, his focus is on bridging the digital divide by empowering local enterprises with essential IT resources coupled with impact financing and business strategies.

MELANIE MWANGI

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT EXPERT
ENRICH IN AFRICA

MODERATOR :

Waste to Wealth: Scaling Circular Economy in
Africa



Melanie is deeply committed to discovering intelligent and sustainable methods to enhance the world, one innovation at a time. Whether it's backing startups, working alongside local communities, or advocating for circular economy solutions, he enjoys connecting global challenges with local possibilities. She flourishes in problem-solving settings and has a talent for identifying opportunities that others may overlook.



CHRISTINE MBAABU
THE PROGRAM MANAGER
SWIF - KCIC

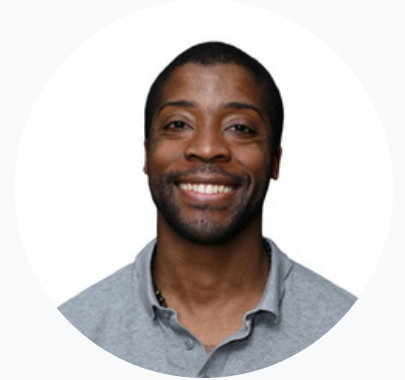
PANELLIST:

Waste to Wealth: Scaling Circular Economy in
Africa

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.

DANIEL EKPE
PARTNER
ENZACAPITAL

PANELLIST :
Waste to Wealth: Scaling Circular Economy in
Africa



Dan is an investment lead at Enza Capital with a strong personal interest in fintech, agtech and sustainability-focused startups. He previously headed private equity, mezzanine and credit investments in Africa for Blue Earth Capital, prior to serving as head of Corporate Finance at Tugende and Head of Capital Markets at Lendable.



CLAIRE VAN ENK
FOUNDER/CEO
FARM2FEED

PANELLIST:
Waste to Wealth: Scaling Circular Economy in
Africa

With almost 4 years leading Farm to Feed, Claire's team has innovated at the intersection of agriculture and sustainability, addressing food loss and creating a valuable market for imperfect and surplus produce.

HENRI ZIETSMAN

**SENIOR STARTUP BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT | MANAGER
AWS FOR STARTUPS**

MODERATOR :

Women Leading the Climate Tech Charge



Henri Zietsman is the AWS Startup/Venture Capital Business Development Manager based in Cape Town. A former fintech startup founder, he brings experience in angel investing, venture capital, and entrepreneurship across 23 African countries. He previously held leadership roles in global telecommunications firms, including key account management, sales, and country management. Henri has contributed to building data centers, launching mobile TV services, and introducing prepaid telecom services regionally.



FIONA MUGAMBI
HEAD OF GROWTH & PARTNERSHIPS
OCTAVIA CARBON

PANELLIST:

**Waste to Wealth: Scaling Circular Economy in
Africa**

Fiona Mugambi is the Head of Growth and Partnerships at Octavia. She was the company's first Electrical Engineer and now also serves as Chief of Staff. She co-founded Women of Octavia, an initiative dedicated to empowering female team members and inspiring girls to pursue STEM careers. With her strong technical background and leadership experience, she brings a unique perspective to both innovation and inclusion.

ANGELA KOKI

EAST AFRICA REGIONAL PARTNER
DILIGENCEAFRICA

PANELLIST & JUDGE :

Women Leading the Climate Tech Charge



Angela Koki is a finance and investment professional and Partner at Diligence Africa. She supports investors, impact, and philanthropy organizations with due diligence, financial analysis, and risk assessment. Angela has experience at Deloitte and Onafriq, working on audits, profitability assessments, and operational finance projects. She brings a strategic approach to evaluating business sustainability. She is passionate about empowering founders and African women through financial literacy, investment readiness, and venture scaling.



NAMARA
PARTNER

F6 VENTURES: AFRICA SEED FUND

PANELLIST & JUDGE :

Women Leading the Climate Tech Charge

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.

HANGYUL LEE-SONG

DATA LEAD

BRITER BRIDGES

PANELLIST :

Venture Studios in Africa: Trend, Trap, or the Future?



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.



LESLIE OSSETE

CO-FOUNDER & COO AT MSTUDIO
MSTUDIO

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Leslie is the founder of Mstudio, launched with the vision of building an African tech ecosystem where funding and opportunities are accessible to all, regardless of gender, location, or background. Mstudio focuses on creating startups in French-speaking West Africa to drive economic development in the region, with particular support for women and youth entrepreneurs aiming to build the next African unicorns. With over seven years of experience as a venture builder, Leslie co-founded a first startup right after college, successfully raised over \$1M, expanded multiple ventures across more than 10 countries, and contributed to scaling Francophone Africa's first unicorn.

LYNDSAY HOLLEY HANDLER
CO-FOUNDER & MANAGING PARTNER
DELTA 40

SPEAKER :
Fireside chat



I am deeply passionate about building and investing in life-changing businesses in Africa. I have over 22 years of experience working in 20 countries across the African continent, and I love connecting with other entrepreneurs, operators, investors, and partners that want to build new #energy, #mobility, #agriculture, and #fintech ventures in these markets.

Today, I am the Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Delta40 - a fund and venture studio investing in and building innovative ventures across Africa. You can learn more about Delta40 at our website: www.delta40.com. I am also an Operating Partner with Equator, a \$60M climate tech fund in Africa and on the Board of several high-growth companies such as BioLite, SunFi, & Lori Systems.

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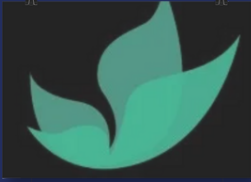


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