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Wednesday, 6 May 2026

Forum Stage

Wed, May 6 9:00am - 9:30am Main Plenary	<h3>Arrival of attendees & Cultural Performance</h3> <p>A cultural opening that grounds the forum in Africa's identity, heritage, and creative expression. It sets the tone for the conversations ahead by connecting innovation, finance, and global collaboration to lived experience and shared history.</p>
Wed, May 6 9:30am - 9:40am Main Plenary	<h3>Welcoming Remarks</h3> <p>Speaker: Jerry Adjorlolo, Managing Director, Domotale Africa</p>
Wed, May 6 9:40am - 9:50am Main Plenary	<h3>Performance / National Anthem</h3>
Wed, May 6 9:50am - 9:55am Main Plenary	<h3>Welcome to 3i Africa Summit</h3> <p>A visual introduction to the 3i Forum, its vision, ambition, and role as a platform for dialogue and action across innovation, investment, and impact. The video highlights the scale of opportunity across Africa and frames the conversations that follow.</p>
Wed, May 6 9:55am - 10:10am Main Plenary	<h3>Opening Remarks: Enforcing Africa's Next Frontier in Digital Finance</h3> <p>A conversation on the structural shifts shaping Africa's next phase of financial and economic development. The session will examine the role of policy, regulation, and institutional leadership in enabling innovation while maintaining stability across evolving financial systems.</p> <p>Focusing on emerging technologies, capital flows, and regulatory coordination, the discussion will explore how governments and institutions can balance growth with risk, while creating environments that support long-term economic transformation.</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Johnson Asiama, Governor, Bank of Ghana</p>





Wed, May 6
10:10am - 10:25am

Main Plenary

Presidential Address: Shaping Africa's Integrated Digital Economy

The official address outlining Ghana's vision for an integrated digital economy across Africa. The keynote will focus on regional collaboration, digital infrastructure, and policy alignment as key drivers of economic transformation. The session will highlight priorities for building interconnected markets, strengthening financial systems, and positioning Africa as an active participant in the global digital economy. Drawing on Ghana's experience, the session will highlight how regulatory clarity, digital infrastructure, and coordinated policy frameworks contribute to ecosystem growth, while addressing the balance between enabling innovation and maintaining financial stability.

Speakers:

Prof. Naana Jane Opoku-Agyemang, Vice President, Government of Ghana
H.E. John Dramani Mahama, President, Republic of Ghana

Wed, May 6
10:25am - 10:35am

Main Plenary

Keynote: The Impact of Partner Leadership in the Future of Digital Finance

An exploration of the role of strategic partnerships in shaping the future of digital finance across Africa. The keynote will examine how collaboration between governments, financial institutions, fintechs, and global partners is driving innovation, expanding access, and accelerating system-wide transformation. The session will focus on how partner leadership can move beyond coordination toward co-creation, aligning incentives, sharing infrastructure, and building scalable solutions that strengthen financial ecosystems and unlock long-term value.

Speaker:

Clara B. Arthur, Chief Executive, Ghana Interbank Payment & Settlement Systems (GhIPSS)

Wed, May 6
10:35am - 10:45am

Main Plenary

Keynote: Future-Ready Fintech: Lessons from Africa and Asia

As digital finance continues to evolve, both Africa and Asia have emerged as leading testbeds for fintech innovation, each offering valuable lessons in building inclusive and resilient financial systems. This keynote will explore the ideas, approaches, and mindsets driving this transformation and how policymakers can help unlock the next wave of innovation through bold regulation, digital infrastructure, and smarter decision-making. Looking ahead, it will reflect on what's needed to sustain momentum and build truly scalable fintech ecosystems.

Speaker:

Maha El Dimachki, Chief Executive Officer, GFTN Solutions, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)

Wed, May 6
10:45am - 10:55am

Main Plenary

Keynote: Stewardship in an Age of Fintech: The State's Role in Enabling Confidence and Growth

An exploration of the role of the state in shaping the trajectory of digital finance through policy, regulation, and public investment. The keynote will examine how deliberate institutional choices can build trust, attract investment, and create stable environments for innovation.

Drawing on Ghana's experience, the session will highlight how regulatory clarity, digital infrastructure, and coordinated policy frameworks contribute to ecosystem growth, while addressing the balance between enabling innovation and maintaining financial stability.

Speaker:

Dr. Cassiel Ato Baah Forson, Minister of Finance, Government of Ghana





Wed, May 6
10:55am - 11:35am

Main Plenary

Panel: Regulating the Next Frontier: Central Banks and the Next Frontier of Digital Finance

Digital finance is evolving rapidly, with new technologies reshaping how financial systems operate. This panel will examine how central banks and regulators are adapting to innovation across fintech, digital currencies, and cross-border financial systems.

Bringing together central bank leaders, the discussion will focus on regulatory frameworks, policy coordination, and institutional approaches that support innovation while ensuring stability, trust, and system resilience.

Speakers:

Hon. Emmanuel Mpawe Tutuba, Governor, Bank of Tanzania

Dr. Johnson Asiama, Governor, Bank of Ghana

Hon. Nick Barigye, Deputy Governor, National Bank of Rwanda

Hon. Rekha Chifuwe Mhango, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Zambia

Moderator:

Tamara Cook, Director, Office of the United Nations Secretary-General's Advocate for Financial Health

Wed, May 6
11:35am - 11:45am

Main Plenary

Remarks: The Future of Digital Finance in Emerging Markets

Emerging markets are no longer catching up in digital finance; they are setting the pace. In this fireside chat, Ralph Mupita explores how mobile money, embedded finance, and telecom-led ecosystems are redefining access to financial services across Africa and beyond.

The conversation will unpack how scale, data, and infrastructure are converging to unlock new growth opportunities for businesses and expand financial inclusion for millions. From the evolution of mobile money to the rise of digital wallets, credit, and cross-border payments, this session will examine what's working, what's next, and where the real value will be created.

Expect candid insights on the role of telcos as financial platforms, the regulatory shifts shaping the market, and how emerging markets can leapfrog traditional banking models to build more inclusive, resilient financial systems.

Speaker:

Ralph Mupita, Chief Executive Officer, MTN Group

Wed, May 6
11:45am - 12:00pm

Main Plenary

Presentation: Jumo

Digital financial infrastructure is becoming central to expanding access to credit and financial services. This presentation will outline Jumo's approach to building scalable systems that support inclusive financial access.

The session will focus on how data, partnerships, and platform models enable delivery at scale, with insights on risk management, distribution strategies, and the role of embedded finance in reaching underserved populations.

Speaker:

Paul Whelpton, Group Chief Executive Officer, JUMO

Wed, May 6
12:10pm - 12:15pm

Main Plenary

Remarks: Digital Finance as an Enabler of Continental Trade Intergration

Digital financial systems are playing a key role in supporting cross-border trade across Africa. This video will explore how financial infrastructure can enable the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

Focusing on payments, digital identity, and interoperability, the session will highlight how coordinated systems can expand market access and support the growth of intra-African trade.

Speaker:

H.E. Wamkele Mene, Secretary General, African Continental Free Trade Area Secretariat





Wed, May 6
12:15pm - 12:25pm

Main Plenary

Closing Keynote: The Next Frontier Begins Here

The next phase of digital finance is being shaped through practical implementation across markets. This keynote will explore how policy, infrastructure, and innovation are translating into real-world outcomes. Drawing on insights from the forum, the session will outline priorities for scaling solutions, strengthening ecosystems, and sustaining momentum beyond the Summit.

Speaker:

Dr. Zakari Mumuni, First Deputy Governor, Bank of Ghana

Wed, May 6
12:25pm - 12:30pm

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Closing Remarks

Speaker:

Jerry Adjorlolo, Managing Director, Domotale Africa





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Borderless Payments

Wed, May 6
1:30pm - 1:35pm

Main Plenary

Welcoming Remarks

Speaker:
Adedayo Ojo, Associate Consultant, TechCabal Insights

Wed, May 6
1:35pm - 1:50pm

Main Plenary

Fireside Chat: Scaling Across Borders: How Simplified Expansion Unlocks Investment in Africa

Cross-border expansion in Africa remains one of the biggest barriers to scale. Fragmented regulations, licensing requirements, and operational complexity make entering new markets slow, expensive, and uncertain, turning what should be growth opportunities into heavy lifts.

For fintechs, payment providers, and digital platforms, this friction doesn't just affect operations; it directly impacts investor confidence. Businesses that cannot scale efficiently across markets struggle to demonstrate the growth potential that attracts capital at scale.

At the same time, efforts to simplify expansion, through regulatory harmonisation, passporting frameworks, and improved payment interoperability, are beginning to reshape what's possible.

This fireside chat brings together leaders at the forefront of cross-border payments and market expansion to explore what it takes to move from fragmented markets to scalable ecosystems. The discussion will focus on how simplifying expansion can unlock faster growth, strengthen business models, and position African companies to attract the level of investment needed to scale across the continent and beyond.

Speaker:
Victor Asemota, Founder, Swiftacorp/Keita Advisory

Moderator:
Carmelle Cadet, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Emtech





Wed, May 6
1:50pm - 2:30pm

Main Plenary

Panel: Connecting the Rails: Building Seamless Cross-Border Payment in Africa (Hosted by Better Than Cash)

Despite rapid fintech growth, Africa's payment systems remain deeply fragmented, resulting in high costs, delays, and inefficiencies. This session focuses on the infrastructure layer: the switches, settlement systems, and interoperability frameworks that enable money to move seamlessly across borders.

Panelists will examine what it actually takes to "connect the rails." Is the challenge technical, political, or commercial? Who should own and operate these systems, and how do we ensure they remain open and inclusive?

The discussion will also address a critical tension: centralization vs. decentralization. Should Africa build a unified continental infrastructure, or interconnect national systems?

By moving beyond surface-level innovation, this session dives into the foundational question of how to build payment systems that are not just fast, but scalable, resilient, and truly pan-African.

Speakers:

Dr. Abbas Albasha, Senior Strategy Consultant CBDC, Giesecke+Devrient (G+D)

Dr. Edem Adzogenu, Co-Chair, AfroChampions

Mike Ogbalu III, Chief Executive Officer, Pan-African Payment Settlement System

Owureku Asare, Ag Head, Fintech & Innovation Department, Bank of Ghana

Moderator:

Nshuti Mbabazi, Global Managing Director, Better Than Cash Alliance

Wed, May 6
2:30pm - 3:10pm

Main Plenary

Panel: Cross-Border Remittances: Reducing Costs, Increasing Speed

Remittances are one of Africa's largest financial inflows, yet they remain among the most expensive globally. This session tackles the persistent gap between technological possibility and market reality. If faster, cheaper solutions exist, why do costs remain high?

The discussion will unpack structural inefficiencies ranging from correspondent banking constraints to FX spreads and regulatory barriers. It will also explore the role of fintech innovation, mobile money, and new entrants in driving competition.

However, the session goes further by questioning whether cost reduction alone is enough. How do we ensure remittances translate into broader financial inclusion, savings, and investment?

By connecting remittances to the wider financial ecosystem, this conversation shifts the narrative from transaction efficiency to long-term economic impact.

Speakers:

Kwamena Afful, Founding Director, Pave Financial

Nana Araba Abban, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, iCoach-U

Nicolai Eddy, Co-Founder & Chief Operating Officer, Nala

Emmanuel Babalola, Chief Commercial Officer, Fincra

Moderator:

Matteo Rizzi, Founder, Timepledge & Senior Advisor, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)





Wed, May 6
3:10pm - 3:50pm

Main Plenary

Panel: Liquidity and FX in Africa: The Backbone of Cross-Border Payments

Cross-border payments in Africa are often framed as a technology or infrastructure challenge, but in reality, they are fundamentally liquidity and foreign exchange (FX) problems.

Across African markets, fragmented currencies, limited convertibility, and shallow FX markets create persistent friction in moving value across borders. Even when payment rails are efficient, transactions stall or become costly due to currency mismatches, limited availability of dollars, and reliance on correspondent banking systems outside the continent.

This session explores how liquidity is sourced, managed, and constrained across African markets and why this remains the critical bottleneck to achieving truly seamless cross-border payments. It will examine:

- The structural challenges of intra-African FX markets
- The role of banks, fintechs, and new payment systems in managing liquidity
- Emerging models, including regional settlement systems and alternative rails, that aim to reduce reliance on external currencies
- The trade-offs between efficiency, stability, and monetary control

The discussion will move beyond surface-level narratives of speed and cost, focusing instead on what it actually takes to ensure money can move reliably, at scale, and across currencies.

Speakers:

Andrea Petrolati, Chief of Product, Hercle
Gillian Darko, Group Vice President of Strategy, Yellow Card
Ike Anison, Country Director, Onafriq Ghana LTD
Priscilla Anowa Hazel, Chief Executive Officer, Nsano

Moderator:

Eunice Nyadu, Chief Finance Officer, GhIPSS

Wed, May 6
3:50pm - 4:30pm

Main Plenary

Panel: Passporting and Market Access: Unlocking Cross-Border Scale for Fintechs Across Africa

Fragmented regulatory environments continue to limit the ability of financial institutions and fintechs to scale across African markets. Expanding into new countries often requires navigating multiple licensing regimes, which can slow growth and restrict the reach of financial services.

Passporting and market access frameworks are emerging as critical enablers, allowing providers to operate more seamlessly across borders and build truly regional financial networks. This shift has direct implications for how payments scale and how businesses access the financial infrastructure needed to operate across markets.

At the same time, limited access to trade finance remains a key constraint for businesses looking to participate in cross-border trade. Without efficient capital and liquidity, even the most advanced payment systems cannot unlock full commercial potential.

This session explores how regulatory alignment, passporting, and expanded access to trade finance can work together to enable cross-border scaling, strengthen financial ecosystems, and unlock greater participation in Africa's growing trade economy.

Speakers:

Felix Darko, Country Lead, Paystack Ghana
Jamie Steell, Chief Operating Officer, PawaPay
Kenechi Okeleke, Senior Director Regional, Social & Policy Research, GSMA
Seyi Ebenezer, Chief Executive Officer, Payaza Africa Limited

Moderator:

Jacqueline Jumah, Director, Advocacy & Capacity Development, AfricaNenda





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4:30pm - 4:35pm

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Closing Remarks

Speaker:
Adedayo Ojo, Associate Consultant, TechCabal Insights





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CXO Conversations

<p>Wed, May 6 4:00pm - 4:30pm</p> <p>Podcast Studio</p>	<h3>A podcast episode with Adewale @ 3i</h3> <p>Speaker: Adewale Yusuf, Chief Executive Officer, AltSchool</p> <p>Moderator: Matteo Rizzi, Founder, Timepledge & Senior Advisor, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Wed, May 6 4:30pm - 5:00pm</p> <p>Podcast Studio</p>	<h3>A podcast episode with Gillian @ 3i</h3> <p>Speaker: Gillian Darko, Group Vice President of Strategy, Yellow Card</p> <p>Moderator: Matteo Rizzi, Founder, Timepledge & Senior Advisor, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>





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Inclusive Instant Payment Systems

<p>Wed, May 6 1:30pm - 1:35pm</p> <p>Hall 3</p>	<h3>Welcome by the MC</h3> <p>Speaker: Plounne Oyunge, Senior Community & Program Manager, Mojaloop Foundation</p>
<p>Wed, May 6 1:35pm - 1:40pm</p> <p>Hall 3</p>	<h3>Opening Remarks: Setting the Context for Inclusive Instant Payments Systems</h3> <p>Inclusive instant payment systems are becoming a foundational layer of modern financial infrastructure. The opening frames the role of these systems in expanding access, enabling real-time transactions, and supporting broader economic participation.</p> <p>The remarks set the context for discussions on infrastructure, regulation, and inclusion, aligning participants around the importance of coordinated approaches to building scalable and accessible payment ecosystems.</p> <p>Speaker: Victor Malu, Senior Business Development Lead, Mojaloop Foundation</p>
<p>Wed, May 6 1:40pm - 1:50pm</p> <p>Hall 3</p>	<h3>Keynote: Inclusive Instant Payments as Economic Infrastructure</h3> <p>Instant payments are evolving into critical national infrastructure across financial systems. The keynote explores how these systems support economic activity, strengthen financial inclusion, and enable real-time value exchange across markets.</p> <p>Focus areas include the relationship between inclusion, regulation, and system design, with insights on how countries can build resilient and widely adopted instant payment ecosystems.</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Zakari Mumuni, First Deputy Governor, Bank of Ghana</p>
<p>Wed, May 6 1:50pm - 2:40pm</p> <p>Hall 3</p>	<h3>Panel: Why Inclusive Instant Payments Are a Policy Imperative, Not a Technology Upgrade</h3> <p>Instant payment systems are shaping how economies digitise transactions and expand financial access. The panel examines their role as a policy priority, with implications for financial inclusion, informal economy participation, and economic efficiency.</p> <p>Discussion points include regulatory frameworks, public infrastructure investment, and the broader societal impact of adopting inclusive payment systems at scale</p> <p>Speakers: Isaac Kamuta, Group Head Payments, Cash Management & Client Access, Ecobank Michael Wallis-Brown, Vice President Payments & Banking, FIS Global Dr. Settlor Kwabla Amediku, Economist, Bank of Ghana</p> <p>Moderator: Jacqueline Jumah, Director, Advocacy & Capacity Development, AfricaNenda</p>





<p>Wed, May 6 2:40pm - 3:30pm</p> <p>Hall 3</p>	<h3>Panel: Designing Inclusive Instant Payment Systems: What Actually Works?</h3> <p>Effective instant payment systems depend on design choices that support reliability, scalability, and broad adoption. The panel examines the practical elements that contribute to successful implementation across markets.</p> <p>Areas of focus include transaction success rates, use case development, interoperability, and long-term system sustainability within diverse financial ecosystems.</p> <p>Speakers: Collin Moleleki, Lead, Ecosystem Strategy, Partnerships & Growth, Tazama Majeed Ayinde, Payments System Specialist, Institute for Inclusive Digital Africa Victor Malu, Senior Business Development Lead, Mojaloop Foundation</p> <p>Moderator: Sitah Lang'o, Head of East & West Africa, Swift</p>
<p>Wed, May 6 3:30pm - 4:20pm</p> <p>Hall 3</p>	<h3>Panel: From Vision to Reality: Choosing the Right Technology</h3> <p>Technology choices play a central role in the development and performance of instant payment systems. The panel explores how decisions around architecture, open versus proprietary systems, and procurement models shape long-term outcomes.</p> <p>The discussion highlights trade-offs in system design, implementation approaches, and programme execution, with insights on aligning technology decisions with national priorities and ecosystem need</p> <p>Speakers: Gertrude Kadumbo, Project Manager, NATswitch Iyacu Jean Bosco, Chief Executive Officer, Access to Finance Rwanda Robert Karanja, Board Member, Mojaloop Foundation</p> <p>Moderator: Tullo Ndunda, Adopter Support Manager, Mojaloop Foundation</p>
<p>Wed, May 6 4:20pm - 4:30pm</p> <p>Hall 3</p>	<h3>Closing Keynote: The Future of Inclusive Instant Payments Systems</h3> <p>The future of financial inclusion is closely linked to the evolution of instant payment systems. The keynote reflects on how incentives, trust, and ecosystem design influence adoption and long-term impact. Key insights focus on the role of coordination across stakeholders, system interoperability, and the factors that support sustained growth beyond initial implementation.</p> <p>Speaker: Clara B. Arthur, Chief Executive, Ghana Interbank Payment & Settlement Systems (GhIPSS)</p>
<p>Wed, May 6 4:30pm - 4:35pm</p> <p>Hall 3</p>	<h3>Closing Remarks</h3> <p>Speaker: Plounne Oyunge, Senior Community & Program Manager, Mojaloop Foundation</p>





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Roundtable

Wed, May 6
1:30pm - 2:45pm

Hall 2

Roundtable: Digital Public Infrastructure: Building Africa's Foundations in a Platform-Driven World

Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) is increasingly defining how economies function, from identity to payments to data exchange. But as Africa builds these systems, the stakes go beyond inclusion to control, ownership, and long-term value capture.

This roundtable examines DPI not just as infrastructure, but as strategic national and continental assets in a global digital economy dominated by platforms.

Speakers:

Adeline Aryee, Director, Financial Institutions Group

Ann Wessling, Interim Executive Director, Institute for Inclusive Digital Africa (IIDiA)

Ernest Prempeh, Analyst, FIC

Jacqueline Dufie Mpare, Managing Director, Pan-African Savings & Loans of Ecobank Group

Juliet Ackah-Nyamike, Chief Operations Officer, GhIPSS

Majeed Ayinde, Payments System Specialist, Institute for Inclusive Digital Africa

Samuel Amanor, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, BlueSPACE Financial Cloud

Kwaku Tetteh, Head, Real-Time Payment, GhIPSS

Moderator:

Parul Seth Khanna, Co-founder & Director, Universal Pensions Pte Ltd

Wed, May 6
2:30pm - 3:45pm

Boardroom

Governors' Roundtable(Closed): Positioning Africa's Financial Systems for the Next Digital Economy

Digital transformation is reshaping the structure and operation of financial systems across Africa. This closed-door roundtable brings together central bank governors to exchange perspectives on regulatory priorities, system resilience, and the evolving role of financial institutions in a digital economy.

The discussion focuses on policy alignment, cross-border coordination, and the implementation of emerging regulatory frameworks. Key themes include licence passporting across jurisdictions, the development of next-generation digital public infrastructure, and the transition from regulatory frameworks to effective enforcement in virtual asset markets.

Perspectives centre on how regulatory approaches can support innovation while maintaining stability, trust, and financial integrity across increasingly interconnected financial ecosystems.

Speakers:

Hon. Emmanuel Mpawe Tutuba, Governor, Bank of Tanzania

Dr. Johnson Asiamah, Governor, Bank of Ghana

Dr. Innocent Matshe, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe

Dr. Musa Dukuly, Deputy Governor, Economic Policy, Central Bank of Liberia

Hon. Nick Barigye, Deputy Governor, National Bank of Rwanda

Hon. Rekha Chifuwe Mhango, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Zambia

Dr. Sami Abdelhafiz Salih, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Sudan

Moderator:

Maha El Dimachki, Chief Executive Officer, GFTN Solutions, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)





Wed, May 6
3:00pm - 4:15pm

Hall 2

Roundtable: Regulating Stablecoins in Africa: From Global Standards to Continental Playbook

Stablecoins are becoming an increasingly relevant component of cross-border payments and digital financial systems across Africa. Their growth is prompting new regulatory considerations around financial stability, monetary policy, and market integrity.

This session presents an Africa-focused regulatory playbook developed through global collaboration, translating international standards into practical frameworks for African markets. Focus areas include risk mapping, proportionate supervision, and the role of regulatory coordination in managing stablecoin activity across jurisdictions.

Insights highlight how African authorities can approach oversight in a rapidly evolving landscape, while supporting innovation and maintaining alignment across markets.

Speakers:

Craig Stoehr, General Counsel, Yellow Card

Ivo Jenik, Influencer, CGAP

Jannah Patchay, Board Member & Director, Global Digital Finance / Markets Evolution

Jill Lagos Shemin, Director, Policy, Strategy & Capacity Services, EMTECH

Larry Cooke, Africa Head of Legal, Binance

Lauren Cassells, Innovation Programs Lead, Alliance for Innovative Regulation

Mimi Kufuor, Chief Executive Officer, Koinkoin Ghana

Reginald Tumusiime, Group Chief Executive Officer, AF

Richard Kwame Dusi, Head, Fintech & Innovation, SEC

Sean Awoonor-Renner, Head of Compliance & MLRO, Blockchain

Tahiru Alhassan, Virtual Assets Department, Bank of Ghana

Moderator:

Shelley Anderson, Chief Development & Impact Officer EMEAA, Alliance for Innovative Regulation





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Digital Credit & Financial Health

<p>Wed, May 6 1:30pm - 1:35pm</p> <p>Hall 1</p>	<h3>Welcoming Remarks</h3> <p>Speaker: Benjamin Owusu-Ansah, Founder, President & Managing Director, CyberBells & The Event Oxygen</p>
<p>Wed, May 6 1:35pm - 1:45pm</p> <p>Hall 1</p>	<h3>Keynote: Strengthening Consumer Protection in High Velocity Credit & Banking Markets</h3> <p>High-velocity digital credit markets are expanding access to financial services at an unprecedented pace. The keynote examines how consumer protection frameworks are evolving alongside this growth. Focus areas include regulatory approaches, market practices, and institutional roles that support transparency, fairness, and trust while enabling continued innovation and access to credit.</p> <p>Speaker: Shaibu Haruna, Chief Executive Officer, MobileMoney Fintech LTD</p>
<p>Wed, May 6 1:45pm - 2:25pm</p> <p>Hall 1</p>	<h3>Panel: The Consumer at Risk - Understanding Digital Credit and Banking Vulnerabilities in Africa</h3> <p>Digital credit and banking systems are expanding rapidly across diverse markets and user segments. The panel examines how different models, products, and delivery channels shape consumer experiences and outcomes. Key themes include user protection, product design, and regulatory coordination, with a focus on strengthening financial health while maintaining access and innovation.</p> <p>Speakers: Iyacu Jean Bosco, Chief Executive Officer, Access to Finance Rwanda Marjorie Saint Lot, Chief Executive Officer & Board Director, Yarey Consultancy Group, Hubtel & Ecobank Côte d'Ivoire Prof. Randolph Nsor Ambala, Chief Executive Officer, Development Bank Ghana Dr. Tarek Mouganie, Founder, Affinity</p> <p>Moderator: Sharon-Rose Delali Lithur, Head, Innovation Promotion Office, Bank of Ghana</p>





Wed, May 6
2:25pm - 3:05pm

Hall 1

Panel: Data Governance and Trust: What are African Regulators Prioritising?

Data is central to how digital credit and banking services are designed, delivered, and scaled across Africa. Governance frameworks are evolving alongside this growth, shaping how data is collected, used, and protected. The panel examines regulatory priorities around data privacy, consumer protection, and accountability, including the use of alternative data, AI-driven decision-making, and digital identity systems. It also considers how approaches to consent, transparency, and security are developing across markets.

Perspectives focus on policy frameworks, cross-border coordination, and institutional capacity, with insights on how regulators are strengthening trust while supporting innovation across financial ecosystems.

Speakers:

Alek Omu-Shum, Chief Information Officer Consumer / Commercial Business, Ecobank

Fabrice Konan, Country Manager of Ghana, Visa

Philip O Sowah, Board Chairman, Simbrella Ghana

Sebastian Quansah, Chief Operating Officer, FIDO

Moderator:

Sylvia Otuo Acheampong, Chief Products & Services Officer, MMFL

Wed, May 6
3:05pm - 3:45pm

Hall 1

Panel: Financing Africa's Digital Credit Transformation: Are investors attaching the right responsibility to investments?

Investment is shaping the growth and structure of digital credit and banking across Africa. Funding models influence how products are designed, priced, and distributed, as well as how risk is managed across the ecosystem.

The panel brings together investors, DFIs, fintech leaders, and regulators to examine how capital deployment aligns with long-term market development. Areas of focus include patient capital, blended finance, and approaches that support inclusion, sustainability, and strong consumer outcomes.

Perspectives highlight investment strategies, accountability, and value creation, with insights on how capital can support resilient and well-functioning financial systems.

Speakers:

Dr. Josephine Wapakabulo, Chief Future Officer, The Whitaker Group

Mumbi Annstella, General Manager, Tala

Philip Owusu-Gyamfi, Chief Executive Officer, JUMO Ghana

Dr. Yannis Benlachtar, Chief Revenue Officer, Optasia

Moderator:

Maame Yaa Gyamera Buckman, Innovation Promotion, Bank of Ghana





Wed, May 6
3:40pm - 4:20pm

Hall 1

Panel: Access vs. Protection: The Next Chapter of Financial Health in Africa

As digital banks, neobanks, and mobile money operators expand into embedded credit, the boundaries between lending, payments, and banking are rapidly dissolving. This convergence is accelerating financial inclusion across Africa, but also raising critical questions about consumer protection, credit quality, and systemic risk.

This panel will examine whether these models are genuinely improving financial outcomes or merely expanding access to debt without adequate safeguards. It will examine the differences between balance-sheet lending and app-based credit, the transparency of pricing and data use, and the growing risks of over-indebtedness in digitally enabled ecosystems.

Crucially, the discussion will explore how regulatory frameworks must evolve to protect consumers in this hybrid landscape, ensuring fairness, accountability, and trust while enabling innovation. Drawing on real-world African case studies, the panel will challenge stakeholders to rethink not just how inclusion is delivered, but how it is measured and safeguarded

Speakers:

Darwin Mireku, Head, Strategy & Enablement, Stanbic Bank

Kenneth Ugwuanyi, Head of Partnerships & Embedded Finance, UBA

Low Yaoyang, Chief Executive Officer, Ezra

Peter McConaghy, Policy Advisor of Financial Sector, UNSGSA

Moderator:

Parul Seth Khanna, Co-founder & Director, Universal Pensions Pte Ltd

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Hall 1

Closing Remarks

Speaker:

Benjamin Owusu-Ansah, Founder, President & Managing Director, CyberBells & The Event Oxygen





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Forum Stage

<p>Thu, May 7 9:30am - 9:35am</p> <p>Main Plenary</p>	<h2>Welcoming Remarks</h2> <p>Speaker: Jerry Adjorlolo, Managing Director, Domotale Africa</p>
<p>Thu, May 7 9:35am - 9:45am</p> <p>Main Plenary</p>	<h2>Keynote: Harnessing Continental Digital Public Infrastructure for Economic Development</h2> <p>Africa has made real progress in expanding access to financial services, driven by innovation, fintech, and digital platforms. But access alone is no longer enough. Today, the bigger challenge and opportunity is how these systems connect, scale, and work together.</p> <p>This keynote explores why the next phase of Africa's growth depends on moving beyond fragmented solutions toward more integrated financial systems. When capital, platforms, and markets are better aligned, they can unlock new levels of efficiency, support businesses at scale, and create meaningful jobs.</p> <p>Drawing on experience across Africa and global markets, the session will share practical insights on what it takes to strengthen connections across the financial ecosystem and how this can position Africa as a more active and competitive player in the global financial system.</p> <p>Speaker: Nathalie Kouassi-Akon, Divisional Director for West Africa (Gulf of Guinea), International Finance Corporation (IFC)</p>
<p>Thu, May 7 9:45am - 10:25am</p> <p>Main Plenary</p>	<h2>Panel: From Platforms to Systems: Building Foundations, Scaling Africa's Digital Finance Economy</h2> <p>Over the past decade, Africa has produced a wave of successful fintech platforms solving localised problems. But scale remains elusive. This session challenges a critical assumption: that more startups alone will drive transformation. Instead, it argues that the next phase requires building systems—shared infrastructure, interoperable rails, and coordinated ecosystems.</p> <p>Panellists will explore what it takes to move from fragmented solutions to an integrated financial architecture. What roles should governments, incumbents, and fintechs play? Where does infrastructure end and competition begin? And how do we avoid rebuilding silos in a digital form?</p> <p>The conversation will surface practical pathways for scaling—highlighting lessons from markets that have successfully transitioned from innovation clusters to system-level coordination. Ultimately, it reframes the question from “how do we build more?” to “how do we build what connects?”</p> <p>Speakers: Dare Okoudjou, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, OnafriqOnafri Olugbenga Agboola, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Flutterwave Paul Whelpton, Group Chief Executive Officer, JUMO</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Chris Brummer, Chief Executive Officer, Fintech Foundation</p>





Thu, May 7
10:25am - 11:05am

Main Plenary

Panel: Building Functional Capital Markets: Global Investment, Liquidity, and Africa's Path to Scale

Functional capital markets are essential to mobilizing investment and supporting long-term economic growth. This panel will examine how Africa can strengthen market structures, deepen liquidity, and attract both local and global capital.

Focusing on financial infrastructure, regulatory alignment, and investor participation, the discussion will explore pathways to building more integrated and accessible capital markets that support scalable growth across sectors.

Speakers:

Darren Johnson, Global Chief Operating Officer, Impax Management Company

Rosa Whitaker, President & Chief Executive Officer, The Whitaker Group

Judith O. Koranteng, Managing Counsel, Koranco at Law

Joyce Esi Boakye, Head of Listing & New Products, Ghana Stock Exchange

Moderator:

Parul Seth Khanna, Co-founder & Director, Universal Pensions Pte Ltd

Thu, May 7
11:05am - 11:45am

Main Plenary

Panel: AI, Open Finance, and Value Creation: Building Africa's Intelligence Economy

The convergence of AI and open finance is creating new opportunities for value creation but also raising important questions about data ownership, control, and inclusion. This session explores how Africa can build an "intelligence economy" powered by data and automation.

Panellists will examine how AI can enhance financial services, from credit scoring to fraud detection and customer experience. But they will also challenge the assumption that more data automatically leads to better outcomes.

Who owns the data? Who benefits from its use?

By critically examining both the opportunities and risks, this session provides a nuanced view of how AI and open finance can shape Africa's economic future.

Speakers:

Deborah Asmah, Chief Marketing & Operations Officer, Npontu Technologies Limited

Maha El Dimachki, Chief Executive Officer, GFTN Solutions, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)

Yemi Keri, President, African Business Angel Network (ABAN) & Heckerbella Limited

Moderator:

Eden Harris, US Africa Special Correspondent, Connecting Africa News, Devex

Thu, May 7
11:45am - 12:25pm

Main Plenary

Panel: Money and Diplomacy: CBDCs, Stablecoins and Africa's Financial Future

Digital currencies are no longer just a technological innovation; they are becoming tools of economic strategy and geopolitical influence. This session explores how CBDCs and stablecoins are reshaping the global financial order, and what it means for Africa.

Panellists will examine the intersection of finance and diplomacy. How can African countries position themselves in a fragmented global system where digital currencies may redefine trade, settlement, and influence?

The discussion will also question whether Africa risks becoming a passive adopter rather than an active shaper of these systems.

By situating digital currencies within a geopolitical context, this session expands the conversation beyond technology to strategy and power.

Speakers:

Dominic Owusu, Director, Currency Management, Bank of Ghana

Ebenezer Ghanney, Chief Executive Officer, WeWire

José Fernández da Ponte, President & Chief Growth Officer, Stellar Development Foundation

Yaw Amoah Adum-Attah, Chief Executive Officer, Fincra Ghana

Moderator:

Matteo Rizzi, Founder, Timepledge & Senior Advisor, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)





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12:25pm - 12:30pm

Main Plenary

Closing Remarks

Speaker:

Jerry Adjorlolo, Managing Director, Domotale Africa





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Virtual Assets

<p>Thu, May 7 1:30pm - 1:35pm</p> <p>Main Plenary</p>	<h3>Welcoming Remarks</h3> <p>Speaker: Muktar Oladunmade, Senior Reporter, TechCabal</p>
<p>Thu, May 7 1:35pm - 1:45pm</p> <p>Main Plenary</p>	<h3>Keynote: Ghana's Approach to Virtual Assets: Enabling Innovation While Safeguarding Stability</h3> <p>This keynote will set the tone for the track by outlining Ghana's policy direction on virtual assets and tokenization. It will highlight the country's regulatory philosophy, ongoing reforms, and how authorities are balancing innovation with financial stability, market integrity, and consumer protection.</p> <p>Speaker: Mensah Thompson, Acting Deputy Director General of Operations, Securities and Exchange Commission</p>
<p>Thu, May 7 1:45pm - 2:05pm</p> <p>Main Plenary</p>	<h3>Fireside Chat: Building Trust in Digital Asset Ecosystems: Lessons from Global Leaders</h3> <p>Trust remains the single biggest barrier to widespread adoption of digital assets. This fireside chat brings together global perspectives to explore how mature markets have approached credibility, transparency, and user protection.</p> <p>The discussion will examine what actually builds trust in practice—from regulatory clarity and institutional participation to security infrastructure and user education. It will also interrogate where trust breaks down, particularly in emerging markets where volatility, misinformation, and weak enforcement can undermine confidence.</p> <p>Rather than assuming trust will naturally follow adoption, this session reframes it as something that must be intentionally designed and continuously maintained.</p> <p>The goal is to extract actionable lessons that can inform how African ecosystems develop in a way that inspires confidence from users, investors, and regulators alike.</p> <p>Speaker: José Fernández da Ponte, President & Chief Growth Officer, Stellar Development Foundation</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Chris Brummer, Chief Executive Officer, Fintech Foundation</p>





Thu, May 7
2:05pm - 2:50pm

Main Plenary

Panel: Supervising Virtual Assets: Risk, Compliance, and Market Conduct

As digital asset markets expand, the challenge shifts from innovation to supervision. This session focuses on the practical realities of regulating and overseeing virtual asset ecosystems.

Panellists will explore key risks, including fraud, market manipulation, financial crime, and systemic exposure. But beyond identifying risks, the discussion will examine enforcement: how do regulators ensure compliance in decentralised and fast-evolving markets?

The session will also challenge a common narrative that stricter regulation automatically leads to safer markets. What trade-offs exist between oversight and innovation? And how do regulators avoid pushing activity into informal or unregulated spaces?

By grounding the conversation in real supervisory challenges, this session provides a pragmatic view of what it takes to build credible and enforceable regulatory frameworks.

Speakers:

Ivo Jeník, Influencer, CGAP

Lauren Cassells, Innovation Programs Lead, Alliance for Innovative Regulation

Philip Kwaw Sebuabe, Head of Virtual Assets Department, Bank of Ghana

Richard Kwame Dusi, Head, Fintech & Innovation, SEC

Moderator:

Caleb Afaglo, President, Chamber of Digital Asset & Blockchain Innovations Ghana

Thu, May 7
2:50pm - 3:35pm

Main Plenary

Panel: Tokenization in Action: Turning Assets into Opportunity

This session will explore real-world applications of tokenisation across financial assets, commodities, and infrastructure financing. It will assess the opportunities for market development in Ghana and Africa, while addressing operational, legal, and market integrity considerations associated with tokenized assets.

The session opens with a presentation by Cambridge

Speakers:

Kofi Genfi, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Vaulta Digital Assets

Norbert Dziwornu, Group Head of Innovation & Strategy, One Africa Market

Reginald Tumusiime, Group Chief Executive Officer, AF

Tahiru Alhassan, Virtual Assets Department, Bank of Ghana

Moderator:

Nick Clark, Director of Technical Assistance, Financial Innovation for Impact (Fii) & Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance (CCAF)

Thu, May 7
3:35pm - 4:15pm

Main Plenary

Panel: Beyond Trading: Creating Real Utility in Africa

The value of digital assets is increasingly linked to practical use cases beyond trading. The panel examines how virtual assets are being applied to solve real-world challenges across payments, financing, and service delivery. Focus areas include ecosystem development, user adoption, and integration with existing financial systems, with insights on building sustainable and impactful applications.

Speakers:

Adoma Owusu, General Manager, Fintech Business Development & Expansion, MTN Group Fintech

Craig Stoehr, General Counsel, Yellow Card

Ebenezer Ghanney, Chief Executive Officer, WeWire

Moyo Sodipo, Co- Founder & Chief Operating Officer, Busha

Seun Langele, Chief Executive Officer, Polytope Labs

Moderator:

Kwadwo Botwe, Fintech Supervisor, Bank of Ghana





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Thu, May 7
4:15pm - 4:25pm

Main Plenary

Closing Keynote: Building a Responsible Virtual Asset Ecosystem in Ghana

The development of virtual asset ecosystems depends on coordinated approaches across policy, regulation, and market participation. The keynote reflects on key priorities for building a responsible and well-functioning ecosystem in Ghana.

Insights focus on regulatory alignment, innovation pathways, and the steps required to support long-term growth within a stable and trusted environment.

Speaker:

Dr. Seyram Pearl Kumah, Assistant Director of Virtual Assets Department, Bank of Ghana

Thu, May 7
4:25pm - 4:30pm

Main Plenary

Closing Remarks

Speaker:

Muktar Oladunmade, Senior Reporter, TechCabal



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Digital Public Infrastructure

<p>Thu, May 7 1:30pm - 1:35pm</p> <p>Hall 1</p>	<p>Welcoming remarks</p> <p>Speaker: Philip Twum, Head of Business Development , Fido</p>
<p>Thu, May 7 1:35pm - 1:50pm</p> <p>Hall 1</p>	<p>Fireside Chat - DPI Success Stories: Lessons from Building and Scaling DPI Ecosystems</p> <p>Digital public infrastructure systems such as India’s UPI, Ghana’s GHPSS, and Nigeria’s BVN demonstrate how coordinated approaches to payments and identity can operate at national scale. These systems reflect years of institutional alignment, technical development, and ecosystem collaboration. The conversation draws on global and regional examples to explore how stakeholders navigate system design, funding models, and cross-sector coordination. Insights focus on implementation pathways, partnership models, and the processes that support adoption across banks, telcos, and fintechs. Perspectives highlight the role of governance, change management, and long-term ecosystem engagement in building and sustaining shared digital infrastructure.</p> <p>Speaker: Hon. Nick Barigye, Deputy Governor, National Bank of Rwanda</p> <p>Moderator: Matteo Rizzi, Founder, Timepledge & Senior Advisor, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Thu, May 7 1:50pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>Hall 1</p>	<p>Panel: One Nation, One ID, Infinite Possibilities: Leveraging National Digital ID for a Connected Digital Economy</p> <p>Who should own digital public infrastructure? Government? Private consortium? Public-private partnership? How is access granted—open to all or licensed selectively? What pricing models sustain operations without excluding small players? How do you prevent monopolistic control while ensuring compliance with standards? This dialogue tackles DPI’s hardest governance questions—the tensions between public-infrastructure logic and commercial incentives, and how countries can structure governance to serve both innovation and inclusion.</p> <p>Speakers: Dominic Owusu, Director, Currency Management, Bank of Ghana Dr. Fred Bedzrah, Deputy Executive Secretary, National Identification Authority of Ghana Karim Dia, Senior Mobile Money Regulatory Specialist, GSMA Michael Wallis-Brown, Vice President Payments & Banking, FIS Global</p> <p>Moderator: Lorita Akuetteh, Team Lead, Oversight & Supervision , Bank of Ghana</p>





Thu, May 7
2:30pm - 3:10pm

Hall 1

Panel: DPI in Action: Connecting Instant Payment Systems for Regional Interoperability

Across Africa, Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) is increasingly shaping how financial systems are designed, deployed, and scaled. Instant Payment Systems (IPS) have emerged as one of the most visible and impactful layers of DPI, driving real-time transactions, expanding access, and lowering costs within national markets. Yet as more countries build and strengthen their domestic payment rails, a new challenge is emerging: fragmentation across systems. Without interoperability, the full promise of DPI to enable seamless, inclusive, and cross-border financial ecosystems remains unrealized.

This session brings together ecosystem leaders, financial institutions, and infrastructure builders to explore how DPI can move beyond national implementations toward regional payment interoperability. The discussion will examine the role of IPS within the broader DPI stack, the technical and regulatory barriers to cross-border integration, and the governance models required to align public and private actors.

From open infrastructure approaches to bank-led regional strategies, the panel will unpack what it takes to transition from connected systems in theory to interoperable payment ecosystems in practice, and what this means for trade, financial inclusion, and Africa's digital economy.

Speakers:

Ann Wessling, Interim Executive Director, Institute for Inclusive Digital Africa (IIDiA)

Jacqueline Dufie Mpare, Managing Director, Pan-African Savings & Loans of Ecobank Group

Tullo Ndunda, Adopter Support Manager, Mojalooop Foundation

Moderator:

Pamela Bassah, Head of Strategic Partnerships & Diaspora Relations, British High Commission

Thu, May 7
3:10pm - 3:50pm

Hall 1

Panel: Guardians of Trust: How DPI Can Protect Citizens While Fighting Corruption

Trust is a central component of effective digital public infrastructure. The panel explores how DPI systems can strengthen transparency, accountability, and service delivery while supporting secure and reliable access for users.

Key perspectives include system design, institutional safeguards, and data integrity, with a focus on building trust across citizens, governments, and financial ecosystems.

Speakers:

Dr. Abbas Albasha, Senior Strategy Consultant CBDC, Giesecke+Devrient (G+D)

Ernest Prempeh, Analyst, FIC

Samuel Appiah Darko, Director, Office of the Special Prosecutor

Teki Akuetteh, Data Protection Board Chair, Data Protection Commission Ghana

Moderator:

Eunice Asantewaa Ankomah, Head, Brand & Communication, GhIPSS





Thu, May 7
3:50pm - 4:30pm

Hall 1

Panel: Open Finance and Data Sharing: Governance, Standards and Innovation

Open banking promises competition, innovation and customer empowerment by enabling secure data sharing between financial institutions. But implementation raises hard questions: What consent frameworks protect consumers? What technical standards ensure security? Who bears liability when data breaches occur? How do you balance innovation with privacy? This panel examines open banking frameworks emerging across Africa and the governance models that can unlock benefits while managing risks.

Speakers:

Daniel Klu, Head of Information Security Office , Bank of Ghana

Evelyne Kanini Kilonzo, Regional Manager, Sub-Saharan Africa, Alliance for Financial Inclusion AFI

Dr. Segun Aina, President, Africa FinTech Network

Plounne Oyunge, Senior Community & Program Manager, Mojaloop Foundation

Moderator:

Rachael Tachie-Menson, Founder & Managing Partner, Author Digital Labs

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Hall 1

Closing Remarks

Speaker:

Philip Twum, Head of Business Development , Fido





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CXO Conversations

<p>Thu, May 7 9:45am - 10:15am</p> <p>Podcast Studio</p>	<p>A podcast episode with Yusuf @ 3i</p> <p>Speaker: Yusuf Mutamba, Project Manager; Startup Funding & Investment, Smart Africa</p> <p>Moderator: Matteo Rizzi, Founder, Timepledge & Senior Advisor, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Thu, May 7 10:15am - 10:45am</p>	<p>A podcast episode with Paul @ 3i</p> <p>Speaker: Paul Whelpton, Group Chief Executive Officer, JUMO</p> <p>Moderator: Matteo Rizzi, Founder, Timepledge & Senior Advisor, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Thu, May 7 12:30pm - 1:00pm</p> <p>Podcast Studio</p>	<p>A podcast episode with Hazvi @ 3i</p> <p>Speaker: Hazvi Chimbetete, Financial Services Professional & Career Coach, Kura For Young People CIC</p>
<p>Thu, May 7 2:00pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>Podcast Studio</p>	<p>A podcast episode with Tamara @ 3i</p> <p>Speaker: Tamara Cook, Director, Office of the United Nations Secretary-General's Advocate for Financial Health</p> <p>Moderator: Pat Patel, Chief Executive Officer, MEA, USA, LATAM & Forums, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Thu, May 7 2:30pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>A podcast episode with Jean-Bosco @ 3i</p> <p>Speaker: Iyacu Jean Bosco, Chief Executive Officer, Access to Finance Rwanda</p> <p>Moderator: Matteo Rizzi, Founder, Timepledge & Senior Advisor, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>





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Podcast Studio

A podcast episode with Tarek @ 3i

Speaker:

Dr. Tarek Mouganie, Founder, Affinity

Moderator:

Matteo Rizzi, Founder, Timepledge & Senior Advisor, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)

Thu, May 7
3:30pm - 4:00pm

Podcast Studio

A podcast episode with Rosy @ 3i

Speaker:

Rosy Fynn, Country Director, Nigeria, Mastercard Foundation

Moderator:

Matteo Rizzi, Founder, Timepledge & Senior Advisor, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)





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Roundtable

Thu, May 7
11:00am - 12:15pm

Boardroom

Roundtable (Closed): Borderless Assets: Bridging Market Reality and Regulatory Coordination Across Africa

As digital and virtual assets accelerate across Africa, a fundamental tension is emerging: markets are scaling across borders, while regulation remains fragmented, cautious, and largely national.

This closed-door roundtable brings together regulators, infrastructure providers, and private sector operators to confront the realities shaping the space today. From cross-border payments and stablecoins to virtual asset frameworks and compliance models, the discussion will examine where coordination is working, or breaking down and why.

Participants will explore the structural gaps between innovation and oversight, including:

- The pace between regulators and market actors
- Policy approaches across jurisdictions
- The role of infrastructure in enabling (or constraining) interoperability; and,
- The growing influence of global platforms operating beyond local regulatory reach

The session will also interrogate what meaningful coordination looks like in practice, including alignment of incentives across governments, financial institutions, and digital asset players.

Speakers:

Andrea Petrolati, Chief of Product, Hercle

Craig Stoehr, General Counsel, Yellow Card

Ebenezer Ghanney, Chief Executive Officer, WeWire

Emmanuel Babalola, Chief Commercial Officer, Fincra

Hatim Hussain, Digital Assets Regulatory Specialist, Fii; Research Affiliate, University of Cambridge, Financial Innovation for Impact

Kwamena Afful, Founding Director, Pave Financial

Larry Cooke, Africa Head of Legal, Binance

Nicolai Eddy, Co-Founder & Chief Operating Officer, Nala

Owureku Asare, Ag Head, Fintech & Innovation Department, Bank of Ghana

Philip Kwaw Sebuabe, Head of Virtual Assets Department, Bank of Ghana

Rupertus Rothenhaeuser, Chief Commercial Officer, AllUnity

Hon. Nick Barigye, Deputy Governor, National Bank of Rwanda

Ike Anison, Country Director, Onafriq Ghana LTD

Moderators:

Pat Patel, Chief Executive Officer, MEA, USA, LATAM & Forums, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)

Dr. Zakari Mumuni, First Deputy Governor, Bank of Ghana





Thu, May 7
1:30pm - 2:45pm

Hall 2

Roundtable: Designing a Consumer-Centric Digital Credit and Banking Ecosystem

Consumer experience is becoming a defining factor in the design of digital credit and banking systems. This roundtable brings together industry leaders to examine how products, platforms, and regulatory frameworks can better align with user needs and financial health outcomes.

The discussion focuses on product design, transparency, and access, alongside the role of data, distribution channels, and ecosystem coordination in shaping user outcomes. Participants exchange perspectives on how to build systems that support inclusion, trust, and long-term engagement across diverse markets.

Speakers:

Abdul Jaleel Hussein, Chief Executive Officer, Affinity Ghana

Appiah Joseph Maxwell, Head, Digital Banking, Partnerships & Remittance, Access Bank Ghana

Darwin Mireku, Head, Strategy & Enablement, Stanbic Bank

Hayford Kumah, Head, FinTech Oversight & Supervision, Bank of Ghana

Dr. Kwasi Osei-Yeboah, Director & Head of Financial Stability Department, Bank of Ghana

Parul Seth Khanna, Co-founder & Director, Universal Pensions Pte Ltd

Patience Arko-Boham, Head of Financial Inclusion, Innovation & Research, Ministry of Finance Ghana

Philip Amoateng, Managing Director of Telecel Cash & Digital Transformation, Telecel Ghana

Dr. Stephen Ambore, Policy Director, Women's World Banking

Sylvia Owusu-Ankomah, Chief Executive Officer, Digital Chamber of Ghana / Ghana Chamber of Telecommunications

Moderator:

Peter McConaghy, Policy Advisor of Financial Sector, UNSGSA

Thu, May 7
3:00pm - 4:15pm

Hall 2

Roundtable: National Payment Switches: Enabling Interoperability at Scale

National payment switches are central to enabling interoperability across financial systems and expanding access to digital payments. This roundtable brings together practitioners and system operators to examine how switch infrastructure supports integration across banks, mobile money platforms, and emerging payment providers.

The discussion focuses on system design, governance models, and operational considerations that enable scalability and reliability. Participants exchange perspectives on interoperability frameworks, cross-border connectivity, and approaches to aligning technical and regulatory requirements across markets.

Speakers:

Abdoul Aziz Faye, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Abaz Technology Services

Clara B. Arthur, Chief Executive, Ghana Interbank Payment & Settlement Systems (GhIPSS)

Gertrude Kadumbo, Project Manager, NATswitch

Juliet Ackah-Nyamike, Chief Operations Officer, GhIPSS

Premier Oiwoh, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Nigeria Inter-Bank Settlement System Plc.

Solomon Osuoza, President & Managing Partner, Krontiva Africa

Moderator:

Akosua Blay, Chief Business Officer, GhIPSS





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Forum Stage

<p>Fri, May 8 2:00pm - 2:10pm</p> <p>Main Plenary</p>	<p>Welcome to the closing ceremony</p> <p>The closing ceremony brings together key reflections and forward-looking perspectives from across the Summit. It marks the transition from dialogue to outcomes, highlighting the significance of the conversations and partnerships formed.</p> <p>Speaker: Jerry Adjorlolo, Managing Director, Domotale Africa</p>
<p>Fri, May 8 2:10pm - 2:20pm</p> <p>Main Plenary</p>	<p>Keynote: Regional Financial Integration for nation development.</p> <p>Regional integration is central to Africa's economic transformation and global positioning. This keynote will explore the role of diplomacy, policy alignment, and cross-border collaboration in strengthening economic ties and enabling digital and financial integration.</p> <p>The session will highlight how coordinated regional strategies can support trade, investment, and innovation, while positioning Africa as a more connected and competitive participant in the global economy.</p> <p>Speaker: Hon. Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa, Minister of Foreign Affairs & Regional Integration of Ghana, Government of Ghana</p>
<p>Fri, May 8 2:20pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>Main Plenary</p>	<p>Keynote: Advancing Economic Inclusion: Women's Role in Africa's Digital and Financial Ecosystems</p> <p>Inclusive growth and participation are central to Africa's digital and economic transformation. The keynote highlights the role of gender inclusion in shaping equitable access to opportunities across technology, finance, and innovation ecosystems.</p> <p>Focus areas include policy priorities, institutional support, and pathways for strengthening women's participation and leadership across sectors.</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Agnes Naa Lartey, Minister for Gender, Children, & Social Protection, Government of Ghana</p>
<p>Fri, May 8 2:30pm - 2:45pm</p>	<p>Presidential Remarks</p> <p>Speaker: H.E. John Dramani Mahama, President, Republic of Ghana</p>





Fri, May 8
2:45pm - 3:25pm

Main Plenary

Panel – Leading Africa’s Next Frontier with Women in Tech

As Africa advances toward integrated digital and financial ecosystems, women are emerging as architects of the next frontier. The panel examines how women are shaping fintech innovation, influencing policy, building scalable platforms, and driving digital public infrastructure and financial inclusion across markets.

Perspectives focus on leadership, capital access, and ecosystem influence, as well as efforts to build pipelines for the next generation of female tech leaders. The discussion highlights how policy and private-sector approaches can support sustained participation and long-term impact.

Speakers:

Ethel Cofie, Chief Executive Officer, Edel Technology Consulting

Hazvi Chimbetete, Financial Services Professional & Career Coach, Kura For Young People CIC

Otema Yirenkyi, Co-Founder & Operations Director, Because She Can

Regina Honu, Chief Executive Officer, Soronko Academy

Moderator:

Angela Akua Asante, Ghana Country Lead, African Media Agency

Fri, May 8
3:25pm - 4:05pm

Main Plenary

Panel - Financing Africa's Creative Economy at Scale

Africa’s creative economy is expanding its global reach, supported by growing demand for digital content and new distribution channels. Payment systems are becoming a central layer in enabling creators to monetise, transact, and scale across markets.

The panel examines how fintech innovation is supporting revenue generation across music, film, fashion, gaming, and digital content. Focus areas include cross-border payments, royalties, and intellectual property monetisation, alongside the role of financial infrastructure in connecting creative enterprise with global markets.

Insights highlight how integrated payment systems can support creators to participate more effectively in international value chains, while strengthening the link between fintech innovation and the growth of Africa’s creative economy.

Speakers:

Aisha Augie, Director-General, CBAAC, Centre For Black & African Arts & Civilisation

Clara Pinkra-Sam, Chief Executive Officer, Clatural

Constance Swaniker, Founder & President, Design and Technology Institute

Dj Vyrusky, DeeJay,

Kwadwo Owusu-Agyeman, Chief Executive Officer, Akuna Wallet (Africa)

Moderator:

Nat Kwabena Adisi, Chief Executive Officer, EIB Network Limited

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Main Plenary

Summit Highlights

Speaker:

Sharon-Rose Delali Lithur, Head, Innovation Promotion Office, Bank of Ghana

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Main Plenary

Key Strategic Announcements & VASP Demo

The Summit concludes with a focus on outcomes, continuity, and forward momentum. Key initiatives, commitments, and pilot programmes emerging from the discussions will be highlighted, alongside strategic partnerships formed across the ecosystem.

The closing will outline priority next steps following the 2026 Summit, with a focus on implementation, collaboration, and sustained engagement across stakeholders. It will also provide a forward look at upcoming 3i Africa engagements and opportunities to build on the progress established during the forum.

Speakers:

Dr. Abbas Albasha, Senior Strategy Consultant CBDC, Giesecke+Devrient (G+D)

Mathilda Asante-Aseidu, Second Deputy Governor, Bank of Ghana

Owureku Asare, Ag Head, Fintech & Innovation Department, Bank of Ghana

Philip Kwaw Sebuabe, Head of Virtual Assets Department, Bank of Ghana

Ivo Jenik, Includencer, CGAP





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Main Plenary

Closing Keynote: Shaping the Next Phase of Africa's Digital and Financial Ecosystems

The future of Africa's digital and financial ecosystems is shaped by the ability to translate ideas into sustained action. The keynote reflects on the Summit's key themes and outlines priorities for continued progress across policy, investment, and innovation.

Insights focus on coordination, implementation, and long-term ecosystem development, reinforcing the importance of collective effort in driving impact.

Speaker:

Dr. Johnson Asiama, Governor, Bank of Ghana





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Talent & Careers Forum

<p>Fri, May 8 9:30am - 9:35am</p> <p>Hall 1</p>	<h3>Welcome Remarks</h3> <p>Speaker: Elisha Owusu Akyaw, Global Social Media Strategy Lead, 0G Labs</p>
<p>Fri, May 8 9:35am - 9:40am</p> <p>Hall 1</p>	<h3>Opening Remarks</h3> <p>Speakers: Dr. Johnson Asiama, Governor, Bank of Ghana Matteo Rizzi, Founder, Timepledge & Senior Advisor, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Fri, May 8 9:40am - 9:50am</p> <p>Hall 1</p>	<h3>Keynote: From Talent Drain to Talent Circulation: Scaling Ghana's Digital Talent with Policy and Innovation</h3> <p>Africa is entering a defining human capital moment, where talent is no longer simply leaving - but increasingly circulating across borders, sectors, and opportunities. This keynote sets the stage by positioning Accra as a rising hub for fintech careers in West Africa, with the potential to attract, develop, and retain world-class talent. It will highlight how coordinated action between regulators, educational institutions, and industry can unlock this opportunity. Rather than focusing on challenges, the session frames a forward-looking vision: how Ghana can transform brain drain into brain gain and become a launchpad for Africa's next generation of fintech leaders.</p>
<p>Fri, May 8 9:50am - 10:30am</p> <p>Hall 1</p>	<h3>Panel Discussion: Designing Magnetic Employers: The Race for Talent between Fintechs and Central Banks</h3> <p>In a highly competitive talent market, African fintechs are no longer competing only with global tech giants - they are also competing with central banks and public institutions for the same scarce, high-impact talent. This panel explores how both fintechs and central banks can become "magnetic employers" by focusing on what truly matters: purpose, culture, flexibility, growth opportunities, and inclusive workplaces. It will examine practical strategies across sectors, from ESOPs and agile work models in fintechs to mission-driven careers, stability, and public impact in central banking. The discussion will also address the unique constraints central banks face in recruitment and retention, including governance, accountability, and compensation structures—and how these institutions can evolve to attract and keep top talent. Beyond theory, the session will highlight how organizations across the ecosystem can differentiate themselves, build compelling employer brands, and create environments where talent not only joins—but chooses to stay, grow, and contribute to the future of Africa's financial system.</p> <p>Speakers: Ann Wessling, Interim Executive Director, Institute for Inclusive Digital Africa (IIDIA) Rebeca Lewis, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, AscendGlobal Impact Ibrahima Kalil Kaba, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, TRUSTEE SAS Robert Bob Okello, Founder, Maarifasasa Limited</p> <p>Moderator: Matteo Rizzi, Founder, Timepledge & Senior Advisor, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>





Fri, May 8
10:30am - 11:10am

Hall 1

Panel Discussion: Beyond Coders and Bankers: The New Roles Powering Africa's Fintech Ecosystem

Fintech is no longer just about engineers and bankers. A new wave of hybrid roles - spanning product operations, compliance and regtech, data ethics, partnerships, and ecosystem building - is reshaping how companies hire and grow. This panel explores the real talent gaps emerging across West Africa and the profiles that are hardest to find. It will also unpack how professionals from traditional sectors - banking, telecoms, NGOs - can transition into fintech. Grounded in practical insights, the discussion will touch on career paths, compensation expectations, and how Accra compares to other global hubs, offering a realistic view of opportunity in today's market.

Speakers:

Festus Bimenyimana, Senior Advisor, Office of the President of the Republic of Burundi
Hazvi Chimbetete, Financial Services Professional & Career Coach, Kura For Young People CIC
Rosy Fynn, Country Director, Nigeria, Mastercard Foundation
Samuel Amanor, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, BlueSPACE Financial Cloud

Moderator:

Gabriel Quarshie, Senior Product Manager, African Leadership University

Fri, May 8
11:10am - 11:25am

Hall 1

Fireside: From Talent to Unicorns: Building Global Champions from African Talent

Africa's unicorns are not just stories of capital - they are stories of talent. This fireside chat explores how high-growth companies identify, develop, and retain the people who power their scale. Drawing from real experience, the discussion will examine what it takes to build globally competitive teams from African markets, how talent strategies evolve as companies grow, and what emerging founders can learn. It also reflects on the responsibility of successful companies to reinvest in the ecosystem by mentoring, training, and inspiring the next generation of builders.

Speaker:

Olugbenga Agboola, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Flutterwave

Moderator:

Matteo Rizzi, Founder, Timepledge & Senior Advisor, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)

Fri, May 8
11:25am - 11:30am

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3i FIC: Introduction

Speaker:

Belinda Boako, FinTech Analyst, Bank Of Ghana

Fri, May 8
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Hall 1

3i FIC: Pitching by Top 5 Finalists

Speakers:

Clarissa Kudowor, Payment Systems, N/A
Eric Yaw Kumi, Chief FinTech & Payments Policy Specialist, Bank of Ghana
Lorita Akuetteh, Team Lead, Oversight & Supervision, Bank of Ghana
Matteo Rizzi, Founder, Timepledge & Senior Advisor, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)
Pastor Nathan Annobi, Pastor, Payswitch
Stephen Acheampong, Fmr. Head of Fintech Licensing, Bank of Ghana

Moderator:

Belinda Boako, FinTech Analyst, Bank Of Ghana





Fri, May 8
12:20pm - 1:00pm

Hall 1

Panel Discussion: From Campus to Contribution: Building Fintech-Ready Talent Pipelines in West Africa

Despite growing interest in fintech careers, many graduates still struggle to transition effectively into industry roles. This panel focuses on execution: what is actually missing between education and employment in West Africa. Panelists will share concrete models that are working - from co-designed curricula and industry bootcamps to apprenticeships, internships, and innovation challenges. The discussion will also highlight the importance of non-technical skills such as communication, sales, and stakeholder management. With a Ghana-first perspective, the session aims to identify practical ways to build talent pipelines that are aligned with real market needs.

Speakers:

Adewale Yusuf, Chief Executive Officer, AltSchool

Nixon Amoah-Awuah, Head of HR, Ecobank Ghana PLC & Anglophone West Africa, Ecobank Ghana Limited

Simon Desjardins, Co-Founder & Partner, Shortlist

Moderator:

Robert Bob Okello, Founder, Maarifasasa Limited

Fri, May 8
1:00pm - 1:10pm

Hall 1

Announcing of 3i FIC Challenge & Closing Remarks

This closing session turns insights into action. Drawing from the day's discussions, it will outline a concise set of commitments for key stakeholders - employers, policymakers, educators, and talent platforms. Rather than broad recommendations, the focus is on tangible next steps that can strengthen Accra's position as a fintech talent hub. The session will also invite participants to stay engaged beyond the event through working groups, partnerships, and community initiatives, ensuring that the conversation evolves into sustained collaboration and measurable impact.

Speaker:

Matteo Rizzi, Founder, Timepledge & Senior Advisor, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)





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Capital Meets Policy Dialogue

Fri, May 8
9:15am - 9:35am

Main Plenary

Welcome to The Capital Meets Policy Dialogue

Whose Africa Is It Anyway? From Survival to Scale to Sovereignty to the Builders.

Capital is selective. Borders are shifting. AI has arrived — and it is not waiting for anyone. Africa's founders are building in conditions that would stop most people in their tracks. And as the stakes get higher, so does the most important question of our time: in an era of global capital consolidation and technological disruption, can Africa write its own financial story — on its own terms?

The Capital Meets Policy Dialogue traces a deliberate, four-part arc across the morning. We begin with the new realities of raising capital (Survival). We move to the hard work of building a borderless digital economy (Scale). We confront the most urgent question of all: who owns the data and the future (Sovereignty). And finally, we hear from the people actually executing on the ground (The Builders).

Four chapters. One question. No easy answers.

Speaker:

Pat Patel, Chief Executive Officer, MEA, USA, LATAM & Forums, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)

Fri, May 8
9:35am - 9:45am

Main Plenary

The Policymaker's Perspective: The Architecture of Inclusion - Building Africa's Digital Future on African Terms

Africa's digital transformation is accelerating, but without deliberate structure, innovation risks widening existing gaps rather than closing them. As the continent advances the AfCFTA Digital Trade Protocol, rolls out fintech passporting frameworks, and grapples with the implications of AI, policymakers are no longer just regulators. They are architects. And the choices they make in the next three years will determine whether Africa's digital economy is built for Africans, or simply built in Africa.

This keynote directly confronts the structural realities shaping the continent's digital future: the imperative of interoperable digital public infrastructure, the urgent need for cross-border financial inclusion to match cross-border trade ambitions, and the leadership imperative because the future of finance in Africa must be protected, coordinated, and led from within.

Speaker:

Mathilda Asante-Aseidu, Second Deputy Governor, Bank of Ghana





Fri, May 8
9:45am - 10:10am

Main Plenary

The Capital Provider's Perspective: The Global Mandate & The Local Reality

Capital deployment is shaping how Africa's investment landscape evolves from strategy to execution. This conversation brings together capital providers actively investing across the continent to examine how investment decisions are made in practice.

The discussion reflects perspectives from both impact-oriented private capital and domestic institutional capital, offering insight into how different pools of capital assess opportunities, structure investments, and engage with founders and fund managers.

This unscripted conversation focuses on investment criteria, decision-making processes, and structural considerations influencing capital allocation, with reflections on how capital can more effectively support growth across African markets.

Speakers:

Hamdiya Ismaila, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Savannah Impact Advisory
Kofi Fynn, Managing Director, Petra Trust

Moderator:

Pat Patel, Chief Executive Officer, MEA, USA, LATAM & Forums, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)

Fri, May 8
10:10am - 10:50am

Main Plenary

CMPD Chapter 1 - The New Rules of Survival: What It Takes to Raise Capital in 2026

African startups raised a record \$3.42 billion in 2025. But behind the headline number lies a more complicated story: down rounds are rising, the bar for due diligence has never been higher, and the era of growth-at-all-costs is definitely over. Global capital is demanding profitability, unit economics, and a clear path to exit. Local African capital is still scarce. And the founders who built their companies on 2021 valuations are now navigating a fundamentally changed market. This is not a crisis. It is a reckoning.

This panel is a frank, unfiltered conversation between the people writing the cheques and the people cashing them. No platitudes. No polished investor-speak. Just the honest truth about what it takes to raise, survive, and scale in the current environment.

Speakers:

Gianluca Dettori, Chairman & Partner, Primo Capital
Mensah Thompson, Acting Deputy Director General of Operations, Securities and Exchange Commission
Tosin Faniro-Dada, Partner, Breega
Zach Coelius, Founder, Coelius Capital

Moderator:

Jude Addo, Chief Executive Officer, JA Group





Fri, May 8
10:50am - 11:30am

Main Plenary

CMPD Chapter 2 - The Integration Engine: Who Builds the Plumbing for Africa's Digital Economy?

The AfCFTA Digital Trade Protocol has been adopted, and its eight annexes finalised. The framework exists. But the continent remains fragmented by 42 currencies and dozens of misaligned regulatory frameworks. Cross-border payments still cost between 7 and 10 per cent in Africa, compared to a global average of 3 per cent. More than 80 per cent of intra-African payments are still routed through correspondent banks outside the continent. The promise of a single African digital market — one that could unlock an estimated \$450 billion in annual trade — remains largely unrealised. Africa needs 700 data centres to support the digital trade architecture envisioned under AfCFTA. The political will is building. What is missing is the alignment between the rule-setters, the builders, and the capital that can make it happen at speed, while ensuring this new infrastructure actually serves the underserved.

Speakers:

Gakii Mwangera, Mobile Financial Services Director, Ericsson

Kwamena Afful, Founding Director, Pave Financial

Premier Oiwoh, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Nigeria Inter-Bank Settlement System Plc.

Dr. Stephen Ambore, Policy Director, Women's World Banking

Moderator:

Angela Mensah-Poku, Chief Enterprise Business Officer, MTN

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11:30am - 12:10pm

Main Plenary

CMPD Chapter 3 - The Sovereignty Question: Who Decides Whether the AI Revolution Belongs to Africa?

Global venture capital invested over \$220 billion in AI startups in the first quarter of 2026 alone. African startups received less than 0.1 per cent of it. The gap between aspiration and reality has never been wider — or more consequential. The African Union has adopted its Continental AI Strategy. The AU Commission has signed a landmark partnership with Google to advance Africa's sovereign AI capacity. But the question of who actually owns the infrastructure — the data centres, the cloud, the compute — remains dangerously unresolved. Africa cannot build 54 separate cloud ecosystems, and importing one from elsewhere will not fix it. The AI revolution is not just a technology question. It is a capital allocation question, a power question, and a sovereignty question.

Speakers:

Abdoul Aziz Faye, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Abaz Technology Services

Augustine Awini, Technology Consultant, AstraVella Tech

Jacqueline Jumah, Director, Advocacy & Capacity Development, AfricaNenda

Otsile Mabusela, Associate Director, PwC

Moderator:

Fadilah Tchoumba, Chief Executive Officer, ABAN





Fri, May 8
12:10pm - 12:50pm

Main Plenary

CMPD Chapter 4 | Built Different: The Founder Perspective on Scaling in African Markets

Africa's founders are not building in spite of the conditions. They are building because of them. Women entrepreneurs, in particular, understand exclusion intimately — they have lived it. Now they are designing solutions that work for underserved populations: payment systems optimised for informal-sector traders, credit products for women-led SMEs, and savings tools designed around irregular income patterns. This panel explores how lived experience informs product design, why gender-lens investing matters, and what inclusive fintech looks like in practice as it scales across fragmented markets.

Speakers:

Akosua Annobil, Founder, Tech in Ghana & AB2020

Folake Shasanya, Founder & Managing Partner, Aesura Investment Group

Miishe Addy-Asare, Chief Executive Officer, Jetstream

Moderator:

Olawunmi Ola-Busari, Senior Manager, Policy & Advocacy, The ONE Campaign

Fri, May 8
12:50pm - 1:00pm

Main Plenary

The Covenant - What We Owe the Next Generation of Builders

The Capital Meets Policy Dialogue exists because someone believed that the conversation matters. That bringing the right people into the same room, at the right moment, changes what is possible. But inspiration without infrastructure is not enough. And this keynote is a call to account — not to the founders, who are already doing the work, but to everyone else in this room. Kwamena Afful has been on both sides of the table. He has built companies, backed them, and watched the ecosystem grow from something fragile into something formidable. He knows what it costs to back a founder before the proof arrives. He knows what it costs not to. What is the covenant we make to the next wave? What do we owe the founder who is right now, in a workspace somewhere in Accra, building something that could change everything — if only someone would back them? This is that moment. And it is not over.

Speaker:

Kwamena Afful, Founding Director, Pave Financial

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Main Plenary

Networking Lunch





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CXO Conversations

<p>Fri, May 8 11:00am - 11:30am</p> <p>Podcast Studio</p>	<p>A podcast episode with Miishe @ 3i</p> <p>Speaker: Miishe Addy-Asare, Chief Executive Officer, Jetstream</p>
<p>Fri, May 8 12:00pm - 12:30pm</p> <p>Podcast Studio</p>	<p>A podcast episode with Ethel @ 3i</p> <p>Speaker: Ethel Coffie, Chief Executive Officer, Edel Technology Consulting</p>





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Roundtable

Fri, May 8
10:00am - 11:15am

Hall 2

VA RT: Building a local Virtual Asset Ecosystem: Roles, Responsibilities and Institutional Collaboration

This roundtable brings together banks, stablecoin providers, tokenisation platforms, fintechs, infrastructure providers, regulators and other institutions to examine what it takes to build a credible local virtual asset ecosystem.

The discussion will explore institutional roles in safe market development — including payment and settlement rails, custody, compliance, liquidity, tokenised assets, consumer protection, AML/CFT controls and responsible innovation.

****Speakers:****

****Carmelle Cadet****, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Emtech

****Del Titus Bawuah****, Chief Executive Officer, Web 3 Africa Group & HYRO

****Emmanuel Babalola****, Chief Commercial Officer, Fincra

****Jannah Patchay****, Board Member & Director, Global Digital Finance / Markets Evolution

****Jojo Bannerman****, Head of Markets, Standard Chartered Bank Ghana

****Kofi Genfi****, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Vaulta Digital Assets

****Mimi Kufuor****, Chief Executive Officer, Koinkoin Ghana

****Dr. Prince J. Adjei****, Group Chief Executive Officer, Bsystems

****Dr. Seyram Pearl Kumah****, Assistant Director of Virtual Assets Department, Bank of Ghana

****Moderator:****

****Jill Lagos Shemin****, Director, Policy, Strategy & Capacity Services, EMTECH





Fri, May 8
10:00am - 11:15am

Boardroom

Fintech Hubs RT: Beyond Ecosystems: Building Great FinTech Hubs that Drive Innovation

Everyone wants a FinTech hub, but few build one with the discipline, coordination, and long-term design that Singapore has demonstrated. This roundtable cuts through the buzzwords to examine the ingredients that matter most: policy clarity, founder pathways, market access, talent, infrastructure, institutional capital, and global relevance. It will also explore what the next era demands from hubs as fintech matures and the centre of gravity shifts toward practical innovation with trust, interoperability, and scale.

****Speakers:****

- **Armand Muganga****, Business Development Manager, Kigali International Finance Center
- **Prof. Chris Brummer****, Chief Executive Officer, Fintech Foundation
- **Cristina Swan Awagah****, Lead Convenor, Ghana Women in Fintech & Innovation Association
- **Clara B. Arthur****, Chief Executive, Ghana Interbank Payment & Settlement Systems (GhIPSS)
- **George Spencer Quaye****, Chief Executive Officer, Mobex Africa
- **Ibrahima Kalil Kaba****, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, TRUSTEE SAS
- **Kofi Owusu-Nhyira****, Chairman, Nsano
- **Olawunmi Ola-Busari****, Senior Manager, Policy & Advocacy, The ONE Campaign
- **Dr. Patrick Saidu Conteh****, Chief Executive Officer, Africa Fintech Network
- **Dr. Segun Aina****, President, Africa FinTech Network
- **Sharon-Rose Delali Lithur****, Head, Innovation Promotion Office, Bank of Ghana
- **Dr. Stanley Jacob****, President, Fintech Association of Nigeria (FintechNGR)
- **Gbolahan Olayemi****, Legal & Regulatory Lead of West Africa, Paystack Ghana
- **Joseph Mucheru****, President, JUMO

****Moderator:****

- **Maha El Dimachki****, Chief Executive Officer, GFTN Solutions, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)

Fri, May 8
11:00am - 12:15pm

Hall 2

Ecosystem Roundtable: The intersection of Platforms, Talent, and Markets in Building Africa's Digital Economy

Africa's digital economy is being shaped by the interaction between platforms, talent, capital, and market infrastructure. This roundtable brings together ecosystem leaders across technology, education, trading, and digital platforms to examine how these elements connect to enable scalable growth. The conversation focuses on how platforms are being built and monetised, how talent pipelines are developed and retained, and how market structures support liquidity and participation across digital economies. Perspectives also explore the role of digital infrastructure and global positioning in expanding Africa's participation in emerging technology ecosystems. Insights highlight the importance of coordination across sectors, with a focus on building integrated ecosystems that support innovation, access, and long-term value creation

****Speakers:****

- **Ama Dadson****, Chief Executive Officer, Akobooks.com
- **Barbara Mintah Marfo****, Treasurer, Digital Finance Practitioners Association, Ghana
- **Cecil Senna Nutakor****, Founder / Chief Executive Officer, eCampus LLC
- **Franklin Eleblu****, Chief Solutions Architect, IT Consortium
- **Isidore Kpotufe****, Founder, Rivia Clinics
- **Plounne Oyunge****, Senior Community & Program Manager, Mojaloop Foundation
- **Prince Osei Hyeaman-Addai****, Head, Mobile Financial Services
- **Regina Honu****, Chief Executive Officer, Soronko Academy
- **Edward Iliasu****, Group Head, Fixed Income, One Africa Securities Limited

****Moderator:****

- **Vanessa Akuetteh****, Senior Associate, Eight Geeks @ Law





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2:00pm - 4:00pm

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Smart Africa Capital Bridge Program (Invite Only)

****Speakers:****

****Dinah Hammond Afful****, Principal, Savannah Impact Advisory, Ghana

****Francesco Cracolici****, Chief Executive Officer, Nomadic Minds

****Gianluca Dettori****, Chairman & Partner, Primo Capital

****Magnifique Ishimwe****, Fund Manager, Development Bank of Rwanda - BRD

****Steve Tawia****, Managing Partner, Jaza Rift, Ghana

****Yusuf Mutamba****, Project Manager; Startup Funding & Investment, Smart Africa

****Zach Coelius****, Founder, Coelius Capital

****Moderator:****

****Matteo Rizzi****, Founder, Timepledge & Senior Advisor, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)





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