

AFRICAN PROFESSIONAL SUMMIT, EXPO & AWARDS 2026

Enhancing Professional Excellence for Global Competitiveness

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SUMMIT PROGRAMME / AGENDA

SUMMIT SESSION: CONFERENCE & EXPO

- **8:00 AM – 9:00AM** Arrival and Registration, Networking Tea
- **9:00 AM – 9:30 AM** Opening Introduction and Goodwill Messages
- **9:30 AM – 10:30 AM** Discussion Panel 1
- **10:30 PM – 11:30 AM** Discussion Panel 2
- **11:30 AM – 12:30 PM** Discussion Panel 3
- **12:30 PM – 1:30 PM** Discussion Panel 4
- **1:30 PM – 2:30 PM** Lunch with Keynote Presentations
- **2:30 PM – 3:00 PM** Closing Presentations and Networking.

EVENING SESSION: DINNER & AWARDS CEREMONY

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM Networking Dinner, Awards Ceremony and Entertainment

Summit and Presentations Schedule

The themes for the panelists are well curated to create a balanced summit agenda covering **leadership, workforce development, entrepreneurship/economic growth, and professional advancement**, which are envisioned as the pillars for the success of the African Profession Summit 2026.

These four high-level panel discussion themes for the **African Professional Summit**, each designed to give the attending CEOs, senior professionals, executives, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and emerging leaders a remarkable take-away from the event.

Agenda/Programme

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM: Panel Discussion Session I:

The Future of Work in Africa: Talent, Technology, and Global Competitiveness.

- **Focus:** How Africa can develop a world-class workforce that thrives in an increasingly digital and interconnected economy.

- **Key discussion areas:**
 - AI, automation, and their impact on African jobs
 - Remote work and Africa's role in the global talent marketplace
 - Skills development, re-skilling, and lifelong learning
 - Bridging the gap between academia and industry
 - Building inclusive opportunities for youth and women professionals
- **Guiding question:** How can Africa transform its demographic advantage into a globally competitive workforce?

**10:30 PM – 11:30 AM: Panel Discussion Session II:
Leadership for a New Africa: Driving Innovation, Governance, and Sustainable Growth.**

- **Focus:** Examining the leadership models needed to navigate complex economic, social, and technological changes across the continent.
- **Key discussion areas:**
 - Ethical and values-driven leadership
 - Leading through uncertainty and disruption
 - Public-private sector collaboration
 - Building resilient institutions and organizations
 - Developing the next generation of African leaders
- **Guiding question:** What leadership approaches are required to accelerate Africa's transformation over the next decade?

**11:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Panel Discussion Session III:
Entrepreneurship, Investment, and Economic Transformation.**

- **Focus:** Exploring how entrepreneurship, innovation, and strategic investment can unlock sustainable economic growth across Africa.
- **Key discussion areas:**
 - Access to capital and investment readiness
 - Scaling African startups into global businesses
 - Innovation ecosystems and technology hubs
 - Intra-African trade and market expansion opportunities
 - The role of professionals in supporting enterprise growth
- **Guiding question:** What must be done to create globally competitive African businesses and industries?

**12:30 PM – 1:30 PM: Panel Discussion Session IV:
Building Powerful Professional Networks and Personal Brands in the Digital Age**

- **Focus:** Helping professionals leverage relationships, visibility, and influence to advance careers, businesses, and social impact.

- **Key discussion areas:**
- Strategic networking for career advancement
- Personal branding and thought leadership
- Leveraging digital platforms for professional growth
- Mentorship, sponsorship, and executive coaching
- Building cross-border collaborations across Africa and the diaspora.
- **Guiding question:** How can African professionals build meaningful influence and opportunities in an increasingly connected world?

Cross-Cutting Questions for General Discussions

- How to compete and succeed in today's competitive global environment.
- How to know where the opportunities are for professionals and for career growth.
- How to overcome challenges, build competencies and remain compliant in an increasingly competitive global environment.
- How to achieve professional excellence in today's AI revolution and new and advanced technological age.
- How can professionals navigate in the complex world of regulatory reforms, compliance, new global standards, ethical obligations, and emerging trends.