

CONCEPT NOTE

AFRICAN PROFESSIONAL SUMMIT, EXPO & AWARDS 2026

Theme: **Enhancing Professional Excellence for Global Competitiveness**

Date: **Friday, 4 September 2026**

Venue: **Lagos Oriental Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria**

Time: **Summit & Expo: 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM; Awards Dinner: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM**

Background / Rationale

Africa is experiencing unprecedented economic, technological, and demographic transformation. As the continent advances towards greater integration into the global economy, the need for highly skilled professionals, visionary leaders, innovative entrepreneurs, and globally competitive institutions has become increasingly important.

The African Professional Summit, Expo & Awards is conceived as a premier platform that brings together professionals, business leaders, policymakers, entrepreneurs, investors, academia, development partners, and industry experts to explore strategies for enhancing professional excellence and strengthening Africa's global competitiveness.

The Summit will provide opportunities for knowledge exchange, capacity development, networking, innovation showcase, investment promotion, and recognition of outstanding professional achievements across sectors. It will also address emerging trends in technology, governance, leadership, talent development, entrepreneurship, sustainability, and economic transformation.

Corporate Profile

The African Professional Summit represents a defining moment in the evolution of professional leadership, innovation, and national development in Africa. Conceived as a transformative gathering of industry leaders, policymakers, entrepreneurs, academics, innovators, and emerging professionals, the summit is designed to create a unified platform where ideas, expertise, and opportunities converge to shape the future of Africa's workforce and professional ecosystem.

Set against the backdrop of rapid economic transformation, technological disruption, demographic expansion, and increasing global competitiveness, the African Professional Summit aims to establish itself as the country's foremost multidisciplinary professional conference. The summit comes at a critical time when Africa is redefining its economic priorities, strengthening institutional reforms, and positioning itself as a global hub for innovation, enterprise, and talent development.

Across sectors including technology, finance, healthcare, education, law, media, engineering, public administration, energy, agriculture, manufacturing, telecommunications, and the creative economy, professionals are being called upon to lead the next phase of national growth. The summit seeks to answer that call by creating a platform where professionals can connect, collaborate, innovate, and contribute to national transformation.

The African Professional Summit is envisioned as more than an annual conference. It is a strategic movement dedicated to advancing professionalism, strengthening leadership capacity, fostering innovation, and promoting sustainable economic development through knowledge sharing and partnerships.

Theme

“Enhancing Professional Excellence for Global Competitiveness.”

Enhancing professional excellence for global competitiveness requires a strategic blend of continuous upskilling, cross-cultural competence, and digital adaptability. By aligning your local expertise with international standards, you can transform technical knowledge into unique value that stands out in the modern, borderless marketplace.

Therefore, the 2026 edition seeks to convene professionals, business leaders, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and young talents on a unified platform that promotes collaboration, knowledge exchange, innovation, and economic growth.

Vision

To become Africa’s leading multidisciplinary platform for advancing professional excellence, leadership, innovation, sustainable national development, and global competitiveness.

Mission

To empower professionals, organisations, entrepreneurs, and future leaders through knowledge sharing, collaboration, innovation, leadership development, recognition, and strategic partnerships that contribute to Africa’s sustainable development and economic growth.

Goals and Objectives

Goal

To promote professional excellence and strengthen Africa’s capacity to compete effectively in the global marketplace.

Objectives

1. Promote best practices in professional development, leadership, and corporate governance.
 2. Facilitate knowledge exchange among industry leaders, policymakers, and professionals.
 3. Showcase innovations, technologies, products, and services driving economic growth.
 4. Strengthen entrepreneurship, investment opportunities, and business collaborations.
 5. Encourage talent development and workforce competitiveness.
 6. Recognize and celebrate outstanding professional achievements and contributions.
 7. Foster strategic partnerships between public and private sector stakeholders.
 8. Support sustainable economic transformation across Africa.
 9. Promote ethical leadership, accountability, and excellence in organizations.
 10. Create networking opportunities that facilitate career growth and business expansion.
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Delegate Profile

The Summit will attract:

- Senior executives and corporate leaders
- Professionals across various sectors
- Entrepreneurs and business owners
- Government officials and policymakers
- Investors and development finance institutions
- Professional associations and regulatory bodies
- Human resource and talent development experts
- Technology and innovation leaders
- Academics and researchers

- Young professionals and emerging leaders
 - International development organizations
 - Media and communication professionals
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Target Audience / Attendees

- CEOs and Managing Directors
- Board Members and Corporate Executives
- Professional Bodies and Associations
- Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies
- SMEs and Startups
- Investors and Venture Capital Firms
- Financial Institutions
- Technology Companies
- Educational Institutions
- Consulting Firms
- Development Partners
- Multinational Corporations
- Business Chambers and Trade Associations
- Career Development Professionals
- Students and Young Professionals

Expected Attendance: **500–1,000 delegates**

Speaker Profile

The Summit will feature distinguished speakers including:

- Renowned industry leaders
- Successful entrepreneurs
- Corporate governance experts
- Public sector leaders
- International development practitioners
- Technology and innovation specialists
- Human capital development experts
- Investment and finance professionals
- Academic thought leaders
- Sustainability and ESG experts.

Speakers will share insights on leadership, innovation, digital transformation, professional development, governance, investment, workforce competitiveness, and Africa's future in the global economy.

Key Event Features

Professional Summit

- Keynote presentations
- Executive panel discussions
- Industry insights sessions
- Leadership masterclasses
- Professional development workshops

Business & Innovation Expo

- Exhibition booths

- Product and service showcases
- Technology demonstrations
- Investment and business networking sessions

Career & Talent Development Forum

- Career advancement discussions
- Mentorship opportunities
- Talent management sessions
- Skills development initiatives

Leadership & Governance Forum

- Corporate governance discussions
- Ethical leadership conversations
- Public-private sector collaboration

African Professional Awards Dinner

- Recognition of outstanding professionals
- Corporate excellence awards
- Leadership awards
- Innovation and entrepreneurship awards
- Lifetime achievement recognition

Expected Outputs

- Actionable recommendations for enhancing professional excellence.
 - New strategic partnerships and collaborations.
 - Increased visibility for participating organizations.
 - Expanded professional and business networks.
 - Knowledge-sharing outcomes and industry insights.
 - Recognition of exceptional professional achievements.
 - Enhanced awareness of emerging opportunities and trends.
 - Increased investment and business development opportunities.
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Expected Outcomes

1. Improved professional competencies and leadership capacity.
 2. Stronger collaboration among stakeholders across sectors.
 3. Increased innovation and technology adoption.
 4. Enhanced career advancement opportunities.
 5. Greater investment attraction and business growth.
 6. Improved corporate governance practices.
 7. Increased entrepreneurship and enterprise development.
 8. Strengthened workforce readiness and talent development.
 9. Improved organizational productivity and competitiveness.
 10. Contribution to sustainable economic transformation in Africa.
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Agenda / Programme

Summit Session: Conference & Expo

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 2026**, each designed to give the attending CEOs, senior professionals, executives, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and emerging leaders a remarkable take-away from the event.

- **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 I
- **10:30 AM – 11:30 AM** Discussion Panel II
- **11:30 AM – 12:30 PM** Discussion Panel III
- **12:30 PM – 1:30 PM** Discussion Panel IV
- **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

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 AM – 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.

Conclusion

The African Professional Summit 2026, Expo & Awards represents a transformative platform dedicated to advancing professional excellence, leadership, innovation, entrepreneurship, investment, and economic transformation across Africa. By bringing together key stakeholders from the public and private sectors, the event will foster collaboration, inspire innovation, strengthen corporate governance, promote talent development, and enhance Africa's global competitiveness.

The Summit will serve as a catalyst for sustainable growth, career advancement, strategic partnerships, and professional recognition while contributing meaningfully to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and Africa's long-term development agenda.

About the Organiser/Convener

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Our Vision

As an international corporate service company, we are committed to delivering a range of services that bring demonstrable value to our clients and stakeholders.

We recognise the vital role our people play in delivering service excellence. Our unique combination of knowledge, experience, expertise, and a passion for what we do allows us to continue to exceed client expectations at every opportunity, and, as such, we are resolute in our endeavours to attract and motivate the very best talent.

We aim to be the ‘Company of Choice’ for existing and future employees, clients, business partners, and investors.

Our Mission

As a dynamic, yet innovative corporate service provider, our mission is “To create and enhance customers’ expectations by providing superior corporate services, in a cost-effective manner through dynamic leadership, good governance, innovation, advanced technology, and an empowered and knowledgeable workforce.”

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SUMMIT & AWARDS CEREMONY / DINNER

Registration and Participation Tickets and Group Table Sales Information

Event Date: Friday, 4th September 2026

Time: Summit 8:00am to 3:00pm and **Main Gala Ceremony & Dinner:** 6:00pm-10:00pm

Venue: Lagos Oriental Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria

Audience: 800+ CEOs, Professionals, Business Executives, Public Officials and Entrepreneurs

Summit Dress Code: Business Attire / Official Dress / Suite

Dinner Dress Code: Black Tie (Gents) and Black Dinner Gown (Ladies) or Elegant National Attire

RSVP/Ticket Sales Discount: 10% Discount before July 31st 2026.

Ticket Pricing: This pricing structure is carefully curated to ensure a premium experience and maximum event revenue while upholding the prestige of the Summit and memorable Awards night.

SUMMIT TICKET PRICES

The African Professional Summit attendees will include CEOs, executive board members, senior management team members, senior executives and seasoned professionals, and development practitioners at companies, professional firms, associations, humanitarian agencies, national and international NGOs, government agencies, diplomatic missions and embassies in and outside Africa.

Pre-registration is required to participate in both the summit and awards dinner. Individual tickets cost for summit attendance is **\$200 / ₦276,000** per delegate and covers full participation, access to all sessions, participation certificate, networking side events, refreshments, lunch, coffee breaks, interaction with keynote and guest speakers, post-event interactive forum, and conference materials.

AWARDS DINNER TICKET PRICES

Category	Individual Price (US & ₦)	Table of 5 – Price (US & ₦)	Table of 10 – Price (US & ₦)	Key Benefits (Both Summit & Dinner) For full list of benefits please visit website
Diamond (VIP)	\$500 / ₦690,000	\$2,500 / ₦3,450,000	\$5,000 / ₦6,900,000	Front row, VIP seating, personalised backdrop branding, luxury spirits, 1-page ad magazine feature, press photos, full screen LED mention, exclusive plaque and a branded table with company logo.
Platinum (Executive)	\$400 / ₦552,000	\$2,000 / ₦2,760,000	\$4,000 / ₦5,520,000	Executive seat view, champagne service, red carpet logo branding, a branded table with company logo, 1-page magazine feature, award presentation opportunity.
Gold (Corporate)	\$300 / ₦414,000	\$1,500 / ₦2,070,000	\$3,000 / ₦4,140,000	Premium seating, wine service, event brochure mention, 1-page magazine feature, photo opportunity & interview.
Bronze (Ordinary)	\$200 / ₦276,000	\$1,000 / ₦1,380,000	\$2,000 / ₦2,760,000	Corporate seating, wine, event program listing, red carpet access, photo call mention, meal, drinks & media interview.

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