

DAY 1

#AESIS2024 #AFRICAINVESTORWEEK
28 & 29 NOVEMBER 2024

EVENT SCHEDULE

OPENING MORNING

08:30 CAT - 09:20 CAT

EARLY STAGE INVESTOR BREAKFAST

Networking, a meet-and-greet breakfast for delegates of AESIS, with an opportunity to connect with and hear from notable personalities in the early stage investment ecosystem.

09:30 CAT - 10:30 CAT

KEYNOTES

09:30 CAT - 09:35 CAT

Welcome Keynote: Innovating Capital Mobilisation in Africa for growth and impact.
Speaker: Fadilah Tchoumba, CEO, ABAN; Vincent Hoogduyn, CEO, VC4A.

09:35 CAT - 09:50 CAT

Early Stage Capital Mobilization in Africa for growth and impact: Access to capital to power early stage companies.

Speaker: Tomi Davies, President, ABAN.

09:50 CAT - 10:00 CAT

Founder Keynote: Founder to Investor Journey.

Speaker: Melvyn Lubega, Partner, Breega.

10:00 CAT - 10:15 CAT

Guest of Honor Address.

Speaker: Phuti Mahanyele-Dabengwa, South Africa CEO, Naspers.

10:15 CAT - 10:45 CAT

STATE OF THE INDUSTRY

The latest data presents the performance and growth of Africa's early-stage investment ecosystem, followed by a discussion with leading investors to highlight key growth drivers, address main challenges, and contribute to pioneering new pathways in early-stage capital mobilization.

Speakers: Dario Giuliani (Briter Bridges), Joel Nana Kontchou (Makoe Ventures), Nonnie Burbidge (Untapped Global) Surayyah Ahmad (Sabou Capital).

10:45 CAT - 11:25 CAT

RESILIENCE TACTICS

How can startups attract the attention of equity investors during a low funding cycle? Under very limited funding conditions, how can operational excellence help?

Speakers: Mike Mompoti (Enza Capital), Zachariah George (Launch Africa Ventures), Kristin Wilson (Innovate Africa Fund), Franziska Reh (Uncap), Kevin Simmons (LoftyInc Capital).

11:25 CAT - 11:45 CAT

COFFEE BREAK

11:45 CAT - 12:25 CAT

PANEL: GENDER SMART INVESTING

An honest conversation. Over mentored? Over-trained? and under funded... Let's unpack where the disconnect truly lies.

Speakers: Eghosa Omoigui (EchoVC Partners), Yemi Keri (RisingTide Africa), Pauline Koelbl (ShEquity), Aly El Shalakany (54 Collective).

12:25 CAT - 13:05 CAT

CAPITAL PROVIDERS DIALOGUE

This dialogue will focus on the perspectives, strategies, and contributions of LPs and GPs, exploring how they engage with and influence the investment ecosystem in Africa.

Speaker: David van Dijk (Boost Africa), Meit Ghandi (FMO), Julia Stausberg-Umuerrri (DEG Impulse), Justin James (Fireball Capital), Damilola Thomson (Diligence Africa).

13:05 CAT - 13:15 CAT

KEYNOTE

Harnessing Africa's demographic dividend through Investment, capitalizing on Africa's youthful population and growing consumer base

Speaker: Lawrence Eta, Global Digital Transformation Thought Leader

13:15 CAT - 14:30 CAT

LUNCH

BREAKAWAY AFTERNOON

14:40 CAT - 15:25 CAT

CAPITAL MARKETS POLICY: UPDATES, CHALLENGES, AND THE ROAD AHEAD

A look at the evolving landscape of capital market policies, exploring recent updates and their implications for investors and startups. The dialogue will also tackle ongoing challenges, including regulatory hurdles, market volatility, and access to capital, particularly in emerging markets.

Speakers: Elizabeth Howard (Lelapa), Eghosa Omoigui (EchoVC Partners), Joe Kinvi (HoaQ), Oswald Osaretin Guobadia (DigitA)

15:25 CAT - 16:10 CAT

COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS:

We will look at how global investors and diaspora communities can collaborate with local stakeholders to enhance the effectiveness of capital mobilization efforts.

Speakers: Ben White (VC4A), Fernando Cabral (Djassi Africa), Fridah Ntarangwi (Zidi Circle), Francis Omorojie (Ennovate Ventures), Claire Nyambori (Market Creation).

ABAN-DGGF ROUNDTABLE: KEY INSIGHTS FROM THE 2024 ANGEL INVESTMENT SURVEY

An in-depth analysis of the survey results, encouraging a collaborative exploration of their implications and applications in the angel investing landscape. Offering actionable insights and fostering a dialogue on how the findings can be used to inform investment strategies, support start-ups, and shape the future of angel investing.

Speakers: Anthony William-Catt (Ventures54), Tomi Davies (ABAN), Thuli Montana (Briter Bridges), Alexandra Fraser (Viridian), Julia Kho (Triple Jump BV - DGGF).

PIPELINE BUILDING:

A more recent wave of innovation in the African early-stage investment ecosystem is the approach of providing more than just capital, with more intentional and structured involvement in both pipeline development and portfolio support towards exit. This session will explore the models that investors are using to build platforms around early-stage investing.

Speakers: Aly El Shalakany (54 Collective), Olatokunbo Ige (TOGOBAN), Martin Warioba (Warioba Ventures), Pedro Bandeira (Y Angels (Core Angels International)), Yannick Gayama (Double Feather Partners)

EVENING NETWORKING

17:00 CAT - 21:00 CAT

AESIS2024 INVESTOR EXPERIENCE SERIES

Delegates are invited to take part in networking and connecting while experiencing the best that Cape Town has to offer.

DAY 2

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WELCOME KEYNOTE

Speaker: Nichola Tyler

09:40 CAT - 10:25 CAT

VC4A VENTURE SHOWCASE: SHE WINS AFRICA EDITION

VC4A Venture Showcase: She Wins Africa Edition - The She Wins Africa Program, an IFC initiative, implemented by VC4A is supporting 100 female-led African companies to get access to funding. Selected ventures from the cohort, with proven traction and innovative solutions, will present their businesses' opportunities. Don't miss the chance to support closing the gender gap for African companies.

10:25 CAT - 10:45 CAT

BREAK

10:50 CAT - 11:05 CAT

FOUNDER WELLNESS

Speaker: Emmanuel Adegboye, Head, Madica

11:10 CAT - 13:15 CAT

PORTFOLIO PITCHES

Partner investors bring 3 of their portfolio companies to pitch on stage to other investors for collaboration, co-investment and follow-on investment.

PARTNER SERIES

CAPITAL MOBILIZATION SERIES

14:00 CAT - 14:45 CAT

THE STATE OF EXITS:

M&A, Secondary Buy-Outs in Africa What is the state of exits and secondary buy-outs in Africa? As the market matures, secondary buy-outs are gaining prominence. How are key players—venture hubs, angel investors, and VC funds—shaping the journey from founding to exit?
Speakers: Thomas Van Halen(VC4A), Ido Sum (TLcom Capital), Mareme Dieng (Africa Chez 500 Global), Zachariah George (Launch Africa Ventures).

14:45 CAT - 15:30 CAT

SYNERGIZING CAPITAL:

Exploring advanced strategies for leveraging public-private partnerships (PPPs) as a powerful tool for capital mobilization. Beyond foundational concepts, this session delves into how PPPs can provide long-term stability and scalability, offering insights on structuring partnerships that drive sustained growth.
Speakers: Bertil van Vugt (VC4A), Joanne Manda (Timbuktoo), Lawrence Eta (Global Digital Transformation Thought leader)

IMPACT SERIES

14:30 CAT - 15:15 CAT

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

Do global mandates define or respond to African capital allocation needs? DFIs are critical contributors to the African early stage investment ecosystem, both as a fund of funds and direct investors. This will be an honest debate about the nature of the influence of global mandates on capital allocation patterns in Africa.
Speakers: David Van Dijk (Boost Africa), Rachel Crawford (VilCap), Kenza Lahlou (Outlierz Ventures), Fabrice Perez (Proparco), Abu Cassim (VC4A).

15:15 CAT - 16:00 CAT

FIRESIDE CHAT:

Empowering African Startups: The Future of Collaborative Funding.
Speaker: Hannah Subayi (ABAN), Natalie Jabangwe (Timbuktoo)

16:00 CAT - 16:45 CAT

DEVELOPMENT FOCUSED INVESTMENTS:

Can Impact and Profit Coexist? - Explore the dynamic tension between driving positive social impact and achieving financial returns in high-impact/high potential sectors. This session dives into the heart of development-focused investments: Is it possible to balance purpose with profit? Are unique approaches needed across different high impact areas?
Speakers: Tomi Davies (ABAN), Pauline Koelbl (ShEquity), Alexis Grosskopf (Ocean Hub Africa), Andrew Darge (E3 Capital).

GENDER LENS SERIES

14:30 CAT - 15:15 CAT

ROUNDTABLE

Investing through women and in women: An exploration of the innovations in the African early stage investment ecosystem that have unlocked gender lens capital. A closer look at female-focused investments.
Speakers: Tanisha Tagoe (Ladies Entrepreneurship Club), Hlengiwe Makhathini (IDF), Elena Haba (2XGlobal), Eglá Ntumba (MsFit Ventures)

15:15 CAT - 16:00 CAT

POLICY THAT CATALYZES CAPITAL TO WOMEN LED TECH ENABLED VENTURES AND SMES

Explore the policy levers that can be leveraged to advance gender lens investing. A look into the advantages and shortcomings of startup acts to advance the gender lens agenda.
Speakers: Thea Sokolowski (Women Who Build Africa), Michelle Matthews (Viridian), Elizabeth Howard (Lelapa), Mark Kleyner (Dream VC).

16:00 CAT - 16:45 CAT

CO-INVESTMENT AND MATCHING FUNDS:

How can innovative models foster greater collaboration between investors and development stakeholders to address gender disparities? This discussion will uncover how strategic, gender-focused partnerships can unlock new opportunities for sustainable growth and positive change in Africa.
Speakers: Aysha Tegally (AWI), Stephen Gugu (Viktoria Ventures), Martin Karanja (GSMA Innovation Fund), Joel Nana Kontchou (Makoe Ventures), Fares Seaidi (GIZ).

AESIS CLOSING

18:00 CAT - 21:00 CAT

CLOSING CEREMONY (AWARDS CEREMONY & COCKTAIL

The inaugural Africa Focussed Early Stage Investor Awards taking place at its annual summit on the 29th of November in Cape Town, as part of the #AfricanInvestorWeek.