

<b>Summit Programme</b>	
	AWS
<b>Pre-Summit Day 26th November 2025</b>	
09:30 - 16:00	<b>WORKSHOP DAY</b>
09:30 - 12:30	Partner Training Workshops
14:00 - 18:30	Partner Training Workshops
18:00 - 22:00	<b>AESIS KICKOFF EVENT (Venue) COCKTAIL AND NETWORKING LED BY THE CAPE ADMINISTRATION</b>
<b>DAY 1 – 27th November 2025 (AWS Main Room)</b>	
08:00 - 09:30	<b>OPENING MORNING</b>
90 Minutes	<b>WELCOME BREAKFAST</b>
09:30 - 09:40 10 minutes	Welcome address (VC4A + ABAN)
09:40 - 09:50 10 minutes	<b>Keynote 1:</b> Mobilizing African capital: advocating for domestic venture capital
09:50 - 10:00 10 minutes	<b>Keynote 2:</b> Investing for the future: promoting innovation, inclusivity and social impact
10:00 - 10:50 50 minutes	<b>Panel</b> <b>Africa First: Reclaiming the Growth Story Through African Capital:</b> This session explores how investors can rewrite the rules of engagement. A closer look at African-led fund structures, shifting narratives around dependency, and how to get African Funds funded.
<b>COFFEE BREAK</b> <b>10:50 - 11:20</b> <b>30 minutes</b>	
11:20 - 12:10 50 minutes	<b>Panel</b> <b>AI x Africa: Disruption and Due Diligence:</b> Artificial Intelligence is more than a buzzword. It's changing how we work - and - reshaping how we invest. From AI-assisted due diligence to smart portfolio analytics and ethical AI startups, this panel explores the investor opportunity at the heart of the current AI boom.

12:10 - 13:00 50 minutes	<b>Panel</b> <b>Building Africa’s Climate-Tech Pipeline</b> Across Africa, a new generation of entrepreneurs is tackling energy access, food security, and climate resilience with bold, tech-driven solutions. Yet many of these innovations stall before reaching investable scale. This session brings together investors, ecosystem builders, and entrepreneurs working at the intersection of clean technology and capital mobilization. How can we build a pipeline that delivers both impact and returns?
<b>13:00 - 14:15</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
	<b>AFTERNOON SESSION</b>
14:15 - 15:40 90 minutes	<b>Fireside Chats (2 sessions)</b> Possible topics: VC Fund Management, Portfolio support strategies, Digital fundraising, AI & Data Driven Investment Decisions
14:15 - 15:40 90 minutes	<b>Deal Flow lab: Side room</b>
15:30 - 16:20 50 minutes	<b>Panel</b> <b>Capital Crossroads: Who Funds Africa’s Next Chapter?:</b> As USAID and other traditional donors freeze or redirect funding in line with shifting global priorities, Africa’s innovation ecosystem faces a defining moment. Speakers will unpack the opportunities and challenges of this funding realignment, while spotlighting emerging sources of capital—from diaspora investors and corporate venture funds to regionally anchored capital pools.
<b>18:30 - 21:00</b>	<b>AESIS AWARDS DINNER</b>
<b>DAY 2 – 28th November 2025 (AWS Main Room)</b>	
08:00 - 09:30	<b>OPENING MORNING</b>
90 Minutes	<b>DAY 2 NETWORKING BREAKFAST</b>
09:30 - 09:45 15 minutes	Opening Keynote Africa’s AI moment; making the move from connectivity to intelligence
09:45 - 10:35 50 minutes	<b>Superstar Panel: Investment Trends &amp; Founder Realities</b> What truly makes Africa investable in 2025 and beyond? This high-level panel brings together leading limited partners (LPs) and fund-of-funds to share how they evaluate Africa’s evolving risk-reward landscape. Speakers will unpack shifts in global and regional investment mandates, highlighting the factors driving confidence in African markets.
10:35 - 11:25	<b>Panel:</b>

50 minutes	<p><b>Venture Debt: Africa's Missing Middle?</b></p> <p>With equity markets under pressure, venture debt is gaining ground as a vital—but often misunderstood—financing tool. This session explores how debt can accelerate growth without heavy dilution, the risks founders must manage, and how investors are structuring products for African realities. Speakers will share practical lessons from both sides of the table and debate whether venture debt can scale sustainably across the continent.</p>
<b>COFFEE BREAK</b> 11:25 - 11:55	
11:55 - 12:45 50 minutes	<b>4 x Portfolio Showcases</b> (3 portfolio pitches per partner)
<b>12:45 - 14:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
14:00 - 14:50 50 minutes	4 x Portfolio Pitches (3 portfolio pitches per partner)
14:50 - 15:30 40 minutes	<p><b>Data Deep Dives: Beyond the Big Four</b>  <b>Presented by Briter Bridges and The Big Deal</b></p> <p>While Nigeria, Kenya, Egypt, and South Africa continue to dominate Africa's funding landscape, emerging ecosystems are quietly gaining traction. This session unpacks the data behind Africa's capital flows—who's investing where, which sectors are breaking through, and what signals point to a more geographically diverse future.</p>
15:30 - 16:20 50 minutes	<p><b>Closing Panel:</b></p> <p>Exits in Africa: Lessons from the Trenches: This session spotlights real exits, with M&amp;A deals, secondary buyouts, and investor journeys from seed to exit. What's working? What's failing? What patterns can be learned?</p>
<b>16:30 - 16:40</b> 10 Minutes	<b>CLOSING SESSION (Em cee)</b>
17:30 - 20:30	<p><b>4 x INVESTOR EXPERIENCES</b></p> <p><b>Ocean-side/Sea facing Activity. Sunset Cruises (60 Max)</b></p> <p><b>Culinary &amp; Entertainment based Activity (60 Max)</b></p> <p><b>Sports-related activity: Padel (40 Max) (Digital Africa)</b></p> <p><b>Bubbles, Bowls and Braai (Intracen + UK Tech Hub)</b></p>