



Africa
Early Stage
Investor Summit

AESIS 2025 – Draft Summit Programme

Pre-Summit Day — Wednesday 26 Nov 2025

Time	Session
09:00–17:00	Cape Town Tech Ecosystem Tour (with Wesgro & French Embassy)
18:00–22:00	AESIS Pre-Summit Cocktail & Networking — 9th Floor, BDO Office

Day 1 — Thursday 27 Nov 2025 (Main Track: AWS Main Room)

Time	Session
08:00–09:20	Arrival tea/coffee & networking
09:20–09:30	Welcome by Host
09:30–09:35	Welcome address — VC4A
09:35–09:40	Welcome address — ABAN
09:40–09:50	Keynote 1: Mobilizing African capital: advocating for domestic venture capital
09:50–10:00	Keynote 2: Investing for the future: promoting innovation, inclusivity & social impact
10:00–10:45	Panel: Africa First — Reclaiming the Growth Story Through African Capital
10:45–11:15	Coffee Break
11:15–12:00	Panel: Building Africa's Climate-Tech Pipeline
12:00–12:45	Panel: Co-Invest or Collapse: Why Angels and VCs Must Align
12:45–12:55	Malawi Angel Network Launch Announcement
12:55–14:10	Lunch
14:10–14:50	Fireside Chat: The Green Frontier — Investing in a low-carbon future
14:50–15:30	Fireside Chat: Inclusive Prosperity — Re-imagining who we fund
15:30–15:45	Coffee Break
15:45–16:30	Panel: AI x Africa — Disruption and Due Diligence
16:30–17:15	Panel: Capital Crossroads — Who Funds Africa's Next Chapter?
17:15–17:20	Closing remarks



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Day 1 Parallel Track — Deal Flow Lab (AWS Skills Center)

Time	Session
14:10–14:15	Welcome & framing
14:15–15:00	Curated Founder Pitches (GIZ Spark ICAMA + NEPAD/Akili)
15:00–15:10	Coffee break
15:10–15:55	Founder Pitches (Meta + OST)
15:55–16:35	Spotlight: Insights & Pathways (NEPAD & Akili AI demo + VC4A/ABAN remarks)
16:35–17:15	Investor Round Table
17:15–17:25	Closing & next steps

Day 1 Evening Event

Time	Session
18:30–22:00	AESIS Awards Dinner — Royal Cape Yacht Club

Day 2 — Friday 28 Nov 2025 (Main Track: AWS Main Room)

Time	Session
08:00–09:30	Arrival tea/coffee & networking
09:30–09:40	Keynote 1: Africa's AI moment — from connectivity to intelligence
09:40–09:50	Keynote 2: Innovative Capital Mobilisation in Africa — ICAMA Launch
09:50–10:35	Superstar Panel: Investment Trends & Founder Realities
10:35–11:20	Panel: Exits in Africa — Lessons from the Trenches
11:20–11:50	Coffee Break
11:50–13:00	Portfolio Showcases: 4 partners × 3 ventures each
13:00–14:10	Lunch
14:10–14:55	Portfolio Pitches: 3 partners × 3 ventures each
14:55–15:40	Panel: Venture Debt — Africa's Missing Middle?
15:40–16:25	Closing Panel: Data Deep Dives — Beyond the Big Four
16:25–16:35	Closing session



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Day 2 Investor Experiences (evening options)

Time	Session
17:30–20:30	Investor Experiences (4 choices; transport provided)
	• Sail & Scale — NEPAD Ventures Sunset Cruise (60 max)
	• Skyline Connections — FMO Ventures Rooftop Drinks & Braai (40 max)
	• Le Petit French Open — Padel & Pizza (Digital Africa + French Embassy) (40 max)
	• Bubbles, Bowls & Braai (Intracem + UK SA Tech Hub + Ventures 54) (capacity TBA)