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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 12th Edition of the Sankalp Africa Summit, hosted on February 26–27, 2025, at the Edge Convention Centre in Nairobi, convened 971 delegates from 41 countries, reinforcing its position as Africa's leading platform for entrepreneurship and impact investing. The summit successfully broadened its reach, attracting new voices, fostering cross-sector partnerships, and mobilizing capital to scale solutions designed to solve Africa's most pressing challenges.

Under the theme "Scaling Africa's Entrepreneurs," the summit featured 32 high-impact sessions addressing Climate & Clean Energy, Agriculture & Food Security, Circular and Regenerative Economy, Health & Nutrition, and Gender & Livelihoods. These discussions catalyzed funding commitments, shaped conversations, and strengthened investor-entrepreneur connections. Entrepreneurs actively engaged with investors through structured networking, investor roundtables, and curated dealrooms, resulting in multiple funding commitments, including four entrepreneurs securing investment on the spot through the ASCEND Program.

The Sankalp Africa Awards 2025 continued to showcase high-impact enterprises driving transformative change across sectors. This year's winners included **Kilimo Fresh**, **BenaCare**, **Dawa Mkononi**, and **Organic Fields Ltd.**, each offering scalable solutions in food security, healthcare, medicine distribution, and circular agriculture.

A key milestone at this year's summit was the introduction of a dedicated health track, strengthening investment and innovation in Africa's healthcare sector. With support from Villgro Africa, Boehringer Ingelheim, Grand Challenges Canada, Health Finance Coalition, and others, this track amplified discussions on sustainable health business models and financing mechanisms for health-focused entrepreneurs.

The summit also welcomed new strategic partnerships, with the African Development Bank, Challenge Fund for Youth Employment, EHA Impact Ventures, Launch Africa Ventures, Viridian, and NaiBAN playing a pivotal role in supporting entrepreneurs and mobilizing investment for scalable African businesses.

Beyond investments and partnerships, The Sankalp Africa Summit 2025 introduced key announcements that underscored its commitment to driving impact, including:

- The launch of the Ennova System by AfDB, leveraging AI to provide real-time data insights for startups.
- Villgro Africa's 10-year impact milestone, showcasing its track record of deploying catalytic funding for African healthcare innovators.
- The expansion of We-Fi's WE Finance Code to Kenya, aimed at improving financial access for women-led enterprises.

The Sankalp Africa Summit edition reaffirmed its role as a catalyst for scaling African enterprises, unlocking investment, and shaping the continent's sustainable future.

As we look ahead to Sankalp Africa Summit 2026, we remain committed to deepening collaborations, driving catalytic funding, and positioning Africa as a global hub for innovation.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our partners, sponsors, and attendees for making this milestone event possible. Mark your calendars for 2026—let's continue building an Africa where entrepreneurs thrive!



ABOUT SANKALP FORUM



For over 16 years, Sankalp has been at the forefront of enterprise-led development, connecting high-impact entrepreneurs with investors, policymakers, and industry leaders to drive sustainable and inclusive growth across emerging markets. Originally launched in India in 2009 by Intellectap, Sankalp expanded to Africa in 2014, recognizing the continent's immense potential for innovation, investment, and impact-driven enterprises.

Today, the Sankalp Africa Summit stands as a premier platform for impact entrepreneurship and investment, fostering a dynamic space for collaborations that bridge capital, knowledge, and across the continent networks. With a track record of mobilizing over \$800M in capital, showcasing 3,000+ entrepreneurs, and convening 2500+ attendees annually across all Sankalp editions, the forum continues to catalyze change and scale African solutions globally.

At its core, Sankalp is more than just a summit—it is a community of change-makers, a marketplace for solutions, and a catalyst for partnerships that drive real impact. The 2025 edition of the Sankalp Africa Summit reinforced this mission, shaping conversations on scaling entrepreneurship, closing investment gaps, advancing climate action, and driving digital innovation.

By convening a diverse global audience, Sankalp fuels dialogue, sparks action and builds ecosystems where businesses don't just survive; they thrive.





SUMMIT OVERVIEW

971

Stakeholders
Convened

32

Structured Agenda
Sessions

8

Entrepreneur
Showcase sessions

41

Participating
Countries

172

Speakers

109

Financiers

442

Entrepreneurs

2,760

Meetings at the summit

7,000

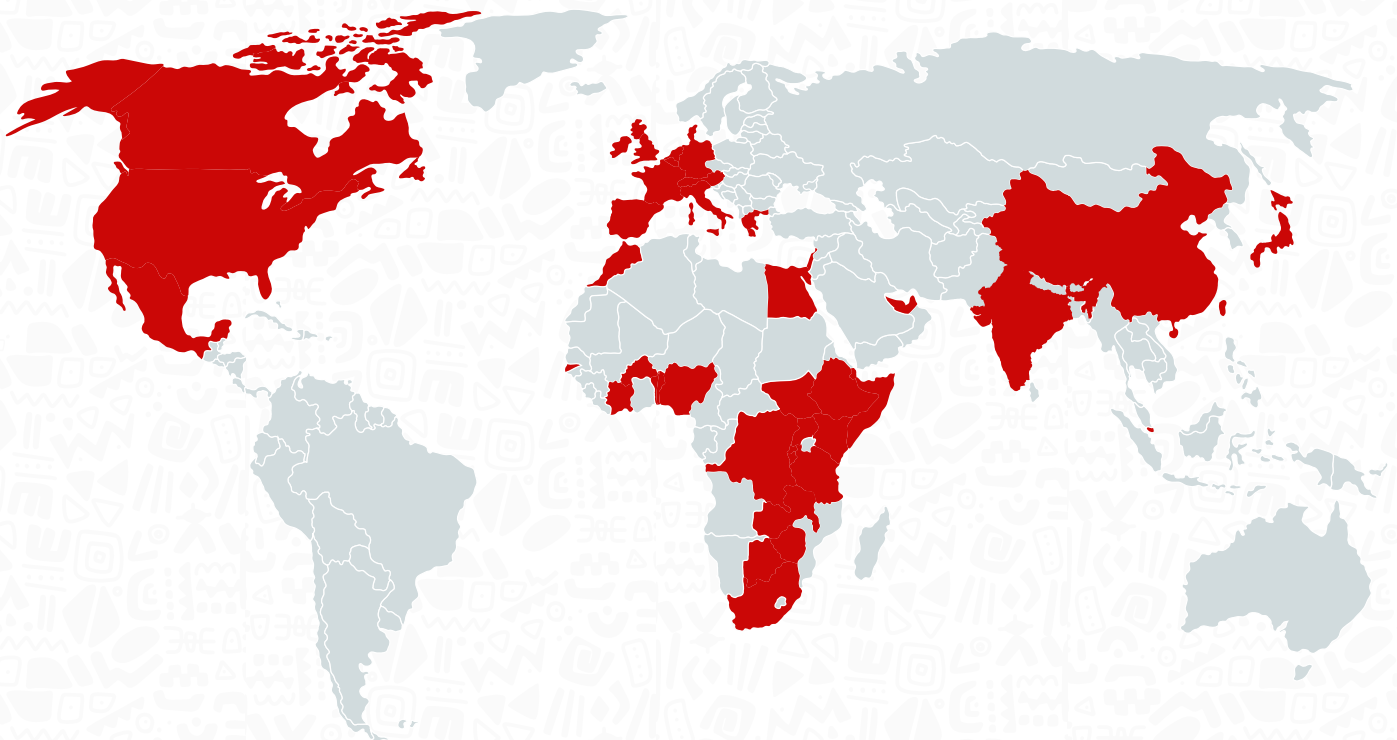
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GEOGRAPHIC REACH

The Sankalp Africa Summit 2025 brought together 971 delegates from 41 countries, reflecting its expanding influence across Africa and beyond. The event saw strong participation from Kenya, Uganda, and Nigeria, highlighting the regional push for social entrepreneurship and impact investment. Additionally, the summit attracted significant international representation from India, North America, and the European Union, reinforcing global collaboration in Africa's development. Further strengthening its global outreach, the summit welcomed delegates from Japan and Canada, demonstrating a shared commitment to fostering sustainable growth and innovation. With participants spanning multiple continents, Sankalp Africa Summit 2025 solidified its role as a leading platform for connecting African enterprises with global investors, policymakers, and development partners.



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Belgium
Benin
Botswana
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Canada
China
Congo (Democratic Republic)
Cote d'Ivoire
Denmark
Djibouti
Egypt
England
Ethiopia
France
Gambia

Germany
Ghana
Greece
India
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Japan
Kenya
Kiribati
Malawi
Mauritius
Mexico
Morocco
Netherlands
Nigeria
Portugal

Rwanda
Singapore
Somalia
South Africa
South Sudan
Spain
Switzerland
Taiwan
Tanzania
Uganda
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom
United States Minor
Outlying Islands
USA
Zambia
Zimbabwe



DIGITAL REACH

65.6M
REACH

63.4K
INTERACTIONS

3.4K
MENTIONS

The Sankalp Africa Summit 2025 continued to build on its strong digital momentum, recording exceptional online engagement and broad visibility. Over a three-month period, the summit generated 4.6K total mentions and a remarkable 63.4K social media interactions, reflecting sustained interest from stakeholders across the impact ecosystem. The summit's digital footprint reached 65.6 million people, with 21.3 million through social media and 41.4 million via web platforms—highlighting its far-reaching influence both regionally and globally. Content associated with the summit received 48.3K likes and was widely shared, underscoring strong resonance with the audience. The digital campaigns not only amplified conversations on entrepreneurship and impact investing in Africa, but also elevated the visibility of key voices within the ecosystem. The official hashtag, **#SankalpAfrica2025**, played a central role in driving engagement and reach.





MEDIA COVERAGE

The 12th Sankalp Africa Summit garnered substantial media attention, elevating the conversation around impact investing to the mainstream. Key media leading up to, and during the summit, included the strategic distribution of press releases and securing high-profile interviews with major business and tech outlets across Kenya. A series of interviews with top-tier local and regional media ensured broad coverage, particularly highlighting the award winners. These efforts resulted in extensive features across leading tier-one and tier-two print, television, and online outlets in Kenya, significantly boosting the summit's visibility. The summit and its awards were prominently featured in renowned platforms such as Citizen Digital, CNBC Africa, Capital FM, The Kenyan Wallstreet, and Nation Africa, among others.

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Nairobi to host Africa's Impact Investment and Entrepreneurship Summit- Coverage by Nation Africa

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Africa's Largest Impact Investment & Entrepreneurship Summit- Coverage by Citizen Digital

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Channelling capital key to impactful entrepreneurship in Africa- Interview of Karnika Yadav, Partner and Director, Inteltec by CNBC Africa

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Nairobi to host Impact Investment and Entrepreneurship Summit

Over 1500 global leaders, investors, and entrepreneurs will gather in Nairobi for the 12th Sankalp Africa Summit, scheduled for February 27-28, 2025.

The summit will spotlight investment, innovation, and sustainability, aiming to unlock millions of dollars in funding for African startups through live deal rooms, pitching sessions, and investor matchmaking.

More than 400 startups will participate, gaining access to global markets, financing opportunities, and mentorship. The 2025 Sankalp Africa Awards will recognize outstanding ventures in agriculture, healthcare, fintech, and climate resilience, reflecting the continent's entrepreneurial growth and impact potential.

Kenya remains a regional leader in startup investment, securing \$12 billion in venture capital in 2023. With Africa's digital economy projected to reach \$380 billion by 2025, the summit will explore capital mobilization, policy frameworks, and market expansion to drive economic transformation.

This year's edition will also focus on climate resilience, food security, and financial inclusion.

Addressing funding challenges in Africa's startup ecosystem, despite attracting \$6.5 billion in venture capital in 2022, investment remains concentrated in select markets and sectors. The summit aims to bridge these gaps, ensuring equitable funding distribution across industries.

With a strong emphasis on gender equity, youth entrepreneurship, and climate-smart business models, the event will foster partnerships that accelerate Africa's transition to a more inclusive and sustainable economy.

According to Vikas Bani, CEO, Inteltec, "The 12th Sankalp Africa Summit aims to be the largest assembly of impact entrepreneurs from across Africa who are building solutions for a sustainable quality of life for both people and the planet. We invite our partners and stakeholders to forge collaborations that nurture and enable their innovative solutions to scale globally and create opportunities in building an enabling entrepreneurial ecosystem."

"This year our Summit is focused around bolstering Africa's entrepreneurial zeal and we will ignite transformative growth build a movement for capital access and create a community of champions. We firmly believe this Summit will throw a spotlight on the continent's innovators and serve as a continuous beacon of inspiration in Africa driving sustainable and scalable innovations for a brighter, greener future," opined, Karnika Yadav, Partner and Director, Inteltec.

This year the 12th Sankalp Africa Summit will be supported by Strategic Global Partners like Vilgro Africa, Jhilego, Health Finance Coalition, Grand Challenge Canada, Boehringer Ingelheim Business for Health Solutions, William Davidson Institute and Viva, and will aim to catalyze collaborative capital, facilitate discussions on people-centric approaches and incentivized private sector to adopt solutions that solve some of the most intractable social challenges.

[Gerard Nyele]

Nairobi to host Impact and Entrepreneurship Summit- Print Coverage in The Standard

Kenyan startups shine at entrepreneurship summit

Four innovative startups were crowned winners of the prestigious Sankalp Africa Awards 2025, recognizing African enterprises tackling some of the region's most pressing social and economic challenges.

The awards were announced at the 12th Sankalp Africa Summit, held at the Edge Convention Centre in Nairobi, an event that brought together over 1,500 investors, entrepreneurs, and policymakers from across the continent.

Hosted by Inteltec, part of the Avishkaar Group, the summit focused on scaling African entrepreneurship by connecting startups with funding opportunities, market linkages, and mentorship.

This year's overall winner was Kilimo Fresh Foods Africa (Tanzania), led by Founder Baraka Chijengo. The startup operates a B2B2C marketplace that connects farmers, consumers, businesses, and informal retailers to fresh produce using mobile technology.

The first runner-up was Bena Care (Kenya), a health-tech startup founded by Naomi Monari. The company provides affordable home-based nursing and therapy services to chronically ill patients in middle- to low-income communities while training caregivers to earn an income.

The second runner-up was Dawa Mkononi (Tanzania), founded by Joseph Paul. The healthcare startup leverages technology to improve medicine distribution across Africa, reducing supply chain inefficiencies.

A special Sankalp Ecosystem Award, determined through voting by impact ecosystem stakeholders, was awarded to Organic Fields (Kenya), led by Founder and CEO Richard Mwangi. The social enterprise transforms food waste from Kenyan municipal markets into organic fertilizer, promoting soil health and sustainability.

"The Sankalp Africa Awards 2025 has truly been an enriching experience when it comes to meeting hundreds of impact enterprises whose business promise and potential is crucial to solving economic and development challenges across the continent," said Karnika Yadav, Partner & Director, Inteltec Africa.

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Richard Mwangi (Left), Founder and CEO of Organic Fields Ltd, receives the Ecosystem Award at the 2025 Sankalp Africa Awards from Karnika Yadav (Right), Director (Africa) at Inteltec Advisory Services.

Kenyan Startups shine at Entrepreneurship Summit – Print coverage of Sankalp Africa Awards 2025 in The Standard



PROGRAM AND CONTENT

THEME OF THE SANKALP AFRICA SUMMIT 2025: SCALING AFRICA'S ENTREPRENEURS

The 12th Sankalp Africa Summit brought together Africa's entrepreneurial ecosystem under the theme **"Scaling Africa's Entrepreneurs"**, addressing the continent's most pressing challenges while highlighting opportunities for transformative growth.

Sub-Saharan Africa continues to face a unique spectrum of challenges – from food insecurity and climate vulnerabilities, to limited access to healthcare, and inclusive and equitable quality education. These issues have been further compounded by rapid urbanization and a growing youth population in need of economic opportunities. Yet, amidst these challenges lies immense potential. Across the continent, entrepreneurs are emerging as changemakers, tackling some of the most critical problems with bold innovations and sustainable business models.

Throughout the summit, attendees witnessed stories of transformation from renewable energy startups that bring affordable and clean energy to rural communities, reducing reliance on fossil fuels while enhancing livelihoods. AgriTech enterprises demonstrated how they equip farmers with digital tools to boost productivity and combat climate shocks. Healthcare innovators showcased their efforts to extend access to quality care through telemedicine and localized solutions. These stories went beyond survival, offering blueprints for a brighter, more resilient Africa.

However, scaling these transformative solutions has not been without hurdles. African entrepreneurs continue to encounter systemic barriers that stifle their growth and limit their impact. The first and most pervasive challenge remains the lack of capital. Despite Sub-Saharan Africa receiving \$4.8 billion in venture funding in 2022—accounting for just 1% of global venture capital investment—many businesses still find themselves underfunded.

Second, a significant talent gap persists. As demand for skilled workers in African startups rises, with sectors like technology seeing double-digit growth annually, many companies struggle to find affordable, qualified personnel. For instance, 40% of African CEOs continue to cite a lack of skilled talent as a major constraint, forcing startups to seek lower-cost workers who may lack the necessary expertise, thereby limiting operational effectiveness. Finally, limited access to networks continues to isolate entrepreneurs, with fewer than 30% reporting adequate access to mentorship opportunities critical for scaling their businesses.

The Sankalp Africa Summit 2025 addressed these challenges head-on, providing a dynamic platform for Africa's entrepreneurs to thrive. The summit convened a vibrant ecosystem of investors, thought leaders, service providers, and entrepreneurs, ensuring that every stakeholder was left equipped with actionable insights, meaningful connections, and renewed inspiration.

Key Outcomes of the Summit

- ♦ **Igniting Transformative Growth:** The summit equipped entrepreneurs with actionable knowledge, strategic insights, and cutting-edge tools to refine their business models and scale with confidence. Through masterclasses, peer exchanges, and expert-led workshops, the Summit catalyzed a transformational wave of entrepreneurial excellence.



- ♦ **Building a Movement for Capital Access:** By bringing together the entire investment supply chain, the summit bridged financing gaps and drove a collective movement to channel capital into the hands of Africa's most promising changemakers. It went beyond matchmaking, redesigning how capital flows to fund solutions for the continent's most critical challenges.
- ♦ **Creating a Community of Champions:** The summit aimed to ensure that every entrepreneur met a champion—be it a mentor, investor, advocate, or skilled partner who believed in their vision. This ecosystem of support was designed to amplify their impact and foster lasting connections that extended beyond the event, enabling collaboration and nurturing their journey toward success.

The summit remained grounded in its mission to amplify enterprise-led development across Africa. To guide the discussions, key focus areas were identified, reflecting the continent's urgent needs and untapped opportunities:

	<p>Climate Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Finance and Investments • Climate Adaptation & Resilience • Renewable Energy, E-mobility, and Clean Technologies • Carbon Markets and Opportunities for Africa
	<p>Health, Nutrition, Sanitation & Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Financing and Investments • Digital Health and Innovations in Healthcare • Healthcare Resilience to Climate Shocks • Nutrition and Healthy Food • Water Access and Management
	<p>Circular & Regenerative Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financing the Circular Economy in Africa • Sustainable Waste Management and Recycling Innovations • Policy and Governance for Circularity • Circular Agriculture and Food Systems
	<p>Financial Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Financial Services and Fintech Innovation • Access to Credit and Financing for SMEs



	<p>Gender Equity & Equality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender Lens Investing • Supporting and Scaling the Care Economy • Increasing Women & Youth Participation in the Workforce • Women & Youth Engagement in Climate Action
	<p>Agriculture & Food Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financing Agriculture and Agri-SMEs • Climate-Smart Agriculture for Resilience and Productivity • Advancing AgriTech and Innovation • Value Addition and Processing for Agricultural Products
	<p>Tech4Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Entrepreneurship and the Creative Economy • Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Impact

The Sankalp Africa Summit 2025 successfully positioned itself as a catalytic platform for African entrepreneurs to engage with diverse stakeholders, gain insights into scaling their ventures, and build a thriving community that will continue to drive impact long after the summit's conclusion.



SANKALP AFRICA SUMMIT STRUCTURED AGENDA

The Sankalp Africa Summit 2025 convened a vibrant ecosystem of impact-driven entrepreneurs, investors, policymakers, and thought leaders to shape Africa's economic future. Designed for interaction and insight, the agenda featured 32 diverse sessions—from keynotes to showcases—led by 172 speakers across sectors like renewable energy, agriculture, digital finance, and healthcare.

Entrepreneurs were not just participants, but co-creators of the conversation, bringing forward innovative solutions and lived experiences. The summit embraced a range of session formats including keynote speeches, panel discussions, masterclasses, roundtables, and showcases, fostering a dynamic, inclusive, and action-oriented learning environment.

Here's a glimpse of the insightful discussions featured topics:

Health, Nutrition and Sanitation

1. **Scaling Care: Unlocking Africa's Health Innovation Potential** | Hosted by **Villgro Africa**.

This session explored how healthcare startups can overcome growth and fundraising barriers in Africa. It emphasized the importance of investment readiness—through preparation, credibility, and ecosystem support—as a pathway to scale. The conversation unpacked strategies to build investor confidence and ensure long-term impact across the continent.

2. **Sustainable Business Models for Primary Healthcare in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities** | Hosted by **E-Health Africa**.

This session examined the barriers to accessible and scalable primary healthcare in Africa, from limited insurance coverage to workforce shortages and fragmented systems. Speakers emphasized the need for innovative business models that integrate technology, human-centered design, policy reform, and strategic partnerships. The conversation also addressed funding gaps and proposed solutions such as leveraging research, expanding digital tools, and strengthening cross-sector collaboration to drive long-term sustainability.

3. **Next-Gen Healers: Empowering Youth to Fill Africa's Health Workforce Gap** | Hosted by **Villgro Africa**.

This session addressed the urgent need to close Africa's health workforce gap by equipping youth with relevant skills and opportunities. Speakers highlighted systemic barriers including outdated training, limited job awareness, and over-reliance on traditional roles. The discussion spotlighted entrepreneurship as a key pathway—through telemedicine, home-based care, and supply chains—to expand the sector. Recommendations included aligning curricula with industry needs, boosting hands-on training, streamlining certifications, and encouraging youth-led health innovations.





Agriculture and food security

1. Food Security: Scaling Catalytic Funding for Enhanced Food Security | Hosted by Good Food Innovation Fund.

This session focused on innovative financing approaches to tackle Africa's food security challenges. Moderated by Intellecapt and The Rockefeller Foundation, the discussion emphasized the need to scale catalytic funding to drive sustainable agricultural transformation. Stakeholders explored impact-driven funding models designed to bridge financing gaps and support food systems innovation across the continent.

2. Driving Nutrition Impact through African SMEs | Hosted by Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition.

This session explored the critical role of African SMEs in improving nutrition and reducing malnutrition across the continent. With SMEs responsible for over 50% of Africa's caloric intake, the discussion focused on business models that deliver nutritious food to low-income consumers while remaining financially viable. Panelists highlighted investment strategies and cross-sector collaboration as key enablers for scaling impact. The session underscored how, with the right support, SMEs can transform nutrition outcomes and strengthen food security.

Circular and Regenerative Economy

1. Localizing the Loop: Developing Place-Based Circular Economy Models for Africa | Hosted by Intellecapt.

This session explored how Africa can adopt place-based circular economy (PBCE) models rooted in local realities rather than imported frameworks. Discussions focused on addressing climate change, biodiversity loss, and inequality through coordinated efforts involving businesses, communities, and governments. Highlighted initiatives included Circular Apparel Innovation Factory, Circular Cities, and Circular Food Systems, which aim to build local resilience, create green jobs, and enable MSMEs to adopt sustainable practices.

2. Circular Economy Catalysts: Community Innovations Driving Sustainable Impact in Africa

This session spotlighted grassroots circular economy solutions tackling waste and sustainability while generating economic opportunity. Organizations like VSO Waste Management and Ocean Cause Kenya shared real-world models, emphasizing the need for blended financing, risk mitigation, and policy support. A major theme was the supply-demand gap in recycled materials and the role of progressive government policies in enabling growth, with Kenya's plastic waste reforms cited as a strong example.





Climate and Clean Energy

1. Localizing the Global: Adapting Climate Innovations to Africa's Unique Needs | Hosted by **Energy Catalyst**.

This session focused on tailoring global climate innovations to Africa's realities. Panelists emphasized impact-linked financing, local capital, and patient investment to support scalable solutions. Case studies from Ethiopia, Ghana, and Kenya illustrated the role of policy in accelerating innovation. Speakers called for deeper collaboration, stronger local finance ecosystems, and blended finance models to advance climate solutions across the continent.

2. Unlocking the Role of Philanthropy in Africa's Climate Future | Hosted by **Shakti Foundation**.

This session highlighted how philanthropy can bridge gaps in climate finance, especially for high-impact adaptation projects. Discussions covered nature-based solutions, policy engagement, and capacity building for enterprises and governments. Key insights included leveraging carbon credits, moving innovations from pilot to scale, and fostering partnerships to strengthen Africa's climate resilience.

3. Pathways to Zero: De-carbonizing Africa's Industries for a Competitive Future | Hosted by **Intellecap**.

This session explored how Africa can decarbonize its industries while remaining economically competitive. Speakers emphasized the need for clean energy investments, local entrepreneurship, and supportive regulation. Key discussions included hydrogen for heavy industry, green steel, and financial instruments to accelerate adoption of low-carbon technologies.

4. Carbon Currency: Turning Emissions into Investments | Hosted by **Intellecap**.

This session unpacked how carbon credits can be leveraged as financial assets to attract investment and drive sustainability. Discussions highlighted the role of initiatives like FSD in supporting small-scale developers through advisory and finance. The session stressed the importance of enabling policies, innovative financing models, and stakeholder collaboration for a thriving carbon economy.

5. Gimmick vs. Value: What Should E-Mobility Investors Focus On? | **Community Session** led by **Ampersand**.

As e-mobility gains ground in Africa, this session dissected what truly matters for investors. Speakers examined the rise of startups amidst dropping battery prices and progressive policies in Rwanda and Ethiopia. The conversation tackled equity capital shortages, fragmented strategies, and tech gimmicks, urging investors to focus on scalable, value-driven innovations over hype.

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6. Greening the Deal: Enabling a Climate Finance Facility in Africa | Hosted by Intellecip.

This session explored the creation of a centralized climate finance facility to streamline capital deployment in Africa. Key focus areas included risk mitigation, easier capital access, and knowledge sharing. Drawing from global best practices, the session emphasized structured, inclusive approaches to fund climate solutions and support sustainable development across the region.

Gender, Livelihoods and Youth Employment

1. Results That Matter: Scaling Youth Employment Through Outcome-Based Financing | Hosted by Challenge Fund for Youth Employment

This session explored how outcome-based financing models are driving measurable youth employment across Africa. With a target of 230,000 jobs by 2026, CFYE shared strategies like results-based grants and structured models for sustainable employment. Panelists emphasized the role of financial incentives in enhancing accountability, promoting gender inclusion, and aligning investments with social impact.

2. Female Founder Showcase: Unlocking Market Potential | Hosted by Intellecip.

This session spotlighted 10 women-led businesses across Africa, offering them a platform to pitch to investors and partners. The showcase highlighted the innovative ways female founders are addressing livelihood challenges, while pursuing both financial returns and social impact.

3. Leveraging Climate Finance for Gender-Responsive Clean Cooking Solutions | Hosted by IDRC and Convergence.

This session examined how climate finance can support gender-responsive clean cooking solutions. Panelists discussed the intersection of clean energy, gender equity, and climate action, emphasizing the need for innovative financing, data-driven approaches, and cross-sector collaboration to scale impact and enhance women's economic empowerment.

4. Women @ Sankalp | Hosted by Intellecip.

This interactive session focused on emotional well-being and empowerment for women. Through reflective exercises and shared experiences, participants explored personal barriers and found renewed purpose. The session underscored the value of safe spaces, emotional release, and collective healing in building resilient women leaders.





Creative Economy

Masterpiece in Motion: Advancing Culture and Creative Entrepreneurship in Africa | Community Session led by Beaux Monde and Wylde International

This session explored the untapped potential of Africa's \$50B creative economy, addressing challenges like limited funding and policy gaps. Case studies from Beaux Monde, Kenya Fashion Week, and Muse Money showcased innovative solutions around mentorship, financial literacy, and global market access. Speakers called for better financial models, policy support, and stronger ecosystem linkages to fuel sector growth.

Exclusive Sessions for Entrepreneurs

1. Start-Up Fundraising Reality Check: Am I Chasing the Wrong Investors? | Hosted by Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship.

This session equipped entrepreneurs with tools to approach fundraising strategically. Speakers broke down four key elements of a funding ask—type of capital, amount, use of funds, and investor return—and stressed the importance of storytelling, clarity, and alignment with investor goals to increase chances of securing investment.

2. From Startups to Scale-Ups: Future-Proofing African Entrepreneurship Ecosystems | Hosted by The African Development Bank

This session explored how tech and innovation can drive startup scalability across Africa. Discussions covered barriers such as funding gaps and weak digital infrastructure, and proposed solutions like Startup Bills, ecosystem collaboration, and stronger product-market fit to build globally competitive ventures.

3. Boardrooms & Bottom Lines: Corporate Governance Made Simple | Hosted by FSD Uganda.

This session demystified corporate governance for startups, emphasizing its role in transparency, leadership, and investor confidence. Key takeaways included structuring governance systems, defining roles, and hiring ethically. Governance was reframed as a growth enabler, not just a compliance function.

4. Funders Review: A Townhall for Entrepreneurs | Community Session led by Sunlight Review.

This townhall connected entrepreneurs with aligned funders, offering guidance on refining investment messaging and navigating funding challenges. The session encouraged collaboration and shared insights to build sustainable, mission-driven ventures.

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5. Sell Like a Boss: Masterclass for Women

Entrepreneurs | Community Session led by Her Dream Career.

This hands-on session taught women how to master the sales process—from goal-setting to negotiation. Speakers highlighted the power of storytelling, inbound and outbound sales strategies, and leveraging digital tools for growth. Persistence and clarity were emphasized as keys to success.



Exclusive Sessions for Investors

1. Uganda Deal Room | Hosted by FSD Uganda.

This session showcased high-potential Ugandan enterprises to investors. Through live pitches and discussions, it facilitated connections and unlocked capital for scale-ready businesses in key sectors.



2. Roundtable with Investors | Hosted by Energy Catalyst.

This roundtable discussed Africa's energy financing gap, investor risk concerns, and early-stage funding challenges. Capacity-building programs and investor readiness tools were proposed as pathways to unlock more capital for the energy sector.

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3. Climate Finance Roundtable | Hosted by Intellectap.

This session addressed barriers to climate finance in Africa, calling for inclusive funding models, better regional collaboration, and carbon market readiness. Gender equity, flexible capital, and stronger Global South leadership were emphasized as accelerators of sustainable investment.



4. Deep Tech Showcase | Hosted by Intellectap.

This session explored how AI, robotics, and biotech are solving critical African challenges across healthcare, finance, and logistics. Entrepreneurs shared how strategic scaling, policy alignment, and investment in R&D are vital to building Africa's deep tech future.



5. Making More Health Together: Showcase of Health Innovators | Hosted by Villgro Africa.

This high-energy pitch session featured health startups presenting to investor judges. Founders gained feedback and exposure, while investors explored emerging innovations shaping Africa's health future.

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UNSTRUCTURED AGENDA AT THE SANKALP AFRICA SUMMIT 2025

Beyond the structured sessions, the **Sankalp Africa Summit 2025** embraced an '**unstructured agenda**', inviting the community to take charge of crafting and leading their own discussions within an unconference framework. This segment epitomized Sankalp's core value of **amplifying diverse voices** within the ecosystem, fostering organic, participant-driven exchanges on topics that matter most to the community.

This dynamic and engaging networking space was shaped by organizations that took the lead in hosting their own sessions, offering grassroots-level insights and fostering a collaborative atmosphere. The eclectic mix of discussions included:

- Built to Help, But Struggling to Succeed: The Hidden Barriers of Impact Incubation – led by Pollinate Impact
- How Can Incubators and Accelerators Stay Relevant? – facilitated by Villgro Africa
- WE Finance Code: Empowering Women Entrepreneurs – organized by The World Bank
- Scaling Renewable Energy SMEs across Africa – presented by Intellectap

These self-organized sessions enriched the summit with real-world perspectives and innovative ideas, reinforcing the commitment to democratizing knowledge sharing. By giving participants the freedom to shape the agenda, the unstructured segment ensured a holistic, multi-faceted approach to addressing the summit's overarching goals.





MAIN PLENARY DISCUSSIONS

DAY 1: OPENING PLENARY | SCALING AFRICA'S ENTREPRENEURS

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If you have black hair, you have a lot to do; if you have grey hair, you're here to give counsel and advice.

– Vineet Rai, Founder at Aavishkaar Group

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The 12th edition of the Sankalp Africa Summit opened with a dynamic plenary focused on this year's summit theme; Scaling Africa's Entrepreneurs. The session set the tone for the Summit by addressing the structural shifts needed to unlock Africa's entrepreneurial potential—from outdated models to purpose-led, locally driven innovation. Featuring a line-up of high impact ecosystem leaders, the session explored critical challenges and catalytic opportunities for scaling sustainable ventures across the continent.

Panel Discussion

Moderated by William Mulehi, a principal with Intellectap's consulting team, the session featured leading voices from philanthropy, investment, and development finance. Together, they explored the levers needed to scale African entrepreneurs—not through external aid, but through bold shifts in mindset, capital flows, and systemic support. [Relive the Plenary here.](#)

The panel featured:



Urmi Sengupta

MacArthur Foundation

Investing in Human Capital

Urmi stressed the importance of mentorship, capacity-building, and skill development as critical levers for unlocking long-term, scalable entrepreneurial success.



William Asiko

The Rockefeller Foundation

Changing Perceptions

William Called for a powerful narrative shift—challenging the image of Africa as a continent in need, and instead emphasizing resource control and self-determined growth.



Hendrina Doroba

African Development Bank (AfDB)

Financing the Future

Hendrina spotlighted green financing as a key driver of resilience, and reaffirmed AfDB's commitment to climate-forward investments that align sustainability with scale.



Vineet Rai

Aavishkaar Group

Shifting from Aid to Ownership

Vineet underscored the urgency for Africans to invest in Africa, advocating for collaborative capital models that are rooted in local context—not driven by donor agendas.

This session reframed entrepreneurship in Africa as a movement toward ownership, dignity, and innovation—built from within and backed by systems that are aligned to the continent's realities. It set a bold tone for the summit: one that embraces the power of local solutions, values-driven leadership, and a future authored by African entrepreneurs themselves.



DAY 2: OPENING PLENARY | THE MISSING TRILLION: BRIDGING THE GENDER INVESTMENT GAP FOR WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

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It's not just about women; men also need to be part of this conversation.

–Karnika Yadav, Partner and Director at Intelicap

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The second day of the Sankalp Africa Summit 2025 opened with a powerful conversation addressing one of the most urgent blind spots in Africa's entrepreneurship ecosystem: the gender investment gap. Despite driving innovation and impact across sectors, women-led businesses received just 1% of all startup funding in 2024—a stark decline from previous years. Startups with female CEOs secured only 2%, highlighting how deeply entrenched the gap remains.

This session moved beyond intent and rhetoric, offering concrete strategies to convert commitment into capital—and to ensure that women are not merely applauded for their resilience but actively funded to scale.

Panel Discussion

The panel discussion aimed to move from **intent to action** by exploring actionable strategies that investors and capital providers can implement to address the gender investment gap. Moderated by **Karnika Yadav, Intelicap**, the session delved into successful models that are already driving change, while examining the critical roles that financial institutions, governments, and venture capitalists play in bridging this gap. [Watch Day 2's Opening Plenary here.](#)

The panel featured:



Wendy Teleki

The World Bank

Designing Bias-Resistant Systems

Wendy called for investors and institutions to adopt gender-lens investment models, reduce systemic bias through better processes, and support women entrepreneurs into high-growth sectors like tech, AI, and manufacturing.



Mobola da-Silva

Capria Ventures

Rethinking “Investment Readiness”

Mobola challenged the notion that women-led businesses aren't ready for investment. The real issue often lies in misaligned funding structures and perception biases—not a lack of capability or ambition.



Flora Mutahi

Kenya Private Sector Alliance

Building Confidence and Competence

Flora spoke candidly about the unique pressure women face to “prove” themselves, noting the importance of mentorship, peer support, and visibility to help women entrepreneurs scale confidently.



Susan Situma

Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund

Making the Business Case for Inclusion

Susan underscored that gender inclusion isn't a moral argument—it's an economic one. Women reinvest in communities, build employment, and lead in sectors that drive social transformation. Investing in them makes bottom-line sense.

This plenary didn't just spotlight the funding gap—it interrogated the systems that sustain it. From the informality of women-led businesses and limited networks to restrictive ticket sizes and unconscious bias in decision-making rooms, the message was clear: the gender financing gap isn't a women's issue—it's a systemic one. Bridging it demands more than pledges. It calls for new investment models, measurable impact, and inclusive design thinking. Women are already building resilient, high-impact businesses—now the ecosystem must dismantle the barriers that keep them underfunded and underestimated.



CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE WITH THE SANKALP AFRICA 2025 AWARDS

At the heart of Sankalp lies one unwavering belief: entrepreneurs are the engines of transformation. Through grit, innovation, and purpose, they are reimagining systems, uplifting communities, and rewriting Africa's future.

The Sankalp Africa Awards are more than a recognition—they are a rallying cry for the ecosystem to champion enterprises solving the continent's most pressing challenges. This year, over 245 bold ventures from across Africa stepped forward, each bringing a vision of impact, scale, and sustainability.

From climate-smart solutions to inclusive tech, these entrepreneurs are not just building businesses—they're building legacies. And today, we celebrate those who rose to the top—exceptional entrepreneurs who are ready to scale, ready to lead, and ready to shape the next chapter of Africa's growth.

WINNER



Kilimo Fresh Foods Africa Ltd

Country: Tanzania | Sector: Agriculture

Kilimo Fresh Foods Africa Ltd is creating a modern mobile-powered distribution platform that connects farmers, consumers, businesses, and informal retailers to buy and sell fresh produce.

➔ www.kilimofresh.co.tz

FIRST
RUNNER-UP



Bena Care Ltd

Country: Kenya | Sector: Health

Bena Care Ltd is an initiative providing affordable, high-quality home-based nursing and in-home therapy, including physiotherapy and renal replacement therapies, for chronically ill patients in Kenya's middle- to low-income communities.

➔ www.benacare.or.ke

SECOND
RUNNER-UP



Dawa Mkononi

Country: Tanzania | Sector: Health

Dawa Mkononi leverages innovation and data-driven approaches to enhance the supply chain, improving medicine distribution for pharmacies, health facilities, and registered B2B clients.

➔ www.dawamkononi.com

ECOSYSTEM
AWARD



Organic Fields Ltd

Country: Kenya | Sector: Agriculture

Organic Fields Ltd is a social environmental enterprise that addresses market food waste by converting it into organic fertilizer, promoting nutrient recycling and carbon sequestration in soil.

➔ www.organicfields.co.ke



SANKALP AFRICA AWARDS FINALISTS 2025



Bottle Logistics East Africa Limited

Country: **Kenya**

Sector: **Circular Economies**

Recovers and recycles post-consumer and industrial glass into refined cullet, aggregates, and reusable bottles, excluding window glass and ceramics.

➔ www.bottle-logistics.com



Freeze link

Country: **Ghana**

Sector: **Clean Energy**

Builds cold chain networks for food and medicine distribution in Africa, recognized globally for its innovation.

➔ www.freezelink.co



Lake Farms and Fishing Lodge Ltd

Country: **Zambia**

Sector: **Agriculture**

Supports women and youth in fishing communities through access to high-quality fish, improving livelihoods and nutrition.

➔ [LinkedIn](#)



Tutera

Country: **Nigeria**

Sector: **Education**

Provides personalized home tutoring to help children improve academic performance and build confidence.

➔ www.tutera.com



PARTNER EVENTS & LAUNCHES AT SANKALP

- **Villgro Africa – 10-year celebration of impact!** – Villgro Africa, an incubator and impact investor, has supported emerging healthcare startups for a decade, fostering locally made solutions to reduce reliance on foreign aid. Wilfred Njagi, Co-founder and CEO at Villgro Africa, highlighted key achievements and the growth of Africa's healthtech sector, with over 1,000 innovation applications annually and increasing profitability for founders. Villgro has deployed \$4M in catalytic funding, leveraged \$44M in follow-on investment, and helped portfolio companies generate \$36M in revenue despite scalability challenges.
- **The Ennova AI Platform Launch** – The African Development Bank introduced Ennova; an AI-driven platform designed to support Africa's entrepreneurial ecosystem by leveraging technology and data-driven solutions for business growth. Ennova has successfully integrated technology and entrepreneurship, helping startups scale effectively while enhancing employee and customer experiences. It continues to empower organizations with actionable insights, fostering innovation and economic progress across Africa.
- **We-Fi Network – Launch of their Program in Kenya** – The Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative (We-Fi) launched the WE Finance Code in Kenya; a global commitment to increasing financial access for women-led micro, small, and medium enterprises (WMSMEs). We-Fi continues to drive economic growth by expanding financial inclusion, capacity-building, mentorship, and market linkages for women worldwide. At the Sankalp Africa Summit 2025, they launched the code in Kenya, and they received 32 entries during the event to indicate initial commitment to the WE Finance Code.





SANKALP AFRICA SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

ASCEND PROGRAM: ELEVATING EARLY-STAGE ENTERPRISES



The ASCEND Program at the Sankalp Africa Summit 2025 brought together some of Africa's most promising early-stage enterprises and showcased their innovative solutions and entrepreneurial spirit. These high-potential ventures, drawn from diverse sectors, had the unique opportunity to pitch their business models to a panel of experienced angel investors, aiming to secure seed funding and invaluable mentorship.

The participating organizations represent the vibrancy and ingenuity of Africa's entrepreneurial landscape, each committed to tackling pressing challenges through sustainable and scalable solutions. Their participation in the ASCEND program reflects not only their dedication to growth and impact but also their readiness to leverage strategic investments to scale their operations.

Here are the remarkable enterprises that took part in the ASCEND program, making their mark on the summit's stage:



Deed Technologies

Country: Kenya
Sector: Circularity

Recovering and remanufacturing IT assets in a controlled closed-loop system, offering B2B, B2C, and B2B2C sales, with IT support and buy-back options.

➔ www.deed.africa



Karaa

Country: Uganda
Sector: E- Mobility

Provides electric bicycle conversion kits and a Battery-as-a-Service (Baas) model, using a decentralized supply chain with local assembly and solar-powered charging hubs.

➔ www.karaa.africa



Taimba LTD

Country: **Kenya**
Sector: **Supply Chain**

B2B mobile agricultural supply chain directly linking smallholder farmers with urban and rural traders, reducing food wastage.

➔ www.taimba.co.ke



Farmbetter

Country: **Kenya**
Sector: **Agriculture**

Recovering and remanufacturing IT assets in a controlled closed-loop system, offering B2B, B2C, and B2B2C sales, with IT support and buy-back options.

➔ www.farmbetter.io



Ace Mobility

Country: **Kenya**
Sector: **Inclusive Mobility**

Provides accessible transport solutions for individuals with reduced mobility through leased vehicles, personalized assistance, and technology integration.

➔ www.acemobility.co.ke



M-taka

Country: **Kenya**
Sector: **Waste Management**

Tech-driven waste management platform integrating ERP, marketplace, and predictive analytics, ensuring efficiency and transparency in recycling.

➔ www.m-taka.co.ke





TRAILBLAZERS IN THE LIMELIGHT



Joanna Bichsel

Founder and CEO,
Kasha Global Inc

Health

E-commerce platform for
women's health products and
information

www.kasha.co



Hans Van Toor

Strategy and Innovation,
Roam

Electric Bikes

Electric motorcycle
manufacturer with direct sales
and subscription models

www.roam-electric.com



John Jakobsson

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EFAfrica Group

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Agricultural investment holding
company connecting farmers to
markets

www.efafrica.group

The Trailblazers Program at the Sankalp Africa Summit 2025 celebrated Africa's most innovative and high-impact entrepreneurs, showcasing a select group of ventures that have not only demonstrated remarkable success but are also poised for exponential growth. These pioneering enterprises are leaders in their fields, making significant strides towards social and environmental impact while positioning themselves to secure Series B funding and beyond.

Representing the vibrant and dynamic spirit of African entrepreneurship, these Trailblazers are at the forefront of scaling transformative solutions that can positively impact 1 billion lives. By participating in the program, they gained mainstage visibility, global partnerships, and unmatched networking opportunities, further positioning themselves to make a lasting difference on the continent and beyond.





CLIMATE DEAL ROOM: CHAMPIONING ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATORS



The Climate Deal Room at the Sankalp Africa Summit 2025 brought together some of the most impact-driven enterprises working on climate change mitigation and sustainability solutions. This unique platform provided an opportunity for these high-impact ventures to connect directly with investors through matchmaking and speed dating sessions.

These enterprises, distinguished by their innovative approaches and proven revenue models, are actively addressing critical climate challenges while paving the way for sustainable development. By participating in the Climate Deal Room, they demonstrated not only their commitment to environmental resilience but also their potential to scale and create lasting impact.

Here are the remarkable individuals that took part in the Climate Deal Room, showcasing groundbreaking solutions and a commitment to driving sustainable change:



Andrew Bownds

Co-founder & CEO,
Eco Brixx

Circular Economies

Plastic waste recycling into sustainable products with community collection networks

www.ecobrixxs.org



Gaudencia Wendy

Director, Kenya,
Iroko Analytics

Carbon Offsets

Data-driven platform connecting carbon credit buyers with verified forest conservation projects

www.irokoanalytics.com



Yanik Nyberg

CEO,
NARA Climate

Agriculture

Climate-smart agricultural technology solutions for sustainable farming practices

www.naraclimate.com



Ope Olanrewaju

CEO,
Kennie-O Cold Chain Logistics (KCCL)

Clean Energy

Solar-powered cold storage solutions for perishable goods transportation

www.kccl.com.ng



Alastair Livesey

CTO,
SolarMed

Health

Solar-powered medical equipment for off-grid healthcare facilities

www.solarmed.org



Abedi Muange

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Ndai

Financial Inclusion

Mobile-based microfinance platform connecting small businesses with affordable loans

www.ndai.africa



Ashish Anand

Founder,
Whrll

Financial Inclusion

Blockchain-based financial services for unbanked populations in emerging markets

www.whr.loans



Nishal Thampan

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Hubl

Clean Energy

Pay-as-you-go solar energy solutions for homes and small businesses

www.coolrun.co.uk



Florence Mogere

Founder,
Nyota (Frozen Isle)

Agriculture

Cold storage solutions for smallholder farmers to reduce post-harvest losses

www.nyota.co.ke



SHOWCASING AT SANKALP AFRICA SUMMIT 2025

The Sankalp Africa Summit serves as a vibrant hub for partnerships, offering organizations a unique platform to showcase their impactful work and connect with like-minded leaders from across the globe. It amplifies their visibility and fosters valuable collaborations to scale transformative solutions. For early-stage innovators and startups, the summit's booths and launchpads are a golden opportunity to present their bold ideas, engage with potential investors, and gain insights from a diverse ecosystem of changemakers.

It's more than just a showcase—it's a springboard for growth, recognition, and lasting impact in the social enterprise landscape.








PARTNER PAVILIONS

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 <p>➤ Healthtech Hub</p>	 <p>➤ William Davidson Institute</p>	 <p>➤ Grand Challenges Canada</p>	 <p>➤ Viya</p>
 <p>➤ Population Services International</p>	 <p>➤ Jhpiego</p>	 <p>➤ Energy Catalyst</p>	 <p>➤ FSD Uganda</p>
 <p>➤ The African Development Bank</p>	 <p>➤ South South Agriculture Alliance</p>	 <p>➤ CFYE</p>	 <p>➤ Mamamoni</p>














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EXHIBITION BOOTHS

 <p>advance Insight</p> <p>➤ Advance Insight</p>	 <p>advance Consulting</p> <p>➤ Advance Consulting</p>	 <p>AGRI FRONTIER</p> <p>➤ Agri Frontier</p>	 <p>ALLIANCE</p> <p>➤ Alliance Financial Services</p>
 <p>DARLEY INVESTMENTS</p> <p>➤ Darley investments</p>	 <p>Supivaa Advisory Group Ltd</p> <p>➤ Supivaa</p>	 <p>TinyTotos</p> <p>➤ Tiny Totos</p>	

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SUSTAINABILITY AT SANKALP

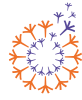
At the Sankalp Africa Summit 2025, we took a significant step toward environmental sustainability by launching a tree planting initiative aimed at offsetting the carbon emissions from the event. Committed to planting seven trees for each of the 971 attendees, our goal is to plant a total of 7,000 trees. We collaborated with the Ololua Forest Ecotourism Community Based Organization, leveraging their expertise for the detailed logistical planning necessary to ensure the success of our initiative. This includes the procurement of saplings, and the mapping and allocation of resources. To optimize the impact of our efforts, we will adopt the Miyawaki method, a technique developed by Japanese forest ecologist Akira Miyawaki, which is known for enhancing biodiversity and ecosystem resilience by simulating the natural growth of forests. This method involves intensive site preparation, including sustained weed removal for three years post-planting. We are grateful for the invaluable support from We collaborated with the Ololua Forest Ecotourism Community Based Organization, local communities, all Sankalp Africa Summit 2025 attendees and Aavishkaar Group team members employees whose collective effort made this initiative a success.





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CONCLUSION



The Sankalp Africa Summit 2025 was a resounding testament to the power of collaboration, innovation, and determination in driving Africa's entrepreneurial ecosystem forward. Having convened 971 participants from 41 countries, the summit truly embodied our commitment to empowering impact-driven enterprises and fostering partnerships that scale sustainable solutions.

From insightful plenary discussions and dynamic pitch sessions to thought-provoking roundtables and interactive workshops, the summit addressed some of Africa's most pressing challenges and celebrated the pioneering spirit of the continent's entrepreneurs. This year, we witnessed firsthand the transformative power of community-driven solutions, investor engagement, and ecosystem collaboration in creating lasting impact.

As we look forward to the Sankalp Africa Summit 2026, Intellectap remains unwavering in its mission to amplify the voices of entrepreneurs, bridge funding gaps, and catalyze scalable solutions. We are immensely grateful to our partners, speakers, sponsors, and every Participant who contributed to making this summit a success – Your passion, insights, and dedication continue to inspire us to push boundaries and create pathways for sustainable development.

We invite you to stay connected and be part of this movement. Follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#), and reach out if you are interested in partnering or collaborating with us on future endeavors. Together, let's continue building an inclusive and resilient Africa where entrepreneurs thrive and lead the way to transformative change. Relive the Summit! [Sankalp Africa 2025 in 4 minutes.](#)

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SANKALP AFRICA 2025 IN 4 MINUTES



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Sayuni Capital



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Ashish Patel
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Nairobi Business Angel
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Gladys Kavuma
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- Aavishkaar Capital
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- Advance Consulting East Africa
- Advance Insights
- Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund (AECF)
- African Development Bank (AFDB)
- African Leadership Academy
- African Management Institute
- Agape Innovations Limited
- AgDevCo
- Agricultural Business Initiative (aBi)
- Agrifrontier
- Agriterra
- Agrosahas International Pvt Ltd
- AHL Venture Partners
- Alliance Financial Services Limited
- Alphasundi Group
- Amref Health Africa
- ANDE (Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs)
- Argidius Foundation
- ASEI Uganda
- Ashoka
- Asigma Group
- Aspen Africa Institute
- Association of Savings and Credit Cooperatives in Kenya
- AVPA (African Venture Philanthropy Alliance)
- B.I.
- Bamboo Capital Partners
- BarefootLaw Uganda
- BARIDI
- Base of Pyramid Innovation Lab (BOPInc)
- Be Girl
- Berman Consulting
- Besefa Enterprise
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Biovision Foundation
- BK Capital
- Blessed Tree Planters and Agro Distributors Limited/ Crown Seeds
- BlueOrchard
- Bopinc
- Buffalo Bicycle Kenya Limited
- Burnley and Company
- Business For Health Solutions
- Cadmus / Invest Salone
- Cadmus Group
- Capria Ventures
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- Cartier Philanthropy
- Catholic Relief Services
- CDC Group (now British International Investment)
- Ceniath
- CFO Partners
- ChapChap
- Cordaid Investment Management
- Cosma
- CrossBoundary
- Crown Seeds
- Cycle Connect
- Darley Coffee
- DEG – Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft
- Deluxe Commodities SMC Limited
- DFID
- Diligence Africa Corp
- Doen Foundation
- DOEN Foundation (Buying for Ensemble Pour la Différence)
- Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation
- Duke University
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- Eco Brixs
- EIT Climate-KIC
- Elea Foundation
- Embassy of Switzerland
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- Ensibuuko
- Ensibuuko Technologies
- Enviu
- Equal Aqua Uganda
- European Delegation UG
- Ezrah Charitable Trust
- FIE Consult LLP
- Financial Sector Deepening Uganda – Deal Flow Facility
- FINCA International
- FINCA Intl & Ventures
- FINCA Ventures
- FinFort Limited
- Flow Uganda Limited



- FMO
- ForestFoods
- Formerly Kinara Capital
- Future Africa Consulting
- Gatsby Africa
- GenEM Foundation
- Generation Kenya
- GEnTz
- German Corporation for International Cooperation
- GIZ
- Global Development Incubator
- Global Health Rescue
- Global Kilimo Smart
- Global Partnerships
- Good Farmland Management Limited
- Good Nature Agro
- Goodwell Investments
- Grace Impact Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung
- Grassroots Business Fund
- Greenberg Agro Enterprises
- GreenMax Capital
- H&G Advocates
- Heifer International
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- Horizon
- Horizon Max
- Hubl Logistics
- Hydrobox Kenya
- IKEA Foundation
- Imagine Her (IH)
- ImpactAlpha
- ImpactAssets
- Imuka Access
- Inclusion [Africa]
- Innovate Africa Foundation
- International Development and Cooperation
- Investisseurs & Partenaires (I&P)
- Investors' Circle
- Issroff Family Foundation
- Issroff Foundation
- iungo capital
- Jangu International
- Jhpiego
- Kenya Climate Innovation Center
- Kenya Impact Incubator Limited
- Kilimo Fresh Foods
- Kinaitore Enterprise Limited
- King Baudouin Foundation
- Kisoboka Africa
- Koma Capital
- KPMg
- Lendahand
- LGT Impact Ventures
- LGT Venture Philanthropy
- LIQUIFY DIGITAL LIMITED
- Livelihood Impact Fund
- Mac Bee Honey Harvest Company- SMC Ltd
- Mandulis Energy (UK) Limited
- MANIFOLD COMMODITIES LTD
- MasterCard Foundation
- Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship
- Mobiklinic
- MobiKlinik Holdings
- Mujuni Ventures Ltd
- Mulago Foundation
- Musa
- Nordic Impact Funds
- Norfund
- Novastar Ventures
- Nuru International
- Oikocredit
- Omidyar Network
- Ona Systems Inc
- One Acre Fund
- Open Capital Advisors
- OPEN ENERGY LABS
- Open Society Foundations
- Organic Africa
- Partners in Food Solutions
- Patasente
- PAYTOTA
- Plumbee
- Proparco
- Rabo Foundation
- Regeneration
- Relevant Ventures
- Renew Capital
- responsAbility
- Rippleworks
- Root Capital
- Root Capital Incorporated
- Royal Academy of Engineering
- Safe Motherhood Alliance
- Safisana
- Sahan Cares
- Sahel Capital
- SEAF
- SEAF (Small Enterprise Assistance Funds)
- Segal Family Foundation
- Shamba Pride
- Shell Foundation



- SHIELD – University of Oxford
- SHONA Group
- Siemens Foundation
- Signalytic
- Sinapis
- Skills Link Network
- Skoll Foundation
- Small Foundation
- SmartKlub
- Social Finance Ltd
- Social Venture Circle
- SolarMed
- Soybean Africa Limited
- Stanford Seed
- Stichting Climate-KIC
- Stichting Netherlands Development Organization
- Supivaa
- Swahili Honey
- Swisscontact
- Symbiotics
- Takaungu Regeneration Project Limited
- Talanton LLC
- Technoserve
- The Behavioural Insights Team
- The GIIN (Global Impact Investing Network)
- The Global Innovation Fund
- The ImPact
- The Lemelson Foundation
- The Nature Conservancy
- The New Africa Fund
- The Rockefeller Foundation
- The Stone Family Foundation
- The Tony Elumelu Foundation
- The Valerian Fund
- Toniic
- Toniic T100
- Total Impact Capital
- Trade and Development Bank
- Transformational Investing in Food Systems
- Triodos Investment Management
- Umurenge Rural Development Association
- United Social Ventures
- Uro Care Hospital
- USAID
- Village Capital
- Village Market
- Vitol Foundation
- Weaverbirds Insights
- Wezesha Impact
- William Davidson Institute
- World Bank
- World Resources Institute
- Wylde International
- XSML Kenya Limited
- Yiya Solutions
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