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AWS HQ2 Venue in Crystal City, Washington DC

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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In-Person Event App

AFTS has developed its own event app! Currently, this is only accessible on Desktop; sign-in with the same email you registered with so you can watch and re-watch sessions, network with other delegates, and explore the virtual exhibition. The event is also streamlined via AFTS social handles including via Linkedin Live, Youtube and X.

Drinks & Networking

Water, Coffee & Tea as well as assorted refreshment is available throughout the event by the hallway of the auditorium.

After Summit Party

AFTS has partnered with Afropolitan Cities for an after-summit party taking place. Information for complimentary access to all in-person attendees will be provided at the summit.

Arrival & Entry

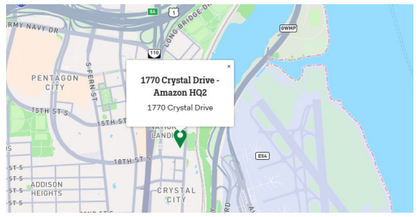
As soon as you arrive at the building, take the elevator or stairs to the reception on the 2nd floor where the registration desk is located. You will check in there, receive your name badge and escort it to the 14th floor where the event is being held. You will need to always wear your name badge while you are in the building for identification and security reasons and the name tags will need to be returned at check out.

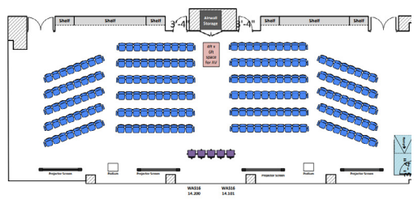
Metro & Rail
Crystal City station – Metro's Yellow and Blue lines take you to downtown DC in minutes and is just in front of the venue building.
Virginia Railway Express (VRE) commuter rail – is near the Crystal City station and will only take a quick ride to DC's Union Station with access to Amtrak trains.

Driving & Parking
Use Amazon HQ2 at 1770 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA for mapping. The Venue connects directly to Interstate 395, George Washington Parkway, and Routes 1 and 110. More than 10,000 public parking spaces are available throughout National Landing that hosts the venue, and most parking is free after 4 p.m. The closest parking to the venue is at the Crystal City Shops at 1750, Crystal Drive Entrance, Arlington, VA.

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Welcome

Welcome Changemakers and Fintech Experts,

It is our honor and privilege to host you at the 15th edition of the Africa Fintech Summit both virtually from all corners of the earth and here in Washington, DC during the World Bank spring meeting where we are hosting our summit at the beautiful venue of AWS HQ2 here in Crystal City. AWS has been our partner and startup pitch competition backer through the AWS Activate program since 2022 and we are now grateful for welcoming us at their iconic venue, thank you AWS!
As you noticed, we have made a decision to 'make the room even bigger' and split our summit into fully virtual (morning) and in-person with global streaming (afternoon) given the travel constraint many of our audience is facing including the 11 early stage startup founders who will all be pitching virtually from the comfort of their own homes. Africa's fintech ecosystem is scaling into integrated, cross-border platforms, yet access to global rooms remains uneven. The hybrid design we engineered collapses that gap, ensuring capital meets innovation without geography as a constraint. With the change we implemented for AFTSDC2026, we believe that we have signaled the future of African fintech convening is not location-bound it is network-driven, inclusive, and execution-focused - with intentionality.
As you walk through the summit to meet with both new and old friends, remember that you are among the biggest entrepreneurs, investors, regulators, and ecosystem enablers both in Africa and global partners contributing to the digital inclusion and financial equity via technology to the nearly 1.4B population strong continent. The conversations that take place today and the connections being made as well as the actionable outcomes from the summit will have a lasting impact on our industry!
The Africa Fintech Summit is a global initiative founded in 2017 on the idea that financial technology can unleash unprecedented economic firepower across Africa but that more collaboration between stakeholders was needed. In our pursuit of this mission, the AFTS was born as a space where policies are debated, investments mobilized, and collaborations formed that transcend both sectors and geographies.
To date, the AFTS has collectively engaged over 25,000 in person and virtual delegates hailing from over 100 different countries. The AFTS is the space that has helped shape fintech regulation, witnessed the launch of several major fintech players, and facilitated millions of dollars in investments and successful capital introductions with a bi-annual summit every year in Washington DC, during the WB spring meeting, and in one Africa city in Sept-November.
The AFTS team has carefully curated contents that are relevant, gathering thought leaders and speakers that shape the future and I am grateful to be closely working with such a dynamic team delivering this kind of impactful summit year on year. We are very grateful for our sponsors, partners and speakers, this summit would not have been made possible without their support.
Do not hesitate to take advantage of the exceptional minds gathered both virtually and in person here in DC today. As an organizing committee, we will judge our performance in terms of actionable outcomes and impacts, so our success is entirely in your hands. Ask questions, exchange ideas, debate regulations, and take part in building the future of Africa's fintech industry.
Thank you for joining us and enjoy your day!



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2025 was a pivotal year for Africa's digital sector. Fintech shifted from rapid scaling to prioritizing sustainable growth and profitability. Regulators made bold moves to support innovation, while local exchanges saw five IPOs, including two from fintech companies. African startups raised over $3B in disclosed funding—a 33% year-on-year increase—as detailed in my 2025 prediction & reality check report last month!

Building on this momentum, I am sharing my outlook for 2026 in African fintech and investment, starting with our selected theme and the rationale behind it.

AFTS THEME FOR 2026 – POWERING THE WORLD FROM AFRICA

2026 will mark the transition from "African fintechs going global" to "the globe powered by African founders, capital, talent and infrastructure." The continent is no longer just adopting global technologies & solutions—it is exporting them. From mobile money innovations to cloud computing born in Africa and gifted to the world, Africa is increasingly powering the world from within. Fintech platforms born out of necessity are now enabling cross-border trade, remittances, and digital finance far beyond the continent, while African engineers, founders, and creatives are building products that serve global users at scale. As global remote work opportunities, computing infra, and connectivity converge, Africa's digital-native youthful population and entrepreneurial resilience position it not just as a beneficiary of global growth, but as a driver of it—powering global finance, AI, and digital transformation from Africa to the world. And that number is not to match – the youngest continent in the planet with median age of 19 years, over 1.5 billion headcount strong equipped with 710M unique mobile users, that is technologically savvy, digital-native, educated and able to power the world from it is own backyard.

Equally, the center of gravity shifts toward the global African diaspora (classified as the '6th region' by the African Union), global citizens, and cross-border-native fintechs operating in an integrated world market. African fintechs will design their business strategy explicitly for dual-identity users (local + global) and will no longer be defined by geography & borders, but by global impact & market reach. Reflecting this trend, the Africa Fintech Summit has selected "Powering the World from Africa" as the theme for 2026.

2026 PREDITION & OUTLOOK FOR THE AFRICAN FINTECH & INVESTMENT SPACE

Given this context, here is a summary of my predictions for Africa's Fintech and Investment landscape in 2026.

Ø A YEAR of AFRICAN STOCK EXCHANGES REDEFINING CAPITAL MOBILIZATION & IPOs-

African stock exchanges had a boon in 2025 including minting 5 IPOs redefining capital mobilization and showcasing growth capital can come from the within while democratizing wealth generation via retail investment.
The tech IPOs listed in 2025 will pave ways for other growth stage startups to consider local listings and IPOs while African stock exchanges will continue to innovate and streamline process to make it easier for more tech IPOs in 2026. In the equities/ETF market front African exchanges delivered extraordinary returns despite headwinds of macroeconomic and currency challenges including USD returns of 247% in Malawi, 108% in Zambia & 143% in Ghana in 2025 – in comparison to a -3% for Bitcoin same period. I expect more risk capital to flow to African exchanges as investors seek diversification and 'smell the coffee' of risk-adjusted returns in Africa.

Ø MOBILE MONEY: TRANSITIONING MILLIONS TO RETAIL INVESTORS, redefining "Financial Inclusion" as "Financial Empowerment" –

Africa's gift to the world - Mobile Money – has facilitated financial inclusion for hundreds of millions across the continent and has grown to incorporate a range of embedded financial services.. In 2025, Safaricom PLC M-PESA Africa made what was impossible to ordinary citizens in the past - investing in the capital markets with the launch of Zidi Money Market Fund. In West Africa, SecondSTAX is collaborating with MTN to power millions of MoMo users to access capital market investment. . Even allocating a portion of annual MoMo transaction volumes to the capital markets could inject hundreds of millions of dollars in liquidity into local exchanges and generate thousands, potentially millions, of new retail investors. 2026 is projected to bring millions of local retail investor participation and wealth creation, driven by Mobile Money–powered innovation.

Imagine this:- In December 2025, Africa's richest man Aliko Dangote, announced a strategic plan to list his $20 Billion Dangote refinery on the Nigerian Stock Exchange in 2026. This initiative aims to provide ordinary Nigerians with the opportunity to invest in the world's largest refinery using Naira while receiving dividends in USD—a rare hedge against inflation and currency swings. With Nigeria registering over 200M mobile phone users and witnessing increased adoption of mobile money, the prospect of making participation of the Dangote Refinery IPO broadly accessible to ordinary Nigerians through mobile money platforms via partnership with Nigerian Stock Exchange—rather than restricting participation to a select group.
For comparison, MTN Ghana's IPO in 2022 was predominantly facilitated via Mobile Money and minted over 100,000 local Ghanian mobile money users as shareholders. If a similar model is adopted in 2026 for the Dangote Refinery IPO, it enables widespread participation effectively democratizing intergenerational wealth generation to ordinary Nigerian mobile money users - and fuel consumers - for its planned IPO and establishing the company as a truly public company. Will we see this?

Ø AFRICA TO ADVANCE ENTERPRISE USE OF STABLECOINS & INTRODUCE LOCAL/ RESOURCE-BACKED VARIANTS –

Africa has perfected use cases of Stablecoin for decades and the world is just catching up. While the use of stablecoin is out of necessity, to address dollarization risks, local currency-backed and resource-backed stablecoins are expected to emerge. Enterprise use of stablecoins for cross-border transactions, treasury management, B2B payments, and supply chain efficiency will accelerate from 2026 onward. Read more on this in my report re Africa & Stablecoins for an in-depth analysis.

Ø REGULATORY CLARITIY WITH VIRTUAL ASSETS REGULATIONS & INSTITUTIONALIZATION –

In 2025 Ghana introduced the Virtual Assets and Virtual Asset Service Providers (VASPs) and Kenya implemented the Virtual Asset Service Providers Act , both providing clarity and legal framework for digital assets. I anticipate that in 2026, additional countries will introduce similar regulations to support the use of blockchain-based assets in their economies.

Ø AI FANDAMENTALS – DATA CENTRES, LOCAL LLM, ALGORITHM & IMPACT APPLICATION –

AI is rapidly transforming work and life, with those controlling its development positioned for future advantage. Intensive AI initiatives occurred in Africa in including NVIDIA & Cassava Technologies' partnership for Africa's first AI factory. In 2026, expect increased investment in local data centers, power infrastructure, LLM and algorithm training, integrating African data into AI and supporting AI-driven enterprises.

Ø TELCOs ARE YOUR NEW BANKS – In Africa, telcos have driven last mile financial inclusion & value-added financial services, but banks have retained control due to regulations. This is changing as Telcos are making bold moves in licensed banking operations, for example, Safaricom PLC & Airtel Money Africa were granted intermediary service platform providers licenses by CMA in Kenya and MTN is seeking banking license in South Africa. Telcos with millions of subscribers and mobile money users, will be acquiring licenses in the regulated banking space and baptizing themselves as 'banks' in 2026 and beyond.

Ø THE GLOBAL DIASPORA AS THE NEW AFRICAN FINTECH BATTLEFIELD – African fintechs are tackling local financial challenges while expanding globally to serve the $1T GDP African diaspora as a full market, not just for remittances source. Efficient cross-border transfers, multicurrency cards, and broader financial services such as wealth management for the global nomads and globetrotting Africans and the diaspora as well as business banking will drive fierce competition from 2026 onwards, boosted by improved regulations for KYC and digital identity.

Ø AFRICAN FINTECHS FUNDRAISING VIA DEBT FINANCING, BOND ISSUANCE – With capital markets developing and the perceived risks associated with investing in African startups becoming less of a concern, debt and bond options are now more affordable. This allows founders to maintain their equity as their businesses expand. By 2026, we can expect more African startups to use debt financing and bond issuance as part of a broader strategy to raise capital.

Ø TOKENIZATION & RWA DIGITIZATION – By 2026, global tokenization of real-world assets (RWA) is expected, driven by regulatory clarity from the GENIUS ACT in the US. In Africa, this will have significant impact due to limited legal property rights, as discussed in AFTSNAIROB24. As the world moves almost every asset onchain, tokenization in Africa will provide fraud-proof property legalization and most importantly unlocks access to the trillion dollar worth of resources, including Gold, Copper, critical minerals and so forth. As an example, read the case example of Central Africa Republic tokenization of over 1,700 hectares of land using Solana blockchain.

Ø AFRICAN CREATORS & FREELANCERS EARNING ON GLOBAL STAGE – As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, African creators and freelancers are finding their footing in the global digital economy. While exclusion by bias and lack of global payment infrastructure have undercut African creators for long, the space is shifting as the global consumers put no boundaries for content and talent has proved as the ultimate winner, resulting in innovative rewards and payment infrastructures virtually removing the payment divide. For instance, Base by Coinbase, introduced the Initial Freelancer Offering, allowing African creators to launch their work and receive payments internationally as well as freelancer payment orchestrators including Cadana, Deel, PaidHR, Stripe, Workpay, Base by Coinbase, Bento Africa, Startbutton Africa, Afriwork. Payd HQ, Raenest App (formerly Geegpay), Rise and others are making it possible for African talent earn at global rates, using preferred currencies and payment methods. In 2026 will see an intensified recruitment of African freelancers and creators in global stages with earnings to match and several fintech startups serving the market need.

Ø GLOBAL HR/PAYROLL TECH GIANTS AQUIRING AFRICAN STARTUPS – With growing demand for global payroll and compliance services as African talent expands worldwide, local startups are scaling up. Global companies are entering Africa to take a slice of the remote workforce market, resulting in vertical & strategic acquisitions of home-grown payroll platforms.

Ø GLOBAL FINTECHS ZOOMING IN TO AFRICA – MOSTLY VIA PARTNERSHIP & ACQUISITIONS – The next billion tech savvy consumers will emerge from Africa and the world largest fintech giants are making calculated moves accordingly. Revolut is moving to Africa and PayPal, that exited some markets in Africa, has made it clear it is coming back to Africa in 2026 - this time through strategic alliances with established local fintechs that have perfected operating in Africa. Expect a wave of strategic acquisitions and partnership proposals by the incoming global fintechs — including telcos, banks and global payment networks — help drive market consolidation in 2026. For context, see my commentary of Stripe's acquisition of Paystack back in 2020.

Ø FUNDING REBOUNDS WITH STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS – FOCUS ON PROFITABILITY - After fintech's strong share of total startup funding in 2025 & focus on profitability & unit economics, in 2026 Investors will favour startups with solid unit economics, strong regulatory standing, clear profitability paths, and scalable business models attuned to local dynamics. Large strategic rounds will return and early-stage investments abounding with syndicates, angels, and local VCs & CVCs are expected to increase their share of fintech funding.

Ø INCREASED BANK-FINTECH M&A ACQUISITIONS - In 2026, fintech startups will seek more MFI licenses for greater banking control, while banks will acquire fintechs to expand digitally as part of their diversification. South Africa's eNL Mutual Bank that operated the first stokvel-graduated-to-full-fledged-bank highlights how financial cooperatives like stokvels, credit unions, and indigenous savings systems are poised to enter licensed banking and fintech sectors due to their capital and user networks. In Africa, the lunch table is so big that fintechs are not eating Bank's lunches and there are enough room for everyone on the table for collaborative competition as well as competitive collaborations.

Ø MORE EXITS VIA SECONDARIES & INCREASED LOCAL OPERATORS-TURNED-INVESTORS – As the path for IPOs and strategic acquisition is work in progress for many startups, Investors will find liquidity and will see exits through secondary sales. Founders with liquidity will invest locally, boosting secondary markets. Expect more announced secondary exits in 2026.

Ø TECH INVESTMENT SURGE FROM THE GULF REGION & ASIA – In 2026, new regional funds connecting Gulf, Asian, and African markets will drive fresh investment into the tech sector.

Ø AfCFTA & PAPSS DEEPENING FINTECH ON-BOARDINGS FOR INTRA-AFRICA TRADE – As of Dec 2025, PAPSS has onboarded 20 countries, 15 switches, 160+ commercial banks and 5 fintechs as ecosystem partners in implementation of AfCFTA and cross border transaction across the continent. We expect More fintechs to join PAPSS for pan-African operations, enabling easier cross-border activity for African fintechs through African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat and Pan-African Payment & Settlement System - PAPSS.

Ø AFRICA FINTECH SUMMIT TO HOST ITS 14TH & 15TH EDITIONS IN WASHINGTON DC & KIGALI –My last prediction for 2026 is of our own & very precise – Africa Fintech Summit will host its 14th edition in Washington DC on April 15, 2026 coinciding with the World Bank spring meeting week, while the 15th edition heads to the 'easy of doing business capital of Africa', Kigali, Rwanda on November 18-19, 2026. Both events will reinforce the annual theme, offering valuable opportunities for learning, networking, insights, collaboration, and investment.

2026 will be a challenging but rewarding year for African fintechs, testing their adaptability and resilience. African innovators are experienced in overcoming challenges and are expected to emerge stronger.

TECH VENTURE CAPITAL

DEALS & VOLUMES

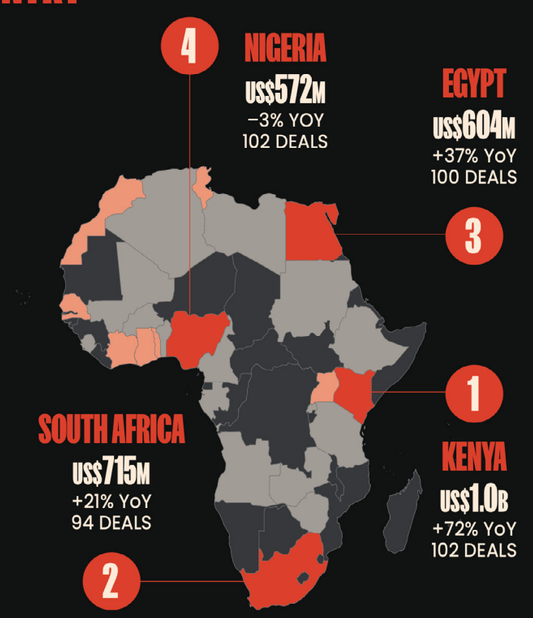
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EQUITY FUNDING	DEBT FUNDING	TOTAL FUNDING
$2.4B	$1.6B	$4.1B
+8% YoY	+63% YoY	+25% YoY
462 DEALS	107 DEALS	570 DEALS
+1% YoY	+40% YoY	+7% YoY
539 INVESTORS	77 INVESTORS	
-7% YoY	+10% YoY	

EQUITY & DEBT

EQUITY & DEBT BY COUNTRY

		EQUITY FUNDING IN US$M	DEBT FUNDING IN US$M	TOTAL FUNDING IN US$M
1.	Kenya	539	498	1 037
2.	South Africa	643	72	715
3.	Egypt	358	246	604
4.	Nigeria	412	160	572
5.	Senegal	84	139	223
6.	Ghana	52	38	90
7.	Morocco	79	2	80
8.	Tunisia	37	5	42
9.	Togo	15	16	31
10.	Uganda	21	1	22
11.	Cote D'Ivoire	10	11	22
12.	Rwanda	17	0	17
13.	Mali	0	16	17
14.	Ethiopia	14	–	14
15.	Sierra Leone	12	–	12
16.	Angola	7	3	10
17.	Tanzania	7	5	12
18.	Algeria	8	–	8
19.	Sudan	2	2	4
20.	Zambia	4	–	4
21.	Zimbabwe	1	–	1
22.	Gabon	1	–	1
23.	Benin	1	–	1
24.	Seychelles	0.4	–	0.4
25.	Cameroon	0.4	–	0.4
26.	Burkina Faso	0.2	–	0.2
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28.	Panafrican	94	429	523

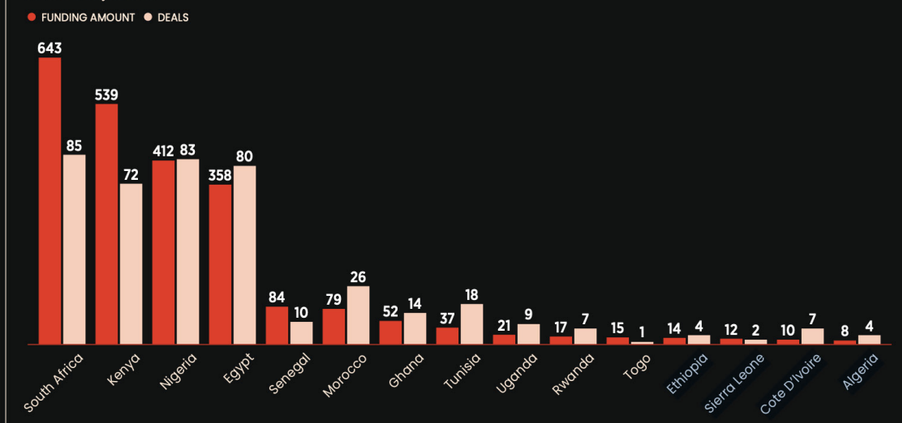


2025 AFRICA

EQUITY

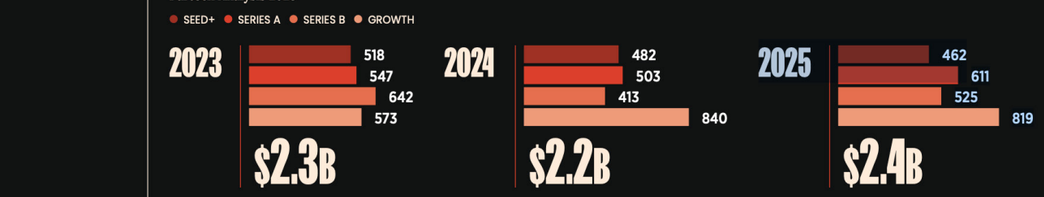
EQUITY BY COUNTRY

AFRICA TECH VC - EQUITY FUNDING AMOUNT (IN US$M) AND DEAL COUNT PER COUNTRY (TOP 15)
Partech Analysis 2025



EQUITY BY STAGE

AFRICA TECH VC - TOTAL EQUITY FUNDING PER STAGE 2023 - 2025 (IN US$M)
Partech Analysis 2025



EQUITY INVESTORS

539 unique equity investors (-7% YoY)

176 investors doing 2 deals or more (+2% YoY)

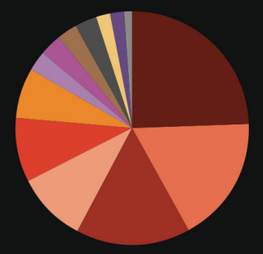
9 investors doing 10 deals or more (+7% YoY)

EQUITY BY GENDER

10% of total equity **FUNDING** going to female-founded startups (+3%P.P. YoY)

19% of equity **DEALS** closed by female-founded startups (+1%P.P. YoY)

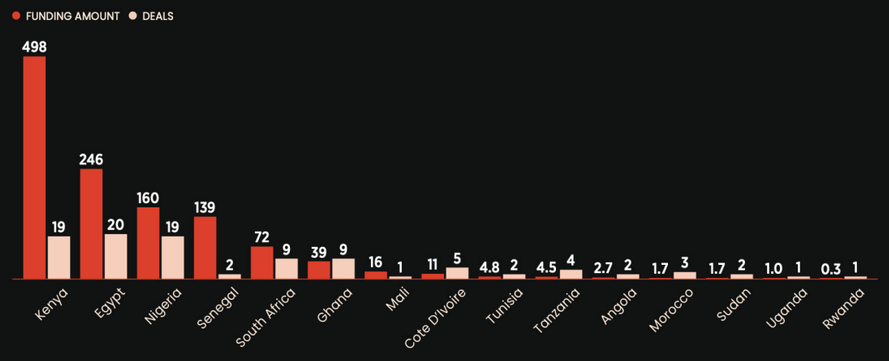
EQUITY BY SECTOR



DEBT

DEBT BY COUNTRY

AFRICA TECH VC - DEBT FUNDING AMOUNT (IN US$M) AND DEAL COUNT PER COUNTRY
Partech Analysis 2025



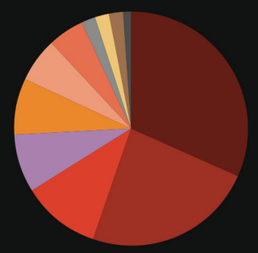
DEBT INVESTORS

77 active debt investors (+10% YoY)

20 debt investors doing 2 deals or more (+54% YoY)

9 debt investors doing 3 deals or more (+50% YoY)

DEBT BY SECTOR



DEBT BY GENDER

14% of total debt **FUNDING** going to female-founded startups (+13%P.P. YoY)

24% of debt **DEALS** closed by female-founded startups (+14%P.P. YoY)

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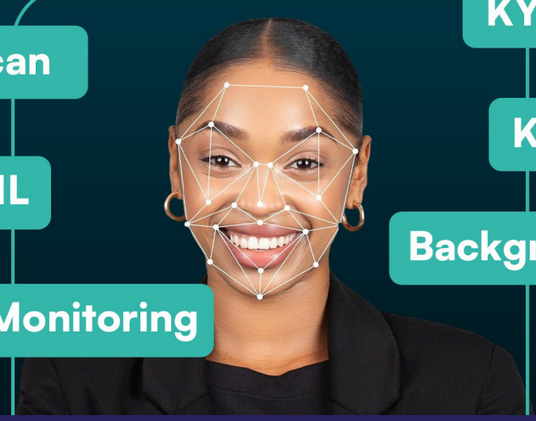
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The New Venture Pitch Competition is a cornerstone of the Africa Fintech Summit, Washington, D.C. April edition. For years, we have served as a launchpad for the "future unicorns" , the visionary solvers and chipmakers tackling the most pressing pain points across Africa and the globe.
This year marks our 7th edition, celebrating a legacy of excellence. Our alumni have gone on to raise over $500M USD, featuring industry leaders such as Yellow Card, PiggyVest, Fonbnk, One-port365, and Asaak.

A New Chapter: The Virtual Stage

In an exciting evolution for 2026, AFTS is bringing the innovation directly to you. This year, we are introducing a fully virtual pitch format, allowing our new venture cohorts to bridge geographical divides and showcase their solutions on a global digital stage.
When: April 16.
Time: 11AM-12PM EST
The Stakes: Our finalists will pitch to a pre-selected panel of high-profile judges for the chance to be crowned the 2026 New Venture Pitch Competition Winners.
We invite you to take the time to engage with these changemakers, explore their virtual booths, and discover the next generation of African tech brilliance.

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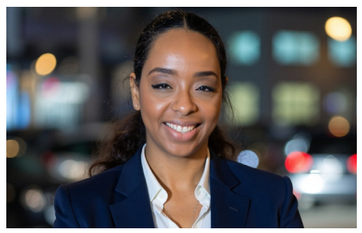
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The Africa Fintech Summit Announces Kigali as Host City for November 2026

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15th & 16th editions of Africa Fintech Summit to be held on 15 April 2026 in Washington DC & on 18-19 November 2026 in Kigali, Rwanda

02 December 2025 – Lagos: - During the inaugural PAPSS COWRY forum in Lagos, Nigeria, Africa Fintech Summit is pleased to announce dates and locations of its 2026 flagship summits. The 15th edition of AFTS will take place in Washington DC, USA on 15th April 2026 during the World Bank spring meeting week and the 16th edition will head to Africa's 'ease of doing business' capital – Kigali, Rwanda – on November 18-19, 2026. The summits will bring Regulators, Policy Makers, Financial Industry Executives, Fintech Founders, leading innovators, investors, conference tourism delegates and Afroprenours from around the world.

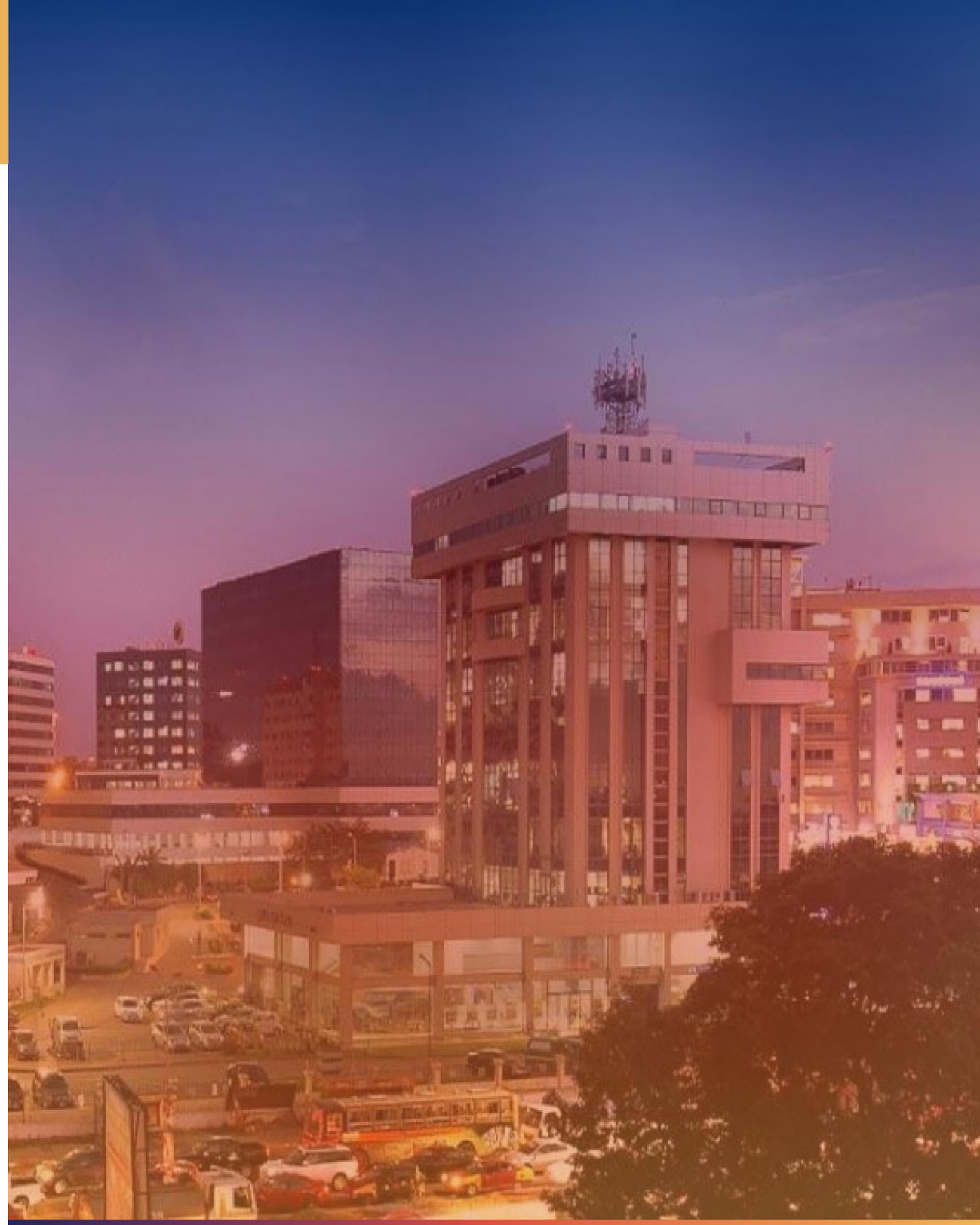
With participants who represent over $56 Trillion in strategic and venture capital funding, the AFTS is the premier global initiative dedicated to financial technology growth in Africa. The bi-annual summit occurs each April in Washington, D.C., on the sideline of the WB/IMF Spring meeting, and each November in a different African city (most recently in Accra, Ghana (2025), Washington DC (2025), Nairobi, Kenya(2024), Lusaka (2023), Cape Town (2022), Cairo (2021), Virtual (2020), Addis (2019) and Lagos (2018) and every April in Washington DC.

"We are very much looking forward to bring our flagship biannual summits in 2026 with additional features and content considering the constructive ecosystem feedback we received from our latest summit in Accra that brought over 1,163 in person and 2,145 virtual attendees as well as 32 startups for our Alpha Expo pitch competition program. We are pleased to announce that our African leg of the summit will be hosted by Kigali, Rwanda in November 2026 and we will be closely working with the Rwandan Government, ecosystem stakeholders and our partners to make our 2026 editions even more impactful yet," said Zekarias Amsalu Dubale, FCCA, Co-Founder & MD for Africa Fintech Summit(AFTS).

#AFTSDC26 & #AFTAKIGALI26 will bring welcome receptions for Speakers and invited guests on the first night; Keynote Speeches, workshops, fire side chats, Masterclasses. Product launches & partnership announcements, Exhibitions, Award ceremony, Pitch Competition for African early-stage startups & Ecosystem tours for the global investing community. The events will conclude with a happy hour & cultural immersion/networking sessions for the delegates.

As in the past years, the event will be hybrid with live streaming provided for remote attendees via our website. Registration page and tickets for the summits with early bird discount will be made available in January 2026 at our website, https://africafintechsummit.com/.

Sponsors, Exhibitors & Partners can reach out to organizers at **Sponsorship@africafintechsummit.com** or **info@africafintechsummit.com** to secure their sponsorship & partnership opportunities. The AFTSACCRA25 Post Summit report from the latest edition of #AFTAACCRA25 provides visuals and statistics re the breadth and impact of brand exposure during AFTS summits.



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