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AFRICA FINTECH SUMMIT ANNOUNCES 34 PARTICIPATING STARTUPS IN THE ALPHA MICRO-ACCELERATOR & PITCH COMPETITION PROGRAM AT AFTSKIGALI26

15 September 2026: KIGALI, RWANDA — The Africa Fintech Summit (AFTS) is proud to announce the early-stage startups selected for the 9th cohort of its flagship Alpha Expo Micro-Accelerator & Pitch Competition, one of Africa's most influential launchpads for emerging fintech innovators, taking place during the 16th Africa Fintech Summit from **November 18–20, 2026**, at the iconic Kigali Convention Center.

This year's summit will convene senior government officials, regulators, development partners, global investors, corporate leaders, and financial-sector executives, alongside innovators, students, and Afropreneurs. The gathering reinforces Rwanda's position as one of Africa's most forward-looking hubs for digital transformation, financial innovation, and regulatory excellence.

The selected **34 startups**, representing **10 countries** and chosen from hundreds of applications, will showcase breakthrough solutions across fintech and fintech-adjacent sectors including payments, AI, intra-Africa and cross-border trade, RegTech, digital banking, stablecoins, e-commerce, healthtech, edtech, blockchain, and financial inclusion.

In alignment with Rwanda's national innovation agenda, and in partnership with the **Strategic Partnership** agreement we have with the **Kigali International Financial Centre (KIFC)**, which jointly oversees **Innovate Rwanda** with the **Ministry of ICT & Innovation**, 50% of this year's cohort comprises Rwandan startups, reflecting AFTS' long-term commitment to host countries and impacting local ecosystems sustainably.

This year's cohort includes:

- MYITURA **(Nigeria) -** MyItura is a healthcare financing and digital health infrastructure company building the embedded financial layer for healthcare access across Africa.
- Omuticlub **(Uganda) -** OmutiClub is a digital platform that lets users save and invest individually or through their savings clubs, connecting them to diversified regulated investment products for the first time
- PaySureFy **(Nigeria) -** PaySureFy is Africa's first AI-powered cross-border escrow and trust infrastructure, designed to make digital transactions safer for individuals and businesses across the continent.
- Cubeseed Africa Ltd **(Nigeria) -** Cubeseed Africa is a fintech-enabled agritech marketplace that connects poultry and livestock farmers with institutional buyers through a trusted digital platform.
- AbegEppMe Global Services Limited **(Nigeria) -** AbegEppMe is a service-based e-commerce platform that connects artisans, handymen, workmen, licensed professionals, and Service providers with customers seeking their services through a user-friendly website and mobile application.
- Decide AI **(USA) -** AI spreadsheet agent for analyzing Excel
- Techdrim Company Limited **(Zambia) -** Mwendo is a mobility and income empowerment startup that helps individuals own motorbikes through a "Ride to Own" program.
- Medikia Finance **(Nigeria) -** Medikia is an AI-powered financial infrastructure designed specifically for healthcare providers in Nigeria.
- mystocks.africa **(Botswana) -** Crossborder pan-african investment tech platform. Robinhood app of Africa
- COBS CORPORATION LIMITED **(Tanzania) -** COBS Corporation Limited is a Tanzanian technology company developing digital solutions that help small and medium-sized businesses improve efficiency and financial management.
- PAYTOTA **(Uganda) -** Paytota is a regulated, multi-channel payment technology platform that consolidates fragmented banking rails and local payment networks into a single, cohesive integration framework across East Africa
- Shega Media & Technology **(Ethiopia) -** an AI-powered decision intelligence platform for Africa's financial ecosystem, transforming fragmented public, regulatory, market, and ecosystem data into verified, decision-ready intelligence.
- Amanda **(Nigeria) -** an AI sales agent built for WhatsApp merchants across Africa, where over 90% of Nigerian customers already buy, but vendors are drowning in

message volume, losing sales to missed messages, slow replies, and staff skimming off the top.

- Trackify Finance **(Nigeria) -** Trackify Finance is building an operating system for startups and investors in Africa. Trackify combines financial management, fundraising infrastructure, portfolio monitoring, AI business operations, and cross-border payment tools into one unified ecosystem.
- MBIYOPAY **(Congo DRC, Nigeria) -** MbiyoPay is a payment infrastructure company focused on enabling seamless money movement across Africa and beyond.
- Early Bird Testimony Academy **(South Africa) -** EBTA Online Academy provides affordable online tutoring and mentorship to high school learners across South Africa by employing top-performing university students as relatable tutors, charging just R200 to R250 per month compared to R400 per hour elsewhere.
- Radius **(USA + Nigeria) -** Radius helps international students from emerging markets pay their tuition and fees to anywhere in the world in under 24 hours.
- Hizo Technology Limited **(Nigeria) -** Hizo is bridging the payment gap in Africa, allowing Africans to spend in their own currency when they move around Africa.
- Vouchify **(Rwanda) -** Vouchify is a membership and subscription infrastructure platform that helps local service businesses like gyms, hotels, coworking spaces, car washes, and supermarkets turn one-time customers into recurring revenue.
- Pinfee **(Rwanda) -** Pinfee is Rwanda's first B2B SaaS recurring payment collection platform for institutions.
- Eazylink **(Rwanda) -** EazyLink simplifies everything with one card. Share contacts, collect payments, and track belongings effortlessly using NFC technology and a built-in tracking chip.
- My Judicial **(Rwanda) -** MyJudicial is a legal-tech and fintech-adjacent platform engineered to democratize access to justice and secure commercial relationships for ordinary citizens and micro-SMEs in Africa.
- Check Me Ltd **(Rwanda) -** Check Me is an AI-powered health technology startup improving early breast cancer detection across Africa.
- Button **(Rwanda) -** Button is Rwanda's first AI-powered investment platform, making the Rwanda Stock Exchange accessible to everyday people through a mobile-first app.
- InversePay **(Rwanda) -** InversePay is building a borderless financial system for Africa and its diaspora, giving both individuals and businesses fast, affordable cross-border payments that the traditional system prices out or leaves behind.
- Sohana **(Rwanda) -** SOHANA is a fintech platform that digitises Africa's community savings circles — the Njangi, Tontine, Esusu, Chama and Stokvel — for the African diaspora and the continent.
- Agaseke for Creators **(Rwanda) -** We help content creators turn their audience's love into financial support. As monetizing social media engagement remains hard in Africa, we offer creators the ability to earn money from their audiences directly, thus giving them more control over their audience engagement and more money coming in.

- Zelo **(Rwanda) -** Zelo is Rwanda's mobility and commerce super-app — a single platform where consumers order rides, chauffeur services, deliveries, and shopping from local businesses, with Mobile Money settlement built in
- Nardopay **(Rwanda) -** Nardopay is a social commerce fintech that allows African digital sellers to get paid online in any currency, any payment method, and any country.
- Pebla **(Rwanda) -** Pebla helps users track & get rewarded for how they spend. We do this by partnering with restaurants and retail centers that want to drive more traffic to their outlets and retain customers.
- Tandpay LTD **(Rwanda) -** TandPay is a Rwanda-based fintech building secure payment and trust infrastructure for social commerce on WhatsApp, Instagram, TikTok, and similar platforms, with plans to expand across Africa.
- PACIN **(Rwanda) -** PACIN is a B2B API that converts mobile money and alternative financial data into explainable AI credit scores for African lenders.
- Lian Pay **(Rwanda) -** Lian Business Group develops innovative technology and payment solutions designed for Rwanda and the wider African market.
- Africa Quantitative Sciences (AQS) **(Rwanda) -** AQS is a sovereign data intelligence and analytics company that helps governments, institutions, and development organisations turn data into better decisions.

Key Cohort Highlights & Benefits

- **Live Investor Pitches:** Selected startups will pitch live on November 18 before global venture funds, corporate leaders, and ecosystem builders.
- **Growth Support & Benefits:** Participants receive pitch coaching, dedicated masterclasses, complimentary exhibition space (valued at $5,000), $25,000 in AWS cloud credits, and direct investor matchmaking.
- **Recognition & Award:** Top 3 winners selected by the panel of judges will receive awards to be announced at the summit.

Since 2018, the Alpha Expo Micro-Accelerator & Pitch Competition program has hosted over 165+ early stage startups from over 26 countries across pitch competition sessions held in 10 countries, disbursing over $2.5M+ in non-dilutive cash and in-kind awards. Past cohorts, as a result, have scaled and gone global, collectively raising over $500M+ in growth capital.

Secure your tickets to join the summit in Kigali and watch these Afroprenuers present their solutions to the world. Tickets can be secured HERE or at https://africafintechsummit.com/events/africa-fintech-summit-kigali-2026/register.

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About Africa Fintech Summit

AFTS (https://africafintechsummit.com) is the premier global initiative dedicated to the African fintech ecosystem. AFTS is traditionally hosted in Washington, D.C., each April during the World Bank/IFC annual meeting week and in a different African city every October/November. The summit is being held in a hybrid format, in person in the selected Venue and with global live virtual delegates. So far, AFTS has brought its summits to Washington, D.C.(2026). Accra, Ghana (2025), Washington DC (2025), Nairobi, Kenya(2024), Washington DC, (2024), Lusaka, Zambia (2023), Washington DC & Prosper T4TA Launch(April 2023), Cape Town, South Africa(2022), Washington DC (2022), Cairo, Egypt (2021), Virtual(2020), Addis Abeba, Ethiopia(2019), Lagos, Nigeria (2018). The 2026 summit will take place at the **Kigali Convention Centre** (KCC) in Kigali, Rwanda, on 18-20 November 2026.

AFTS isn't just another "tech conference" in Africa; AFTS is an endeavor to support financial technology that drives forward sustainable economic growth and financial inclusion. One of the ways AFTS has been able to accomplish this is by taking the necessary extra steps to directly engage regulators, bring new investors to the ecosystem, and support early-stage entrepreneurs. Having directly assisted in bringing in over $400M USD in venture investment, facilitating bilateral agreements between central banks, and assisting global firms with their company expansions and deal sourcing, AFTS is dedicated to the advancement of Africa's fintech industry.

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 on the planet, with a 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 its 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.