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**15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> edition of AFTS will take place in **Washington DC, USA on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026** during the **World Bank spring meeting week** and the 16<sup>th</sup> 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](#), 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](mailto:Sponsorship@africafintechsummit.com) or [info@africafintechsummit.com](mailto: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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#### 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 global live virtual delegates. So far AFTS has brought its summits to [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 Summits are scheduled for **Washington DC on April 15, 2026** ( during the World Bank spring meeting week) and **Kigali, Rwanda on November 18-19, 2026**.

Supported by an advisory board of thought leaders and fintech pioneers, AFTS is a unique space where innovative ideas are debated, investments mobilized, partnership deals signed, and collaborations formed across sectors and geographies. AFTS is organized in partnership between Washington, D.C. based firms, strategic advisory group, [Dedalus Global](#), and Pan-African go-to-African-Markets advisory firm, [Ibex Frontier](#).