



Ministry of Investments, Trade
and Industry
State Department for Investments Promotion



KENYA
DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION

NEXTFRONTIER AFRICA 2025

KDC Sectoral Forum on Strategic
Investments and Inclusive Growth

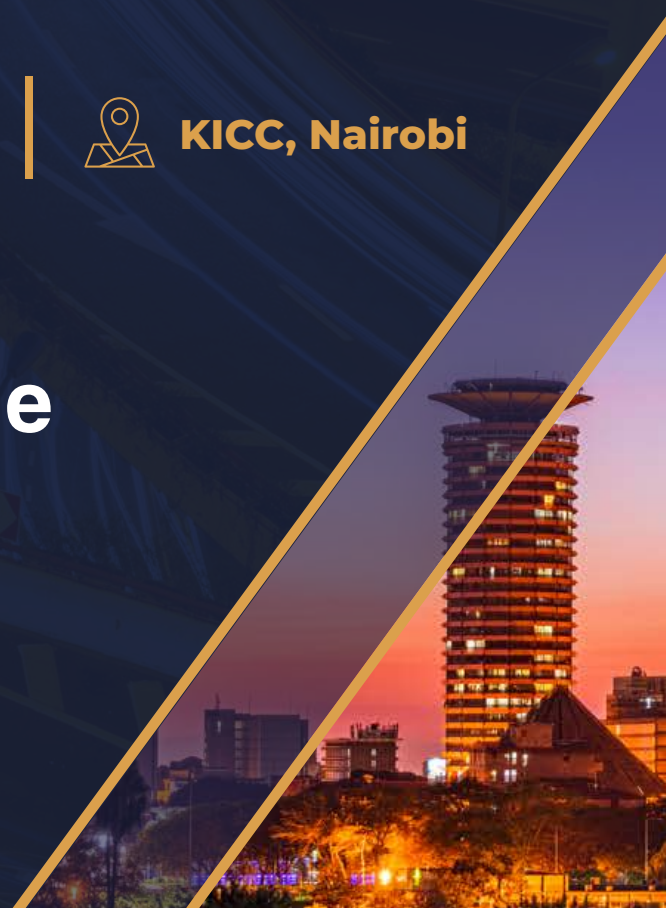


2 - 4 July 2025



KICC, Nairobi

Programme
Booklet





Vision

A Globally Competitive
Development Finance Partner.



Mission

To provide financial and technical
support to medium and large-scale
enterprises for sustainable
socio-economic development.



Purpose

Transforming Kenya's
socio-economic landscape.

Sectors of Focus



Sponsors



Programme Themes

Day 1

Wednesday, 2nd July 2025



**Opening Ceremony &
Investment Conversations**

Day 2

Thursday, 3rd July 2025



**Deal-Making, Innovation &
SME Empowerment**

Day 3

Friday, 4th July 2025



**Navigating the Next
Frontier**





Day 1

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Opening Ceremony & Investment Conversations



TIME	MAIN TRACK (Amphitheatre)	BREAKOUT SESSION	
	Master of Ceremony – Nimrod Taabu	(Shimba Room)	(Impala Room)
7:30AM – 8:30AM	Registration and Networking		
8.30AM – 10.30AM	Opening Ceremony Presided by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Investments, Trade & Industry		
10.30AM - 11.00AM	TEA BREAK		

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	Master of Ceremony – Nimrod Taabu	(Shimba Room)	(Impala Room)
11.00AM - 12.00PM	<p>Panel 1: Issues Affecting Sustainability and Growth of SMEs</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Erick Rutto – <i>Kenya National Chamber of Commerce of Industry, President</i>• Carole Kariuki – <i>Chief Executive, Kenya Private Sector Alliance</i> <p>John Mwendwa, OGW – <i>Chief Executive, KenInvest</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Ken Chelule, PhD - <i>Chief Executive, Special Economic Zones</i> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joyce Njogu – <i>Head of Consulting and Business Development, Kenya Association of Manufacturers</i>		

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	Master of Ceremony – Nimrod Taabu	(Shimba Room)	(Impala Room)
12.00PM – 1.00PM	<p>Panel 2: Enabling a Supportive Environment for Sustainable Investments and Growth</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kwame Owino – Institute of Economic Affairs• Dr. Lawrence Kibet – DGIPE• Alois Ngure – Senior Manager Green Financing and Sustainability, KCB• George Kubai – CEO, Agricultural Finance Corporation• Frank Moi – Chief Executive, Kuli Ventures• Arjun Bhoopal – Director Gatsby Africa <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peter Kuria Githinji – SME SEZs Integration Expert (African Union - Expertise France)/Director of Incubation at Africa Agri-business Incubators Networks (AAIN)		
1.00PM – 2.00PM	LUNCH		

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	Master of Ceremony – Nimrod Taabu	(Shimba Room)	(Impala Room)
2.00PM – 3.30PM	Panel 3: Public-Private Dialogue: Financing Inclusive Growth	Sectoral Forum on Climate Change	Sectoral Forum on Digital and Creative Economy
	Panelists:	Speaker	Speaker 1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eng. Kefa Seda – Director Public Private Partnership Directorate• Norah Ratemo – Director General, Kenya Development Corporation• Dr. Hosea Kiili – Chief Executive, County Pension Fund• Emmanuel Nzai – Chairman of Kenya Vision 2030 Delivery Board• Samson Waweru – Chief Executive, Kenya Society for the Blind	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nasra Nanda – Chair - Africa Regional Network, CEO, Kenya Green Building Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wendy Gaitara – Manager Housing Behavior Change Habitant Humanity
	Moderator:	Moderator	Speaker 2
3.30PM – 3.50PM	Day 1 Reflections & Wrap-Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vicky Betty Chepkorir – Head of Projects, Programs, and Strategic Initiatives, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ruth Kariuki – Fund Strategy & Coordination – Communications Authority
	MC – Nimrod Taabu		Moderator:
3.50PM – 5.00PM	Official Tour of the Exhibition		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rama Rugut Madiba
	MITI & KDC		



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TIME	MAIN TRACK (Amphitheatre)	BREAKOUT SESSION	
	Master of Ceremony – Nimrod Taabu	(Shimba Room)	(Impala Room)
8:00AM – 9.00AM	Registration and Morning Coffee		
9.00AM – 9.10AM	De-risking Investment in Africa: Leveraging Development Finance for Private Sector-Led Growth • Ahmed Ryan – World Bank	Sectoral Forum on Manufacturing Speaker • Tobias Alando – Chief Executive, Kenya Association of Manufacturers Moderator • CPA/CIFA Paul Kamau – Partner Finaltus	Sectoral Forum on Post-Harvest Management Speaker • Okisegere Ojepat – CEO, Fresh Produce Consortium of Kenya Co-Chair The National Horticulture Standing Committee Farmer Farmer Advocate Member Global Farmer Network Advisory Council Member One Acre Fund Moderator • Purity Rotich – CEO, Chillzone Logistics

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9.10AM – 9.30 AM	Unlocking Africa’s Potential: Role of ICT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eng. John Tanui, CBS, - Principal Secretary – State Department for ICT and the Digital Economy		
9.30AM – 10.30AM	Panel 4: SME Growth & Startup Capital Solutions Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CPA Charles Mativo – Chief Executive, Kenya Industrial Estates• Henry Rithaa – Chief Executive – Micro and Small Enterprise Authority (MSEA)• Linda Onyango – CEO SME Support Centre• Lucy Mushoki – Director KNCCI• Judith Omachar – Director Business Development, Kenya Development Corporation Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kezy Mukiri – Chief Executive, Ignite Trade Africa		

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	Master of Ceremony – Nimrod Taabu	(Shimba Room)	(Impala Room)
10.30AM - 11.00AM	TEA BREAK		
11.00AM – 12.00PM	<p>Panel 5: Development Finance - Africa's Next Growth Frontier</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leah Kiwara – World Bank• Dr. David Mathuva – Strathmore Business School• Ben Raminya – East Africa Development Bank• Patrick Nyangweso – African Continental Free Trade Area (ACFTA)• Emmanuel Nzai – Chairman of Kenya Vision 2030 Delivery Board <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Patricia Adongo Ojangole – CEO, Uganda Development Bank		

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12.00PM – 1:00 PM	<p>Panel 6: Thematic Labs: Promoting Investment Through Incubation</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CPA Charles Mativo – CEO, Kenya Industrial Estates• Peter Kuria Githinji – Director of Incubation at Africa Agri-business Incubators networks (AAIN)• Ernest Chitechi – Head of Corporate Services, Kenya Climate Innovation Center, <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patrick Nyangweso – Africa Continental Free Trade Area (ACFTA)		
1.00PM – 1.15PM	<p>The Future of Development Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Chris Kiptoo – Principal Secretary, National Treasury		
1.15PM – 2.00PM	LUNCH		

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	Master of Ceremony – Nimrod Taabu	(Shimba Room)	(Impala Room)
2.00PM – 3.30PM	<p>Investor Pitch Sessions</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Krishnamurthy Kumar – Rigs Hub EA Ltd• J Wairimu Mwangi – Loopworks Ventures• Pauline Otilla – Apiculture Ventures Ltd• Joseph Muita – Chief Executive & Founder, Kirumba - Constructive Plastics Limited• Dr. Duke Gekonge – Chief Executive, Pera Foods Ltd <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peter Kuria Githinji – SME SEZs Integration Expert (African Union - Expertise France)/ Director of Incubation at Africa Agri-business Incubators networks (AAIN)	<p>Sectoral Forum on Health</p> <p>Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Tim Theuri – CEO, Kenya HealthCare Federation• Dr. Eric Musau – Chairman Kenya Association of Private Hospitals <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eva Waweru – Senior Communication Associate, Village Capital	<p>Sectoral Forum on Tourism</p> <p>Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Susan Ongalo – CEO, Kenya Tourism Federation• Dr. Catherine Wanjiku Ndung'u – CEO, Kenya Tourism Federation <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corazon Kisilu – Communication Specialist
3.30PM – 4:00PM	<p>Day 2 Wrap-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MC - Nimrod Taabu		
4.00PM – 5.00PM	<p>The Deal Room: Private Engagements</p> <p>KDC and Partners</p>		



Day 3

Friday, 4th July 2025



Navigating the Next Frontier



TIME	MAIN TRACK
	MC - Nimrod Taabu
8:00AM – 9:00AM	Registration & Networking Coffee
9:00AM – 10:00AM	Charting the way forward: Building on insights from the sector forums <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentations from the six sector forums• Discussion on emerging and crosscutting issues Moderator: Nimrod Taabu
10:00AM – 10:30AM	TEA BREAK
10:30AM – 11:00AM	Leveraging the Cooperative Movement in Development Financing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patrick Kiburi Kilemi – Principal Secretary, State Department for Co-operatives
11:00AM – 11:30AM	Strategic Insights: Building Tomorrow’s Financial Architecture <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hon. Abubakar Hassan CBS, – PS, State Department of Investment Promotion
12:00PM – 12:30PM	Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks <p>Director General, KDC</p>
12:30PM – 2:00PM	Closing Lunch & Media Engagements

Run of Show for the Opening Ceremony

TIME	SESSION	MODERATOR
8:30AM – 8:50AM	Kenya & East Africa Anthems Cultural performance	Kayamba Africa
8:50AM – 09:05AM	Welcome and opening remarks	CPA/FA Norah Ratemo Director General KDC
9:05AM – 9:20AM	The Role of Private Equity and Venture Capital in Scaling Inclusive and Sustainable Growth,	Dr. James Mworia CEO Centum Group
9:20AM – 9:35AM	Steering Kenya's Development Agenda: The Role of Patient Capital in Unlocking Industrial Transformation	Hon. Sakwa Bunyasi Chairman, KDC
9:35AM – 9:50AM	Enhancing Kenya's Investment-friendly environment: Policy Reforms as a catalyst for Foreign Direct Investment and Economic Transformation	Hon. Abubakar Hassan CBS, PS, State Department of Investment Promotion
9:50AM – 10:15AM	Boosting Kenya's Trade Competitiveness: Advancing Market Access, Export growth and Regional Integration	Regina Ombam PS, State Department of Trade
10:15AM – 10:30AM	OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEXT FRONTIER AFRICA 2025	Hon. Lee Kinyanjui, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Investments, Trade & Industry

Run Of Show – Sector Forum

Morning Session

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR
8:30AM – 9.00AM	Arrival & Registration of guests,	KDC
9.00AM – 9:30AM	Opening Remarks & KDC Products and Services Presentation	KDC
9:30AM – 10.00AM	Presentation by Speaker(s)	Speaker
10.00AM - 10:30AM	Discussion: Stakeholder Insights on the Sector	Moderator
10.30AM – 11.00AM	TEA BREAK	
11.00AM – 11:30AM	Questionnaire Administration and Management	KDC
	Way Forward Q&A	
11:30AM	Vote of Thanks	KDC

Afternoon

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR
2:00PM - 2:15PM	Arrival & Registration of guests,	KDC
2:15PM - 2:30PM	Opening Remarks & KDC Products and Services Presentation	KDC
2:30PM – 2:45PM	Remarks from Sector Specialist	Specialist
2:45PM - 3:45PM	Discussion: Understanding Sector Challenges	KDC
3:45PM - 4:15PM	Questionnaire Administration and Management	KDC
	Way Forward Q&A	
4:15PM – 4:30PM	Vote of Thanks	KDC
4.30PM -	TEA BREAK	

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