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OCTOBER 13-15, 2025 | UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT NAIROBI (UNON),
GIGIRI, UNITED NATIONS AVENUE, NAIROBI, KENYA

AAG 2025 AGENDA

Africa's Innovation Future: Policy,
Partnerships, and Progress



MAIN SESSIONS – DAY 1

DAY 1: Tuesday 13 th October 2025		
TIME	DURATION	ACTIVITIES
7:30 – 9:30	2 hrs	Registration
9:00 – 9:15	15 mins	Entertaining Performance
9:20 – 9:30	10 mins	10 Years of AAG: The Journey so far
9:35 – 9:40	3 mins	Kick-off Speech by AfriLabs Senior Ecosystem Engagements Manager (S.E.E.M)
9:40 – 9:45	3 mins	Opening Remark by AfriLabs Executive Director
9:45 – 9:50	3 mins	Welcome Address by AfriLabs Board Chair
9:50 – 10:00	3 mins	Welcome Address by the UN Resident Coordinator
	7 mins	Keynote Address by UNDP RBA -RD
10:00 – 10:20	20 mins	Fireside chat - AfriLabs Chair and the UNDP
10:20 – 10:35	15 mins	Good-will Messages
10:35 – 11:05	30 mins	Panel Discussion: Innovative Financial Solutions to Catalyse Innovation at Scale
11:05 – 11:10	2 mins	Energizer by the MCs
11:10 – 11:20	10 mins	Inspirational Talk
11:25 – 12:00	35 mins	Tea Break/Networking
12:05 – 14:25	2 hr 20 mins	High-level Multi-stakeholder Ministerial Roundtable
12:05 – 14:25	2 hr 20 mins	Track Activities
14:30 – 15:30	1 hr	Lunch Break
14:30 – 15:30	1 hr	MoU Signings/Press Briefing
15:35 – 17:35	2 hrs	Track Activities
17:40 – 18:00	20 mins	Networking
19:30 – 22:00	2 hrs 30 mins	Africa Met Gala

MAIN SESSIONS – DAY 2

DAY 2: Tuesday 14 th October 2025		
TIME	DURATION	ACTIVITIES
9:00 – 9:05	5 mins	MC Energizer
9:10 – 9:15	5 mins	Welcome Address
9:20 – 9:30	10 mins	Keynote Address by KONZA
9:35 – 9:45	10 mins	Inspirational Talk
9:45 – 9:50	5 mins	MC Energizer
9:55 – 10:15	20 mins	AfriLabs: The Future Ajibola Odukoya, COO, AfriLabs
10:20 – 10:35	15 mins	Timbuktoo Startup Showcase
10:35 – 10:45	10 mins	Place Holder (TBD)
10:50 – 10:55	5 mins	Sunshine Series Presentation
10:55 – 11:00	5 mins	Reflect & Refuel by MC
11:05 – 11:40	35 mins	Tea Break
11:45 – 14:30	2 hrs 45 mins	Track Activities
14:35 – 15:35	1 hr	Lunch Break
15:40 – 17:10	1 hr 30 mins	Track Activities
17:15 – 17:20	5 mins	MC Energizer
17:20 – 17:50	30 mins	AfriLabs Board Meet & Greet
17:50 – 18:00	10 mins	Event Curtain Call (Closing)
19:30 – 21:00	2 hrs	Parallel Dinner

MAIN SESSIONS – DAY 3

DAY 3: Wednesday 15 th October 2025	
TIME	ACTIVITIES
6:30 – 9:00	Breakfast
10:00 – 14:00	Ecosystem Tour

TRACK SESSIONS

DAY 1: Monday 13th October 2025 | Investor – Investment Track

TIME	DURATION	ACTIVITIES
12:00 – 12:05	5 mins	MC Energizer
12:05 – 12:10	5 mins	Welcome Address by Track Lead
12:10 – 12:20	10 mins	Keynote Address: Resilience in an Era of Uncertainty: Building Investor Confidence in African Markets
12:20 – 13:00	40 mins	Panel Discussion 1: From Local Capital to Global Scale
13:00 – 13:40	40 mins	Panel Discussion 2: Macroeconomic Outlook: Insights on African Markets by Africa
13:40 – 14:20	40 mins	Breakout Roundtable Discussion: A – De-risking capital deployment for Scalable African Companies B – Building ecosystem support for scalable ventures C – Gender Lens Investing and Equitable Capital Flow
14:20 – 14:35	15 mins	Capital Ecosystem Mixer
14:35 – 15:35	1 hr	Lunch Break
15:40 – 15:45	5 mins	MC Energizer
15:50 – 16:30	40 mins	Panel Discussion: Timbuktoo – Financing Africa's Next Industrial Decade
16:35 – 17:05	30 mins	Fireside Chat: Legal Presentation and Panel
17:05 – 17:45	40 mins	
17:45 – 18:00	15 mins	Networking Sprint/ACDR Call to Action & Closing

DAY 1: Monday 13th October 2025 | Health Tech

TIME	DURATION	ACTIVITIES
12:00 – 12:05	5 mins	MC Energizer
12:05 – 12:10	5 mins	Welcome Address by Track Lead
12:10 – 12:20	10 mins	Keynote Address
12:15 – 13:15	1 hr	Panel Discussion 1: A Decade of Health Incubation
13:15 – 14:15	1 hr	Panel Discussion 2: Innovative Investment Instruments for Healthcare Ventures
14:15 – 14:30	15 mins	Presentation: Healthy Minds, Bold Ideas: Boosting mental resilience for Africa's boldest innovators with The Sunshine Series
14:35 – 15:35	1 hr	Lunch Break
15:40 – 15:50	10 mins	MC Energizer
15:55 – 16:55	1 hr	Panel Discussion 3: ESO 2.0: Staying Relevant in the Shifting Development Landscape
17:00 – 17:45	45 mins	Networking
17:50 – 18:00	10 mins	Closing

TRACK SESSIONS

DAY 1: Monday 13th October 2025 Policy, Data & AI Track		
TIME	DURATION	ACTIVITIES
12:00 – 12:05	5 mins	MC Energizer
12:05 – 12:15	10 mins	Welcome Address by Track Lead
12:15 – 12:25	10 mins	Keynote Address: Africa's AI Inflection Point: Policies, Data Systems & Global Competitiveness
12:30 – 13:00	30 mins	Fireside Chat: Cross-border AI research collaborations
13:05 – 13:45	40 mins	Capacity Building: AfriLabs Community Mobilization for Action Toolkit / tpiu
13:50 – 14:30	40 mins	Panel Discussion: Building African AI Champions: Nurture African AI companies to compete globally in AI software and hardware
14:35 – 15:35	1 hr	Lunch Break
15:35 – 15:40	5 mins	MC Energizer
15:40 – 16:20	40 mins	
16:20 – 17:00	40 mins	Timbuktoo – Policy Workshop
17:00 – 17:40	40 mins	
17:40 – 18:00	20 mins	Networking/Closing

DAY 1: Monday 13th October 2025 Gender_and_Inclusion		
TIME	DURATION	ACTIVITIES
12:00 – 12:05	5 mins	MC Energizer
12:05 – 12:10	5 mins	Welcome Address by Track Lead
12:10 – 12:20	10 mins	
12:20 – 12:35	15 mins	Spoken Word: Unmuted: I Am the System's Disruption
12:40 – 13:20	40 mins	Panel Discussion 1: Inclusion or Illusion? Rethinking Equity, Access, and Representation in Africa's Innovation Ecosystem
13:25 – 13:45		
13:50 – 14:30	40 mins	Candid Conversation: Unlocking Potential – The Power of Local Language Resources in Driving Entrepreneurial Growth
14:35 – 15:35	1 hr	Lunch Break
15:40 – 15:45	10 mins	MC Energizer
15:50 – 16:20	30 mins	Fireside Chat: Unheard Voices, Unlocked Potential: Designing Inclusive Innovation for Equity and Access
16:20 – 17:00	40 mins	Panel Discussion 2: Future Lab: Inclusive Finance & Design
17:00 – 17:40	40 mins	Francophone Panel Discussion: Le leadership féminin et l'innovation en Afrique : Façonner l'avenir par des politiques et des partenariats inclusifs
17:40 – 18:00	10 mins	Closing Circle – Manifesting Equity in Action

TRACK SESSIONS

DAY 2: Tuesday 13th October 2025 | Green & Blue Economy

TIME	DURATION	ACTIVITIES
11:45 – 11:50	5 mins	MC Energizer
11:55 – 12:00	5 mins	Welcome Address by Track Lead
12:20 – 13:00	40 mins	Panel Discussion 1: Enabling Frameworks for Green & Blue Transformation: Driving Climate-Tech and Eco-Innovation for a Resilient Africa
13:05 – 13:45	40 mins	Timbuktoo Green Tech Strategy Roadmap Session
13:50 – 14:30	40 mins	Candid Conversation: Blue Horizons, Bold Actions: Accelerating Africa's Ocean and Climate Tech Revolution
14:35 – 15:35	1 hr	Lunch Break
15:40 – 15:45	5 mins	MC Energizer
15:50 – 16:00	10 mins	Presentation
16:00 – 16:40	40 mins	Panel Discussion 2: Catalyzing Climate Capital: Financing Africa's Green and Blue Economy
16:40 – 17:05	25 mins	Fireside Chat: From Ideas to Impact: Financing, Leadership, and Startups Driving Africa's Climate-Tech Revolution
17:05 – 17:10	5 mins	The Green – Blue Pledge Wall & Closing

DAY 2: Tuesday 13th October 2025 | Hub Solutions

TIME	DURATION	ACTIVITIES
11:45 – 11:50	5 mins	MC Energizer
11:55 – 12:00	5 mins	
12:05 – 12:15	10 mins	Keynote Address: Future-proofing innovation hubs for scale, sustainability, and systems change
12:15 – 12:55	40 mins	Candid Conversation: IP Protection for Innovation Hubs: Securing Africa's Homegrown Solutions
12:55 – 13:05	10 mins	Timbuktoo Presentation: Scaling Hubs, Scaling Impact: Partnerships with timbuktoo
13:10 – 13:50	40 mins	Panel Discussion 1: Leadership Development for Impact and Equity
13:55 – 14:35	40 mins	Fireside Chat: Measuring What Matters: How African Startups Can Align with SDGs and Attract Impact Capital
14:35 – 15:35	1 hr	Lunch Break
15:40 – 15:45	5 mins	MC Energizer
15:45 – 16:25	40 mins	Panel Discussion 2: From Disruption to Resilience: Hub-Led Strategies for Jobs, Governance, and Digital Trust
16:25 – 17:05	40 mins	Panel Discussion: Funding Results & Building Resilience Sub-title: A Case for Transitioning to Sustainable Startup Support Ecosystems in Africa
17:05 – 17:10	10 mins	Closing/Networking

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DAY 2: Tuesday 13 th October 2025 Makerspaces		
TIME	DURATION	ACTIVITIES
11:45 – 11:50	5 mins	MC Energizer
11:55 – 12:00	5 mins	Welcome Address by Track Lead
12:05 – 12:15	10 mins	
12:20 – 13:00	40 mins	Panel Discussion 1: Financing Makerspaces and Sustainable Models
13:05 – 13:15	10 mins	Lightning Maker-Talk Short yet powerful stories from pre-selected presenters
13:15 – 13:55	40 mins	Panel Discussion 2: Gendering Makerspaces: Expanding Access and Innovation Spaces
13:55 – 14:35	40 mins	Candid Conversation: Beyond the Buzz From Prototypes to Profit: Commercializing Africa's Maker Movement
14:35 – 15:35	1 hr	Lunch Break
15:40 – 15:45	5 mins	MC Energizer
15:45 – 15:50	10 mins	Africa-Made Expo & Visual Showcase
15:50 – 16:40	50 mins	Design Sprint – Innovation Jam Teams ideate and develop solutions to real-world challenges
16:40 – 17:10	20 mins	Makers Mixer/Closing

DAY 2: Tuesday 13 th October 2025 Creative_Digital_Economy		
TIME	DURATION	ACTIVITIES
11:45 – 11:50	5 mins	MC Energizer
11:55 – 12:00	5 mins	Welcome Address by Track Lead
12:05 – 12:15	10 mins	Keynote Address: Beyond Borders: Turning Africa's Creative Power into Global Prosperity
12:15 – 12:50	35 mins	Fireside Chat: Scaling Africa's Creative Economy: Policy, IP, and Sustainable Funding Beyond Grants
12:50 – 13:30	40 mins	Panel Discussion 1: AI Use in the Creative and Media Industry to Maintain Authenticity in Creation
13:35 – 13:55	10 mins	Creative Poetry Showcase
14:00 – 14:30	40 mins	Panel Discussion 2: Fashioning the Future: Monetizing African Designs in the Digital Age
14:35 – 15:35	1 hr	Lunch Break
15:40 – 15:45	5 mins	MC Energizer
15:55 – 16:25	30 mins	Masterclass: How to Ideate your Podcast
16:25 – 16:35	10 mins	Presentation: The Future of Sport in Africa, New Formats, New Opportunities (2025–2035)
16:35 – 17:05	30 mins	Placeholder
17:05 – 17:10	5 mins	Closing/Networking

