



THEME: Fostering Entrepreneurial Innovation In Technology

Date: Thursday, 22nd May 2025

VENUE: University of Rwanda CBE

SUMMIT DAY ONE PROGRAM

Time	Activity	Description
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration and Networking Breakfast	Attendees register, enjoy breakfast and network.
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Panel Discussion (Main hall)	Topic: Opportunities within IEEE in Africa and beyond Moderator: Sheila Otuko Panelists: Dr Shadrack Mambo (CASS), Vincent Olema, Stephen Okwiri (Dataport),
10:00 am -10:40 am	Official Opening Ceremony	Rwandan National Anthem and EAC Anthem - 4 minutes Rwandan Dance - 5 minutes Welcome Remarks - Cyiza Augustin, 2025 Summit Chair - 7 min Welcome to UR - Dr. Guillaume Nyagatare - 7 min Welcome Remarks and Keynote Address - Mary Randall, IEEE 2025 President-Elect - 7 min Investing in Africa's Future:

		Unlocking Capital and Confidence in the Continent's Startup Ecosystem - Muluaem Syoum, CEO AeTrade Group - 10 min
10.40 am - 10.55 am	Keynote speech	Topic: Bridging Continents: Strengthening European-African Business Partnerships for Inclusive Growth Speaker: Johanna S. Sandberg , Executive Director, EBCR
11.00 a.m. - 11.15 a.m	Keynote speech	Topic: Engineering Africa's Leapfrog Moments - Innovating Without Imitating Speaker: Innocent Magothe , Founder, Startinev
11.20 am - 11.35 am	Pitch Dialogue with Entrepreneurs	Topic: Startup growth and development to survive in the global business jungle Speaker: Pedram Dehdari , MD, Ensymm UG&Co.K
11.40 a.m - 12.20 p.m	Panel Discussion	Topic: Africa's Entrepreneurship and Industry Ecosystem: Gaps, Growth, and Game-Changing Opportunities Moderator: Armand Kwitonda Panelists: Innocent Magothe, Brian Nyambengo, Bruce Sakindi

12.25 pm -1.05 pm	Panel Discussion	<p>Topic: Policies, Profits, and Progress. Can Regulations Unlock Africa's Tech Potential?</p> <p>How African founders can influence regulations, use incentives, and navigate policy barriers to scale successfully.</p> <p>Via</p> <p>Moderator: Maria Stacey</p> <p>Panelists: Adeline Icyimpaye, Prof Nelson Ijumba, Johanna S. Sandberg, Paul Kanja</p>
1.05 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch and Networking	Attendees enjoy lunch and network, and view exhibitions
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	Workshop	<p>Topic: Strategies for Successful Entrepreneurship in Africa</p> <p>Format:</p> <p>Short Expert Talk (10 mins)</p> <p>Interactive Case Study (10 mins)</p> <p>Group Discussions (15 mins)</p> <p>Plenary Sharing (10 mins)</p> <p>Moderator: Eng. Sandra Chioma</p>
2.45 pm - 3.30 pm	Interactive session	<p>Topic: Startup Strategy</p> <p>Speaker: Tim Gitau, Founder and Technologist</p>
3.35 pm - 5.15 pm	Pitching by 11 student teams with prototypes	5 judges
5.15 pm - 5.20 pm	Closing remarks and next steps	Joy Muntet , 2025 Summit Co-chair
5.20 p.m - 6.00 p.m	Refreshments and networking	<p>Informal discussions and social interactions over light refreshments</p> <p>Exhibitions ongoing at booths</p>



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SUMMIT DAY TWO PROGRAM

Time	Activity	Description
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration and Networking	Attendees register and network.
9.00 am - 9.25 am	Keynotes speech	Topic: IEEE CASS, A driver for electronics knowledge and technology in Africa Speaker: Dr Shadrack Mambo , IEEE CASS Ambassador for Africa
9.25 am - 9.50 am	Keynote speech	Topic: Identity Reprogramming: The Key to Unlocking Africa's Next Wave of Innovation Speaker: Rebecca Hansen , Founder and Coach, R.H. Consult
9.50 a.m - 10.30 a.m	Panel discussion	Topic: Mentorship as a driver for entrepreneurship Moderator: Emily Okongo Panelists: Esther Muchiri, Eng. Jean Mayira, Marie-Paule Gakuba, Ruuri Elly

10.30 a.m - 11.00 a.m	Panel discussion	<p>Topic: Being the Bridge: Unlocking sustainable solutions through Innovation in Geosciences and Remote Sensing</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Mary Immaculate Neh Fru</p> <p>Panelists: Dr. Engr. Sandra Chioma Nwokoye, Dr. Jacinta S. Kimuyu, Dr. Pamela Ochungo</p>
11.00 am - 11.30 am	Coffee Break and Exhibitions	Attendees enjoy coffee and walk through the exhibition space
11:30 am - 11:50 am	Keynote	<p>Topic: Purpose Before Profit: How Social Impact is Powering Africa's New Wave of Entrepreneurs</p> <p>Speaker: Umi Sora, Innovation Assistant, International Center for Humanitarian Affairs (ICHA)</p>
11.50 a.m -12.10 p.m	Keynote	<p>Topic: Translating Aerospace Innovation into Scalable Startups: Lessons from Radar, AI, and Defense Tech</p> <p>Speaker: Braham Himed, 2025 President-elect, IEEE AESS</p>
12:10 pm - 12:30 pm	Keynote	<p>Topic: IEEE IAS, A driver for Industrial Transformation in Africa</p> <p>Speaker: Charles Onyango, Chair, IEEE IAS Kenya Section</p>

12.30 pm - 12.50 pm	Keynote	Topic: Considerations for the Future of Technical Education and IEEE Dataport Speaker: Stephen Okwiri , IEEE Dataport
12.50 pm - 1.10 pm	Keynote	Topic: Early-Stage Entrepreneurship with Pan-African Teams Speaker: Jesse Thornburg , Assistant Teaching Professor, CMU Africa
1.10 pm - 1.20 pm	Closing remarks and next steps	Ian Chege , LOC Chair, IEEE Africa Entrepreneurship Summit 2025
1.20 pm - 1.40 pm	Lunch	Attendees enjoy lunch and visit exhibition booths
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Company tours	Delegates are toured within Kigali and companies within
4.00 pm - 6.00 pm	Gala Dinner Preparation	Delegates prepare for the Gala Dinner



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GALA DINNER PROGRAM

Time	Activity	Description
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Arrival and registration	Attendees arrive as they register
7.00 pm - 7.30 pm	Welcoming show and welcoming remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LOC Chair (Ian & Cynthia) to align on speakers• Sponsors highlight (IEEE IAS, Kabisa, Smart Cities, TechX)

7.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Dinner and entertainment	Attendees enjoy a delightful meal and live performances.
8.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TechX • Foundation certs • Hackathon • Projects • Partners • Sponsors
9.30 pm - 9.45 pm	Closing remarks	Cyiza Augustin , Summit Chair
9.45 pm Onwards	Entertainment	Attendees enjoy vibrant cultural, musical acts and a good playlist from the DJ