



**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: <b>Opportunities within IEEE in Africa and beyond</b> Moderator: Sheila Otuko  Panelists: <b>Dr Shadrack Mambo (CASS), Vincent Olema, Stephen Okwiri (Dataport),</b>
10:00 am -10:40 am	Official Opening Ceremony	Rwandan National Anthem and EAC Anthem - 4 minutes  Rwandan Dance - 5 minutes  Welcome Remarks - <b>Cyiza Augustin, 2025 Summit Chair</b> - 7 min  Welcome to UR - <b>Dr. Guillaume Nyagatare</b> - 7 min  Welcome Remarks and Keynote Address - <b>Mary Randall, IEEE 2025 President-Elect</b> - 7 min  Investing in Africa's Future:

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

12.25 pm -1.05 pm	Panel Discussion	<p>Topic: <b>Policies, Profits, and Progress. Can Regulations Unlock Africa’s Tech Potential?</b></p> <p>How African founders can influence regulations, use incentives, and navigate policy barriers to scale successfully.</p> <p>Via</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Maria Stacey</b></p> <p>Panelists: <b>Adeline Icyimpaye, Prof Nelson Ijumba, Johanna S. Sandberg, Paul Kanja</b></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: <b>Strategies for Successful Entrepreneurship in Africa</b></p> <p><b>Format:</b></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><b>Moderator:</b> Eng. Sandra Chioma</p>
2.45 pm - 3.30 pm	Interactive session	<p>Topic: <b>Startup Strategy</b></p> <p>Speaker: <b>Tim Gitau</b>, 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	<b>Joy Muntet</b> , 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: <b>IEEE CASS, A driver for electronics knowledge and technology in Africa</b>  Speaker: <b>Dr Shadrack Mambo</b> , IEEE CASS Ambassador for Africa
9.25 am - 9.50 am	Keynote speech	Topic: <b>Identity Reprogramming: The Key to Unlocking Africa's Next Wave of Innovation</b>  Speaker: <b>Rebecca Hansen</b> , Founder and Coach, R.H. Consult
9.50 a.m - 10.30 a.m	Panel discussion	Topic: <b>Mentorship as a driver for entrepreneurship</b>  Moderator: <b>Emily Okongo</b> Panelists: <b>Esther Muchiri, Eng. Jean Mayira, Marie-Paule Gakuba, Ruuri Elly</b>

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

12.30 pm - 12.50 pm	Keynote	Topic: <b>Considerations for the Future of Technical Education and IEEE Dataport</b>  Speaker: <b>Stephen Okwiri</b> , IEEE Dataport
12.50 pm - 1.10 pm	Keynote	Topic: <b>Early-Stage Entrepreneurship with Pan-African Teams</b>  Speaker: <b>Jesse Thornburg</b> , Assistant Teaching Professor, CMU Africa
1.10 pm - 1.20 pm	Closing remarks and next steps	<b>Ian Chege</b> , 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"><li>• <b>LOC Chair (Ian &amp; Cynthia) to align on speakers</b></li><li>• <b>Sponsors highlight (IEEE IAS, Kabisa, Smart Cities, TechX)</b></li></ul>

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"> <li>• <b>TechX</b></li> <li>• <b>Foundation certs</b></li> <li>• <b>Hackathon</b></li> <li>• <b>Projects</b></li> <li>• <b>Partners</b></li> <li>• <b>Sponsors</b></li> </ul>
9.30 pm - 9.45 pm	Closing remarks	<b>Cyiza Augustin</b> , Summit Chair
9.45 pm Onwards	Entertainment	Attendees enjoy vibrant cultural, musical acts and a good playlist from the DJ