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AFRICA ELEVATE DRC SUMMIT & EXPO 2026

Trade · Investment · Innovation · Empowerment

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Forewords

Messages from Our Leadership

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President

AfCFTA Young Entrepreneurs Federation (AfYEF)

It is with great honour and profound optimism that I welcome you to the Africa Elevate DRC Summit & Expo 2026, a landmark Pan-African gathering that reflects our collective commitment to accelerating inclusive economic transformation across the African continent through the opportunities presented by the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

As Africa continues its journey toward greater economic integration, the AfCFTA presents an unprecedented opportunity to unlock the continent's immense potential by expanding intra-African trade, strengthening regional value chains, fostering industrialization, and creating sustainable opportunities for our people. At the heart of this transformation are Africa's youth, women, entrepreneurs, innovators, and small and medium-sized enterprises, whose creativity and resilience will shape the continent's future.

The AfCFTA Young Entrepreneurs Federation (AfYEF) was established to champion this vision by empowering young entrepreneurs and women-led enterprises through entrepreneurship development, innovation, trade facilitation, investment promotion, capacity building, and strategic partnerships. Our mission is to ensure that the benefits of the AfCFTA translate into tangible economic opportunities that improve livelihoods and contribute to sustainable development across Africa.

We are deeply honoured that the Democratic Republic of the Congo will host the inaugural Africa Elevate DRC Summit & Expo 2026. The DRC's strategic geographic position, abundant natural resources, youthful population, and growing role within the African economy make it an ideal destination for this continental platform. The Summit will showcase the country's vast investment potential while strengthening collaboration between governments, the private sector, development partners, academia, financial institutions, and entrepreneurs.

The Summit is more than a conference; it is a platform for action. Through high-level policy dialogue, investment forums, business matchmaking, innovation showcases, exhibitions, entrepreneurship programmes, and strategic partnership engagements, we seek to create practical outcomes that advance trade, investment, enterprise development, and regional cooperation under the AfCFTA.

On behalf of the AfCFTA Young Entrepreneurs Federation (AfYEF), I extend my sincere appreciation to the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, our government partners, development institutions, diplomatic missions, corporate organizations, investors, universities, innovation hubs, and all stakeholders whose collaboration is making this important initiative possible.

I warmly invite governments, development partners, investors, businesses, entrepreneurs, innovators, and institutions from across Africa and the Diaspora to join us in Kinshasa from 9–11 September 2026 as we work together to build a more prosperous, innovative, and economically integrated Africa.

Together, let us harness the transformative power of the African Continental Free Trade Area to create opportunities, strengthen partnerships, and elevate Africa's future for generations to come.

I look forward to welcoming you to Kinshasa.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Siita Sofu Hissan

President

AfCFTA Young Entrepreneurs Federation (AfYEF)





MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT & CHAIRPERSON,
CONTINENTAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Africa Elevate DRC Summit & Expo 2026

Prof. Fredrick Ndalamani Nonde Jr.

Vice President

AfCFTA Young Entrepreneurs Federation (AfYEF)

Chairperson

Continental Organizing Committee (COC)

Dear Esteemed Government Leaders, Development Partners,
Diplomatic Missions, Investors, Business Leaders, Entrepreneurs and
Distinguished Delegates,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Africa Elevate DRC
Summit & Expo 2026, a premier Pan-African platform dedicated to
advancing entrepreneurship, trade, investment, innovation and strategic
partnerships under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

The Democratic Republic of the Congo stands at the heart of Africa's
economic future. Its strategic location, abundant natural resources,
youthful population and expanding investment potential make it an
ideal destination to convene leaders and stakeholders committed to
accelerating inclusive growth and regional integration.

The Africa Elevate DRC Summit & Expo 2026 has been designed as an
action-oriented platform that goes beyond dialogue. It will bring
together governments, development partners, investors, financial
institutions, entrepreneurs, innovators, academia and the private sector
to forge partnerships that promote investment, strengthen regional
value chains, support enterprise development and unlock new
opportunities under the AfCFTA.

As Chairperson of the Continental Organizing Committee, I am proud to
lead a dedicated team working closely with the Government of the
Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Local Organizing Committee
and our continental and international partners to deliver a world-class
Summit that creates lasting value for Africa.

Over three days, delegates will engage in high-level policy discussions,
investment forums, sector dialogues, exhibitions, business
matchmaking, innovation showcases and entrepreneurship
programmes designed to generate practical outcomes and long-term
partnerships. Our vision is to transform ideas into action, partnerships
into investments, and opportunities into sustainable economic growth.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Government of the Democratic
Republic of the Congo, our Champion and Co-Champion countries,
strategic partners, sponsors and every member of the Continental
Organizing Committee and Local Organizing Committee for their
commitment and collaboration.

I warmly invite you to join us in Kinshasa from 9–11 September 2026 as
we work together to strengthen intra-African trade, empower youth and
women, promote innovation and build a more prosperous and
economically integrated Africa.

Together, let us elevate Africa through partnership, innovation and
enterprise.

I look forward to welcoming you to Kinshasa.

Yours faithfully,

Prof. Fredrick Ndalamani Nonde Jr.

Vice President

AfCFTA Young Entrepreneurs Federation (AfYEF)

Chairperson

Continental Organizing Committee (COC) Africa Elevate
DRC Summit & Expo 2026

Founder & Group CEO

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A Continental Platform for Africa's Future

Africa Elevate DRC Summit & Expo 2026 is a premier Pan-African platform uniting governments, investors, corporations, entrepreneurs, innovators and business leaders from across Africa and the diaspora — all under the framework of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

Summit Overview

Theme

Empowering Youth & Women Through Entrepreneurship, Trade, Investment & Innovation Under AfCFTA

Summit Week

23–29 August 2026

Main Summit & Expo

9–11 September 2026

Venue

Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo

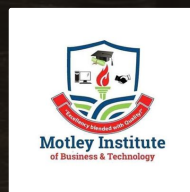
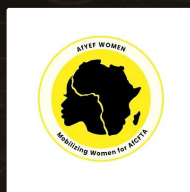
Format

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Key Event Partners

- AfCFTA Young Entrepreneurs Federation (AfYEF)
- Ministry of Youth & Civic Education, DRC
- Technical & Innovation Partners: MIBT Global Ecosystem | StartShield.africa
- Institute of Emerging Technologies South Africa (IETSA)

Event Partners



- ❑ A unique opportunity to align with one of Africa's emerging continental platforms focused on youth and women empowerment, entrepreneurship and economic transformation — designed to facilitate enterprise growth, investment opportunities, market access, strategic partnerships and sustainable development under AfCFTA.



The World's Most Resourced Nation. Africa's Greatest Opportunity.

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) stands as a geological marvel, holding some of the world's largest untapped mineral reserves. This strategic abundance positions the nation as the undeniable epicenter of the global green energy and technology revolution.



Cobalt

~**70%** of global supply, critical for EV batteries



Coltan

Essential for smartphones & electronics worldwide



Gold & Diamonds

Among Africa's largest reserves



Lithium

Powering the global clean energy transition



Copper

One of the world's top producers



Untapped Wealth

\$24 Trillion+ estimated natural resource wealth

The Democratic Republic of Congo is not merely a host nation — it is the **epicentre** of the world's next great economic revolution. To invest in this Summit is to invest in the future of Africa, and the future of the world.



The Strategic Case for Partnering With Africa Elevate DRC 2026

Africa Elevate DRC Summit & Expo 2026 represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to position your organisation at the forefront of Africa's most ambitious economic platform. The organisations that partner with us do not merely sponsor an event — they co-author Africa's future.

1

Continental Visibility

Reach decision-makers, investors and entrepreneurs from 30+ African nations and the global diaspora — all in one transformative platform.

2

Strategic Networking

Gain direct access to heads of state, ministers, C-suite executives, institutional investors and Africa's most influential ecosystem builders.

3

Market Access

Unlock direct engagement with high-growth startups, SMEs, women-led enterprises and youth entrepreneurs driving Africa's next economic wave.

4

Thought Leadership

Command the stage. Lead keynotes, moderate panels and shape the policy conversations that will define Africa's economic trajectory.

5

Brand Positioning

Align your brand with Africa's most ambitious youth and women empowerment platform — and be recognised as a champion of continental transformation.

6

AfCFTA Engagement

Position your organisation at the heart of the world's largest free trade area, with direct access to cross-border trade facilitation and market integration opportunities.

Partnering with Africa Elevate DRC 2026 is a strategic investment in Africa's future, your brand's legacy, and the continent's most powerful economic network.



Is Your Organisation Ready to Shape Africa's Future?

Africa Elevate DRC 2026 is calling on bold, forward-thinking organisations that believe in Africa's potential. If you are driven by impact, growth and continental transformation — **your seat at the table is waiting.**

- Government Ministries & Provincial Governments
- African Union Ecosystem Institutions
- Development Partners & Financial Institutions
- Venture Capital Firms & Angel Investor Networks
- Chambers of Commerce
- Universities & Research Institutions
- Telecommunications Companies
- Airlines & Hospitality Groups
- Tourism Boards
- Technology Companies & Multinational Corporations
- Media Houses

Bold organisations. Transformative impact. One Continental stage.

Where Africa's Decision-Makers Converge

Africa Elevate DRC Summit & Expo 2026 is engineered for continental scale, designed to connect thousands of high-impact stakeholders across Africa and the global diaspora in one transformative platform. From heads of state to startup founders, we bring together the full spectrum of Africa's economic ecosystem — at a scale that commands attention and delivers results.

3K+

Participants

1K+

Physical Delegates

2K+

Virtual Participants

20-30

Countries Represented

15+

AfYEF National Chapters

50+

Speakers & Experts

50+

Investors & Funding Institutions

100-200

Exhibitors

30-50

Startup Pitch Teams

200+

Business Matchmaking Meetings

50+

Media Representatives

10-20

Cultural Groups & Performances

One stage. Thousands of voices. Continental transformation.



This Is Your Moment to Lead Africa's Narrative.

You've seen the reasons to partner. Now consider what's at stake. Africa Elevate DRC 2026 is a time-sensitive opportunity — sponsorship slots are limited, and the organizations that move first will own the most powerful positions on Africa's biggest stage.

1

Unrivalled Return on Investment

Sponsoring Africa Elevate DRC 2026 delivers measurable returns — qualified leads, signed partnerships, media coverage, and a post-summit impact report documenting your brand's reach and engagement.

2

Exclusive, Limited Positions

Each sponsorship tier is strictly limited. Once a category is filled, it is closed. Early commitment guarantees your organization the most prominent positioning — before your competitors.

3

Long-Term Legacy, Not Just an Event

This is not a one-time transaction. Sponsors become part of Africa's economic history — referenced in publications, policy conversations, and future summits as founding champions of the continent's growth.

4

The Window is Closing

With the summit approaching, premium slots are being secured now. Every day of delay is a position lost. The organizations shaping Africa's future are already at the table — will yours be among them?



Sponsorship opportunities are strictly limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact us today to secure your tier before it closes.

One decision. Infinite legacy. Africa is watching.



Invest in Africa's Future. Elevate Your Brand.

Choose the sponsorship tier that best aligns with your organization's goals and visibility objectives.

ANCHOR SPONSOR

— USD 75,000

- Exclusive Title Sponsorship Status
- Keynote Speaking Opportunity
- 10 VIP Delegate Passes + Premium Branding

PLATINUM SPONSOR

— USD 50,000

- Platinum Recognition & Premium Branding
- Speaking Opportunity
- 8 VIP Delegate Passes + Media Exposure

GOLD SPONSOR

— USD 25,000

- Gold Sponsor Recognition
- Exhibition Booth
- 6 Delegate Passes + Branding Visibility

SILVER SPONSOR

— USD 15,000

- Sponsor Recognition & Exhibition Space
- 4 Delegate Passes
- Marketing Visibility

BRONZE SPONSOR

— USD 7,500

- Logo Placement
- 2 Delegate Passes
- Sponsor Recognition

INNOVATION SPONSOR

— USD 20,000

- Exclusive Innovation Challenge Sponsorship
- Bootcamps & Hackathons
- Startup Innovation Activities

 **Sponsorship tiers are strictly limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.** Contact us today to secure your position before it closes.



Sponsor a Programme. Own the Moment.

Organizations may sponsor specific Summit components for targeted visibility and audience engagement.

Programme	Sponsorship Value
Women Entrepreneurship Forum	USD 5,000
Youth Entrepreneurship Forum	USD 5,000
Trade & Investment Forum	USD 10,000
Startup Pitch Competition	USD 7,500
Innovation Challenge	USD 10,000
Bootcamps & Hackathons	USD 7,500
Cultural & Tourism Festival	USD 10,000
Gala Dinner	USD 15,000
AfYEF 5th Anniversary Celebration	USD 10,000

Each programme sponsorship includes:

- Naming rights for the sponsored programme (e.g. "Women Entrepreneurship Forum, Presented by [Your Brand]")
- Dedicated speaking or presentation slot during the programme
- Branded stage backdrop, banners, and signage at the programme venue
- Logo placement in summit programme guide, website, and event app
- Social media recognition before, during, and after the event
- Allocated delegate passes for your team



Showcase Your Solutions. Connect with Africa.

Africa Elevate DRC 2026 offers world-class exhibition opportunities for businesses of all sizes to showcase their solutions, connect with investors, and access Africa's fastest-growing markets.

Startup Pod — USD 500

- Startup showcase space
- 1 Exhibitor Pass
- Networking access

Standard Booth — USD 1,500

- 3m x 3m booth
- 2 Exhibitor Passes
- Company listing

Innovation Pavilion — USD 5,000

- Innovation showcase
- Product demos
- 4 Exhibitor Passes

Corporate Pavilion — USD 10,000

- Large branded space
- Prime location
- VIP networking
- 6 Exhibitor Passes

Premium Booth — USD 3,000

- Premium location
- 4 Exhibitor Passes
- Matchmaking



Exhibition spaces are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Secure your booth today.



Your Entry Point to Africa's Biggest Stage

Startup & SME Participation

Startup Showcase Participant

— USD 250

- Startup showcase access
- Networking participation
- Startup directory listing

Startup Pitch Competition Entry

— USD 150

- Eligibility to pitch
- Investor engagement
- Competition participation

SME Marketplace Participation

— USD 300

- SME showcase access
- Business networking
- Market access opportunities

Delegate Registration

Student Pass

— USD 20

Local Delegate Pass

— USD 100

Local VIP / Private Pass

— USD 200

International Delegate Pass

— USD 650

International Delegate Package

— USD 1,200

Executive Delegate Package

— USD 1,500

i All delegate passes include: access to summit sessions, networking opportunities, exhibition access, summit materials, and participation certificate.



Partner with Us . Shape the Future.

For organizations that may not be traditional sponsors but wish to contribute meaningfully to Africa's economic transformation. Strategic support can be provided through **cash and/or in-kind contributions**.

Knowledge Partner

Universities, colleges and research institutions sharing expertise and academic resources.

Innovation Partner

Technology firms, incubators and accelerators driving innovation ecosystems.

University Partner

Academic institutions supporting youth entrepreneurship and research.

Investment Partner

Banks, venture capital firms, angel networks and investment organizations.

Media Partner

Television, radio, print and digital media organizations amplifying the Summit's reach.

Community Partner

Youth organizations, women networks and entrepreneurship associations.

Tourism Partner

Tourism boards, airlines and hospitality groups promoting DRC and Africa.

Government Partner

Government ministries and institutions supporting implementation.

📌 All Strategic Support Partners receive: recognition across Summit platforms, visibility in event materials, ecosystem engagement opportunities, and participation in relevant Summit activities.



Find Your Place in the Ecosystem

Africa Elevate offers diverse partnership categories to match every organization's mandate and strategic objectives.

Host Partners

Government institutions supporting Summit implementation and national representation.

Strategic Partners

Organizations supporting long-term ecosystem development and continental impact.

Investment Partners

Banks, venture capital firms, angel networks and investment organizations.

Tourism Partners

Tourism boards, airlines and hospitality groups promoting DRC and Africa.

Knowledge Partners

Universities, colleges and research institutions sharing expertise and academic resources.

Innovation Partners

Technology firms, incubators and accelerators driving innovation ecosystems.

Media Partners

Television, radio, print and digital media organizations amplifying the Summit's reach.

Community Partners

Youth organizations, women networks and entrepreneurship associations.



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Transforming Africa, One Partnership at a Time

Africa Elevate DRC 2026 is designed to generate measurable, lasting impact across the continent's entrepreneurship and trade ecosystem.

Strategic Partnerships

50–100 Strategic Partnerships Facilitated

Investment Opportunities

Significant Investment Opportunities Generated

Startup Growth

Startup Development & Scale-Up Support

Women Entrepreneurship

Women Entrepreneurship Promoted & Amplified

Youth Enterprise

Youth Enterprise Ecosystems Strengthened

Cross-Border Trade

Cross-Border Trade Facilitated Under AfCFTA

Tourism Development

Tourism Development Promoted Across the Region

Regional Integration

Regional Integration Strengthened Continent-Wide

AfCFTA Utilization

AfCFTA Utilization Increased Across Member States

Our Commitment: Every partnership forged through Africa Elevate DRC 2026 contributes to a stronger, more connected, and more prosperous African continent.



The Time to Act is Now!!

Be Part of Africa's Most Impactful Summit

Africa Elevate DRC Summit & Expo 2026 invites **governments, corporations, development partners, investors, universities, chambers of commerce, innovation ecosystems, tourism stakeholders** and **media organizations** to join us in building one of Africa's most impactful entrepreneurship, trade, investment and innovation platforms. Together, we can empower youth and women, accelerate enterprise development and unlock opportunities across Africa.

 **Trade. Investment. Innovation. Empowerment.**

"Connecting Africa's Youth and Women to Opportunities, Partnerships and Prosperity Under AfCFTA."

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