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AFRICA COMMERCE & INDUSTRY SUMMIT (ACIS) 2026

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

14–16 October 2026 | Uhuru Gardens National Monument & Museum, Nairobi

DAY 1 WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2026

OPENING PLENARY: AFRICA'S NEXT ERA OF TRADE

Focus: African Market Integration • Presidential Leadership • Investment • Industrial Competitiveness • Trade Facilitation

Delegate & Media Accreditation	Delegates, speakers, media, exhibitors and guests: Registration, badge collection and access clearance.

OPENING PLENARY

PLENARY HALL

MC – Terry Anne Chebet and Maina Chege	**Welcome, housekeeping and introduction of the session** Welcome delegates, introduce the summit theme and explain how the sector tracks, exhibitions and Deal Room will connect business opportunities with practical partnerships.
Mustafa Ramadhan, Vice President, KNCCI	**Welcome Remarks and setting the Tone** Frame KNCCI at 60 as a platform for enterprise growth; highlight the importance of private-sector partnerships, regional trade and tangible outcomes from the summit.
Caroline Njuki, Regional Chief Technical Advisor, International Labour Organization (ILO)	**Turning Trade and Investment into Decent Jobs** How can expanding trade and investment under the AfCFTA be converted into decent, productive jobs, and what skills, labour standards and workplace investments do African enterprises need to compete in regional and global value chains?
Kebour Ghenna, Executive Director, Pan African Chamber of Commerce and Industry	**Continental Chamber Cooperation and the Future of Trade with Africa** How can African chambers coordinate market intelligence, business matchmaking and advocacy to help enterprises trade across borders and build regional value chains?
Hon. Susan Auma Mang'eni, PS – MSME	**MSMEs as Drivers of Africa's Trade and Enterprise Growth** What practical support will help MSMEs become formal, productive and export-ready, and connect them to finance, procurement and regional supply chains?
Asta Bareisaite, Senior Private Sector Specialist, World Bank Group	**Investments, Sustainable Growth and Job Creation** How can development finance reduce early-stage risk and crowd in private investment for infrastructure, enterprise growth and resilient regional value chains, and how can these investments translate into jobs and sustainable livelihoods?

Dr. Patricia Nzolantima, Member, Executive Board, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)	**Investing in Africa: The Global Business Perspective** What do global businesses need to invest and expand in Africa, and how can African enterprises strengthen governance, competitiveness and market readiness to attract them?
H.E. Ambassador Andreas Peschke, Head of Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Kenya	**Europe–Africa Partnerships for Trade and Sustainable Investment** How can Europe–Africa partnerships strengthen market access, sustainable production, skills and investment, while helping African businesses meet buyer requirements?
Xiaoying Qin, Vice-President, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT)	**Market Access & China–Africa Business Linkages** How can trade-promotion institutions and chambers connect African companies, particularly SMEs, with Chinese buyers, investors and value chains, and facilitate stronger two-way trade and investment?
Abubakar H. Abubakar, CB, PS State Department for Investment Promotion	**Turning Investment Opportunities into Bankable Projects** How can Kenya turn its investment pipeline into viable transactions through project preparation, predictable approvals, investor aftercare and partnerships across sectors?
MC	**Summary and transition to the Exhibition Walkthrough** Summarise the plenary's priorities and introduce the exhibition walkthrough, highlighting opportunities to meet exporters, investors and country delegations.
MC	**Health Break** Invite delegates to refresh and network before the next programme segment.

PRESIDENTIAL-LEVEL PLENARY, ROUNDTABLE & DIALOGUE

AFRICA'S NEXT ERA OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT: BUILDING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND UNLOCKING GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

PLENARY HALL

Exhibition Walkthrough & Official Opening	**H.E. the President will officially open the exhibition: Exhibition walkthrough accompanied by the Government of Kenya delegation, foreign and diplomatic dignitaries and the KNCCI Board. Exhibitors and foreign pavilions: Present exhibits and country showcase.** Highlight export-ready products, innovation and country investment opportunities; connect exhibitors with buyers, partners and investors.
Opening Prayer: Prayer Leader	**Opening Prayer** Lead the opening prayer and invite delegates to reflect on the summit's purpose.
Kenya National Anthem & East African Anthem: One stanza each	**National and Regional Protocol** Observe the national and regional anthems in accordance with event protocol.
Mustafa Ramadhan, Chamber Vice President	**Welcome and Introduction to the Presidential Plenary** Welcome and Introduction to the Presidential Plenary. Frame the session around stronger commercial partnerships and the private sector's contribution to Africa's trade and investment agenda.
Dr. Erick Rutto, President, KNCCI	**Opening Remarks: ACIS 2026 and the Role of Business in Advancing Trade, Investment and Economic Growth** Set out the Chamber's priorities for enterprise competitiveness, market access and investment, and identify the commitments the sector tracks should develop.

H.E. Sakaja Arthur Johnson, EGH, Governor, Nairobi City County	**Welcome Remarks – a brief welcome to delegates on behalf of the host county, with a nod to Uhuru Gardens as the venue and to KNCCI's 60 years.** Welcome visiting delegations and highlight Nairobi's role as a business hub, with opportunities for investment, innovation and enterprise partnerships.
Dr. Gary Conille, UN Resident Coordinator in Kenya	**Strengthening Development Partnerships for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth** How can government, the private sector and development partners align investment, skills and enterprise support to deliver inclusive growth and measurable development outcomes?
Wamkele Mene, Secretary-General, AfCFTA	**Accelerating AfCFTA Implementation and Expanding Intra-African Trade** What practical actions are needed to turn AfCFTA market access into increased trade, and how can chambers help businesses use the agreement and participate in regional value chains?
Hon. Lee Maiyani Kinyanjui, CS, Investments, Trade & Industry	**Kenya's Trade and Investment Agenda: Positioning Kenya for Global Markets** Outline priorities for industrial competitiveness, export diversification, investment facilitation and partnerships that connect Kenyan businesses to regional and global markets.
H.E. William Samoei Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya	**Presidential Address: Advancing Kenya's Global Trade and Investment Partnerships for Shared Prosperity** **Official Declaration of ACIS 2026 Open** Provide strategic direction on trade, investment, industrialisation and partnerships, and identify priority actions for government and business before declaring ACIS 2026 open.
Moderator: Dr. Erick Rutto	**Presidential Dialogue** Session Overview: The dialogue will explore how African governments, chambers of commerce and regional institutions can strengthen trade and investment partnerships, accelerate industrialisation and translate regional integration into tangible economic opportunities. Moderator: Dr. Erick Rutto – KNCCI Chamber President Panel: 1. H.E. William Samoei Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya 2. AfCFTA representative 3. SA Chamber President Adv. Mtho Xulu 4. President, Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) 5. Rt. Hon. Dennis Idahosa, Deputy Governor, Edo State, Nigeria
Moderator: Dr. Erick Rutto	**Moderated Q&A and Summary** Audience questions, key takeaways from the dialogue and close of the Presidential Plenary.

NETWORKING LUNCH & EXHIBITION VISITS

WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2026 · AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

TRACK A

AFRICA INVESTMENT FORUM – MAKING AFRICAN PROJECTS BANKABLE

ACACIA HALL

Welcome Remarks	Welcome remarks: Abubakar Hassan Abubakar, Principal Secretary, State Department for Investment Promotion: Africa's transition from long-discussed investment potential to accelerated commercialisation; AfCFTA and regional economic integration; currency and financial-system developments; and the role of development finance in absorbing early-stage construction and geopolitical risk.
Keynote: Mobilising Capital Markets for Africa's Investment Growth	Frank Mwiti, CEO, Nairobi Securities Exchange PLC (NSE): mobilising long-term capital, strengthening investor confidence and connecting African enterprises and investment projects to capital markets.

Keynote: Emerging Investment Frontiers in the Mining and Blue Economy Sectors	Hon. Hassan Ali Joho, EGH, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs: Emerging Investment Frontiers in the Mining and Blue Economy Sectors.
Panel 1: Africa, The Ultimate Investment Frontier **MC: Salma Ibrahim**	Panel: 1. John Mwendwa, OGW, CEO, Invest Kenya 2. Dr. James Mworia, CEO, National Infrastructure Fund: Building Kenya's Future: Infrastructure, Construction & Climate-Resilient Growth. 3. Nelson Ashitiva: De-risking Investments, Building the Legal Foundations for Bankable African Projects. 4. Isaac H. Tongola, Fairtrade Africa: Agriculture in Africa: Sustainability and livelihood improvements. 5. Kohe Hassan, CEO, Mkapital: Mobilising Capital: where development finance can absorb early-stage risk. 6. Fatima AliMohammed, Pan-African leader and authority on strategy, brand building, market development and consumer insight: Positioning African projects and brands for investors and new markets. Audience Q&A:
Fireside Chat: China–Africa Trade & Investment – Zero-Tariff Market Access	Ms. Ma Yuhong, Chairperson, Shaanxi Federation of Industry and Commerce & President, Shaanxi Provincial General Chamber of Industry and Commerce. Conversation on market access, trade and investment partnerships and opportunities for African businesses. Moderator: Salma Ibrahim.
Panel 2: Capitalising on Regional Value Chains & Industrial Success Stories **Moderator: Simon Ndungu**	Flora Mutahi, CEO, Melvins Tea: Capitalising on Regional Value Chains & Industrial Success Stories. Panel: 1. George Olaka, Country Head, ARISE IIP: blended finance, first-loss capital and equity-matching structures. 2. Jonathan Jackson, Lordship Africa: Building Kenya's Future: Infrastructure, Construction & Climate-Resilient Growth. 3. Niloufar Gharavi, Founder & Secretary General, ENFA: multi-country financing, local-currency trade finance and FX-risk mitigation. 4. Linda Onyango, CEO, SME Support Centre: SEZs and integrated industrial parks and the roles of SMEs in Africa. 5. Anthony Mwangi, HSC: African manufacturing, addressing the bottlenecks and finding solutions. Audience Q&A:
Closing Remarks: From Dialogue to Transactions	Summary of the Forum and transition from policy and investment dialogue to capital deployment, directing investors and project sponsors to the Deal Room Pavilion.
International Exhibition & Export Showcase / Networking	Exhibitors, country pavilions, exporters, buyers, investors and foreign delegations: product demonstrations, country showcases, commercial engagement and continuation of investor discussions.

TRACK B

ORANGE/CREATIVE ECONOMY

JACARANDA HALL

Welcome & Setting the Stage	Session Moderator: Angela Ndambuki, Regional Director, Sub-Saharan Africa, IFPI. Frame the creative economy as an economic, investment and trade opportunity for Kenya and Africa. Introduce the afternoon's central question: How do we move from talent and cultural influence to scalable businesses, investment, exports and jobs?

Keynote 1: Kenya's Creative Economy Growth Agenda	Fikirini Jacobs, Principal Secretary, State Department for Culture, the Arts & Heritage / Creative Economy. Kenya's ambition for the creative economy; government priorities; enabling policy; infrastructure; intellectual property; investment; creator enterprise; jobs and international market access.
Keynote 2: Creative Economy Diplomacy – Taking Kenya's Creativity to the World	Dr. A. Korir Sing'Oei, Principal Secretary, State Department for Foreign Affairs. Positioning the creative economy within Kenya's economic diplomacy and foreign policy; bilateral partnerships; international markets; cultural influence; investment attraction; and using Kenya's diplomatic network to unlock opportunities for creative businesses.
Power Talk: From Creativity to Commercial Scale	Mike Otieno, Co-Founder and President, Wowzi. A practical industry perspective on building commercially viable creative businesses: technology, platforms, data, monetisation, investment readiness, access to finance and the infrastructure required for African creative enterprises to scale globally.
Creative Interlude / Industry Spotlight	Spotlight 1: Eric Musyoka, Chairman, Recording Industry of Kenya (RIKE) presentation – a short industry presentation showcasing the economic contribution, commercial potential and global opportunity of Kenya's recorded-music sector. AND/MAYBE Artist performance – a short live performance demonstrating the talent and cultural asset at the heart of the creative economy.
High-Level Panel: Creative Economy Diplomacy – From Policy to Partnerships, Investment & Deals	Moderator: Angela Ndambuki. Panel: 1. Drew Giblin – U.S. Embassy 2. Representative – Embassy of the People's Republic of China 3. Representative – Embassy of France 4. PS Korir Sing'Oei 5. PS Fikirini Jacobs 6. Savara Mudigi – Artist / Creative Entrepreneur
Audience Q&A: What Will It Take to Scale Africa's Creative Economy?	Audience questions to government, diplomatic and industry panellists. Focus on investment, IP protection, financing, skills, technology, exports, market access and concrete international partnerships.
Closing Action Agenda: From Creativity to Commerce	Moderator / KNCCI. Draw out key commitments, partnership opportunities and next actions. Transition from policy dialogue to investment, bilateral engagement, commercial partnerships and the ACIS Deal Room / B2B platform.

TRACK C

KNCCI WOMEN IN BUSINESS PAVILION – EMPOWERED TO GROW: WOMEN LEADING TRADE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENTERPRISE

EBONY HALL

Focus: Leadership • Market Access • Cross-Border Trade • Digital Economy • Women-Led Innovation
Target: 100 Women in Business

Registration & Networking	All participants: participant arrival, registration and pavilion networking.
Welcome Remarks	Anne Phoebe, Chairlady, KNCCI Women in Business, Nairobi Chapter: welcomes participants and the National KNCCI Women in Business Chairlady.
Opening Remarks	Director Zainab Mohammed, Chairlady, KNCCI Women in Business: official opening of the pavilion and welcome of the Chief Guest.
Keynote Address	Keynote Speaker: Keynote on women-led enterprise, trade and growth.

Power Talk: Leadership Lessons – Scaling Without Losing Yourself **Interviewer: Fridah Owinga**	Dr. Mary E. Okelo, Pioneering Banker, Educationist & Entrepreneur: leadership lessons on scaling with purpose, identity and resilience. Dr. Maria Theresa Othieno, CEO Bayerl. Interviewer: Fridah Owinga, Founder & CEO, PassionProfit Ltd; former first African President, OWIT; Africa Partnerships, WEConnect International.
Panel 1: Unlocking AfCFTA – Market Access & Cross-Border Trade for Women in Business **Moderator: Elizabeth Mvoi**	Regional market opportunities, cross-border trade and practical access to African markets. Panel: Trudi Hartzenberg, Executive Director, Trade Law Centre (tralac). Dr. Mudasia Susan, Nutrition, innovation and business Floice Mukabana, CEO, Kenya Export Promotion and Branding Agency (KEPROBA). AECF Representative Moderator: Elizabeth Mvoi, KNCCI Women in Business, Mombasa Chapter Member; Lawyer by profession.
Panel 2: Women in the Digital Economy **Moderator: Deborah Auko Tendo**	Digital platforms, AI, technology and storytelling for business growth. Panel: Agnes Limo, Founder & CEO, VILCOM. Mark Eric Fairweather Teddy Warria, Author & Publisher, Books Come To Life (BCTL); Tech Entrepreneur, Africa's Talking (K) Ltd. Moderator: Deborah Auko Tendo
Launch of the PATA App	Women-led innovation supporting market access and business opportunities. Welcome to the App Launch: Phyllis Wangwe, Member, KNCCI Board of Trustees.
Closing & Networking	Closing Remarks: Phyllis Wangwe, Member, KNCCI Board of Trustees: key takeaways and acknowledgements.

TRACK D

KNCCI YOUTH IN BUSINESS & INNOVATION PAVILION – BUILT TO LEAD (DAY 1: OPEN, INSPIRE & CONNECT)

BAOBAB HALL

Focus: Ideas • Enterprise • Investment • Impact

Registration & Networking	All participants: participant arrival, registration and pavilion networking.
Welcoming Remarks	Director of Youth, KNCCI Nairobi: welcome participants and set the tone for the Youth Pavilion.
Opening Remarks	Director Irene Kirimi, Director, KNCCI Youth in Business (YIB): official opening of the Youth in Business & Innovation Pavilion.
Keynote Speaker	Peter Nduati, Founder, Resolution Health; Founder, Peter Nduati Consulting: Youth in Business – Entrepreneurship.
Fireside Chat / Power Talk: Building a Business That Outlives You	Entrepreneurship beyond startup stage: systems, resilience, governance, capital discipline and building an enterprise that can survive beyond the founder. Panel: 1. Peter Nduati 2. Wairimu Muchai, Founder, Aqua Hub Kenya. 3. Joshua Tiambat, Co-Founder, The Kenya Coffee Hub; Founder, JAHARI AFRICA LTD.

Power Talk: From Qualification to Enterprise – Turning Professional Expertise into a Scalable Business **Moderator: Christine Mwangi**	Moving from academic and professional training into entrepreneurship; converting technical expertise into commercially viable businesses, credibility, execution and scale. Panel: 1. Winfrida Wanjiku Ngumi, MD, Space and Style Ltd; Board Chairperson, KeNHA. 2. Dr. Princess Mutisya, Advocate of the High Court of Kenya. Moderator: Christine Mwangi, KNCCI Nairobi Chapter.
Exhibitor Engagement, Innovation Showcase & Networking	All participants: interaction with exhibitors, startups and innovation displays, with space for networking and introductions.

OTHER EVENTS – ALL DAY

Arrival & Registration	**Deal Room**	**B2B Matchmaking**

DAY 2 THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2026

PLENARY SESSION – CONNECTING OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS AFRICA

PLENARY HALL

Arrival & Registration	Delegates, speakers, investors and sector participants: registration, networking and seating.
Plenary Session	Welcome Remarks – H.E. Barbay Sadykov, Kazakhstan Ambassador Keynote speaker – Dr. Wale Akinyemi

MORNING PROGRAMME

TRACK A

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE & AMBASSADORS ROUNDTABLE

UNLOCKING THE CONTINENTAL MARKET: HOW CHAMBERS AND DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS CAN DRIVE AfCFTA FROM AMBITION TO ACTION

ACACIA HALL

Seating & Introductory Remarks	Presidents and chief executives of national and regional chambers, ambassadors and high commissioners, heads of trade and commercial sections, AfCFTA Secretariat and development partners: seating, framing of the roundtable and outline of the format.
Part 1: Chambers of Commerce Roundtable Accelerating AfCFTA Implementation: Empowering Chambers to Drive Intra-African Trade, Investment and Regional Value Chains Moderator: Winket, Project Director, PACCI	
Part 2: Ambassadors Roundtable Commercial Diplomacy in Action: Connecting Missions, Chambers and Markets	Guiding question: How can diplomatic missions and chambers work together to move from signed agreements to concluded deals?
Closing Remarks & Action Agenda	Priority actions on chamber to chamber cooperation, a standing chambers and missions working arrangement, trade mission calendars, business matchmaking and follow up through the Deal Room Pavilion, to be carried into the ACIS 2026 Communiqué.

TRACK B

AGRICULTURE, GREEN ECONOMY & VALUE ADDITION – FROM FARM TO GLOBAL MARKET: BUILDING AFRICA'S AGRICULTURAL EXPORT VALUE CHAINS

EBONY HALL

Arrival and registration of participants	KNCCI Secretariat

Welcome remarks	Ms. Lucy Muchoki, Chair, Agriculture, and National Director, KNCCI; Advisor, UN Food Systems Hub Moderator: Ms. Sheena Raikundalia, Food Systems Expert and Advisor
Opening remarks	1. Farmers: Dr. Daniel Mwendah M'Mailutha, President, World Farmers Organization and CEO, KENAFF 2. Research: Representative, KALRO / AATF 3. Private sector: Mr. Bimal Kantaria, CEO, Elgon Kenya 4. Development partners: Representative, AGRA / IFAD 5. Government: Dr. Paul Ronoh, CBS, Principal Secretary, State Department for Agriculture 6. Government: Hon. Jonathan Mwangangi Mueke, Principal Secretary 7. Government: Betsy Muthoni Njagi, CBS, Principal Secretary, State Department for Blue Economy and Fisheries – Integrating Aquatic Food Systems into Sustainable Agriculture Moderator: Ms. Sheena Raikundalia, Food Systems Expert and Advisor
Session 1: Commercialization of Food Value Chains (presentation and panel)	
Tea break and networking	All
Session 2: Innovative Financing Mechanisms for Food Systems (presentation and panel)	
Session 3: Climate-Smart Solutions for Food Security and Resilient Agriculture (presentation and panel)	Speaker: Madeline Muga, Fairtrade Africa.
Key takeaways, commitments and closing remarks	KNCCI
Networking and B2B engagements	All

TRACK C

DIGITAL ECONOMY, FINTECH, YOUTH ENTERPRISE & INNOVATION – KNCCI YOUTH IN BUSINESS & INNOVATION PAVILION, BUILT TO LEAD (DAY 2: BUILD, LEAD & PARTNER)

JACARANDA HALL

Focus: Ideas • Enterprise • Investment • Impact • Programme continues through the afternoon

Registration & Exhibition Engagement	All participants: participant arrival, networking and direct engagement with exhibitors.
Keynote Speaker, Day 2: Beyond the Hustle – Leadership, Governance and the Discipline of Scale	Dr. Julius Kipng'etich: building resilient enterprises, governance, leadership discipline and long-term institutional growth.
Panel: Beyond Borders – Unlocking AfCFTA for Young Entrepreneurs **Moderator: Jeptanui Chebii**	Pathways for youth-owned enterprises to access regional markets, build export readiness, understand standards and compliance, and participate in cross-border value chains. Moderator: Jeptanui Chebii, Senior News Editor, Nyota Media.

From Policy to Opportunity: Making Youth Enterprise Work	Youth enterprise policy, public programmes, procurement, business support and practical pathways that translate policy into real economic opportunities. Gloria Wawira, CEO, Youth Council. Salome M'mbone Bisau, Co-Founder, The Kenya Coffee Hub.
Access to Capital: What Makes a Youth Business Investable?	Investment readiness, financial records, governance, risk, business models, debt versus equity, and preparing a youth enterprise for capital. Panellist: Caroline Mwangi, CEO, Kimplanter.
Inclusive Enterprise & Future Opportunities: Building Businesses That Create Jobs and Impact	Inclusive enterprise, innovation, technology, future jobs, sustainable livelihoods and how youth-led businesses can create both commercial and social value. CARE International Pravin S. Eazhawa Konza Eliud Njogu, Chief Technology Officer, E&M Technologies.
Digital Economy & Future of Work: Where Will the Next Youth Opportunities Come From?	AI, BPO/GBS, digital services, remote work, platform businesses, automation and emerging careers and enterprise opportunities. Jeff Thuo, COSEKE. Panel
Winning Markets: Procurement, Corporate Supply Chains & Business Opportunities	Panel: how youth-owned businesses can access institutional buyers, corporate supply chains, procurement opportunities and larger contracts.
From Local Business to Regional Brand: Scaling Beyond Your First Market	Panel: branding, distribution, partnerships, customer acquisition, expansion strategy and preparing a business to enter new markets.
Opportunity Exchange: Markets, Partnerships & Commitments	Moderator / Partners: concrete opportunities, buyer linkages, partnerships, support programmes and next steps for youth enterprises.
Deal Rooms, B2B Meetings, Exhibitor Engagement & Networking	All participants: investor and partner meetings, business linkages, exhibitor engagement and continued networking.

TRACK D

WOMEN IN TRADE

BAOBAB HALL

Focus: Capital • Markets • Knowledge • Connections • Deals

Registration & Women in Trade Networking	All participants: registration and exhibition; networking breakfast; meet women entrepreneurs, buyers, investors and partners.
Official Opening	Welcome Remarks: President's Advisor. PS Anne Wang'ombe, Ministry of Gender. IFC Financial Institution KenTrade Success Story Remarks: KNCCI. Introduction to the Women-Led Business Day.

Opening Keynote: Women Building Prosperity – From Enterprise to Economic Power	Keynote Speaker: the role of women-led businesses in driving jobs, trade, innovation and economic growth.
Keynote: Financing Women to Scale – Unlocking Capital for Women-Led Enterprises	Panel discussion: IFC-led session What is changing in access to finance? What do women-led businesses need to become investment-ready? Financing beyond traditional bank loans. Opportunities through financial institutions and investors.
High-Level Fireside Chat: From Survival to Scale	Women Entrepreneurs; Government; IFC; Financial Sector: a candid conversation on the real barriers women face and what needs to change to enable more women-led businesses to scale.
Market Access: KenTrade – From Local to Global: Getting Women-Owned Businesses into Markets	KenTrade: B2B opportunities; corporate procurement; government opportunities; regional markets; export readiness; trade missions.
The Women's B2B Connect: Meet. Connect. Trade.	Structured matchmaking between women entrepreneurs, buyers, corporates, financial institutions, investors, distributors and development partners.
Networking	All participants: open networking.

AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

TRACK A

CORRIDORS OF COMMERCE: WATER, INFRASTRUCTURE & ENERGY

BLENDING CONCESSIONAL, MULTILATERAL & COMMERCIAL CAPITAL TO BUILD AFRICA'S NEXT-GENERATION CORRIDORS

BAOBAB HALL

Arrival & Registration	African infrastructure, transport and energy officials; project developers; investors; financiers; contractors and SEZ developers.
High-Level Briefing: Africa's Infrastructure Deficit & the Future of Trade Corridors	Water Trust Fund / Lead Partner: Africa's infrastructure deficit, AfCFTA trade flows, cross-border connectivity, energy networks and the transition from conventional public debt to blended finance, guarantees and bankable PPPs.
Panel: Financing, Building & Operating Africa's Trade Corridors **Moderator: Carol Kossiom**	Panel: 1. Eng. Luka Kipchumba Kimeli, DG, KeNHA: Building the physical infrastructure for regional connectivity and trade. 2. Solomon Quaynor, Vice President, Private Sector, Infrastructure & Industrialisation, AfDB: Mobilising private capital for Africa's infrastructure corridors. 3. ATI / AIIB Representative: De-risking infrastructure investment and financing bankable projects. 4. Maina Kiondo, MD, LAPSSET: Positioning strategic transport corridors as engines of regional trade. 5. Omar Jabri, Head of Business Development, PIDG: Structuring PPPs and attracting institutional capital.
Featured Interventions	Mitchell-Cotts (Logistics): Making trade corridors commercially efficient: logistics, movement of goods and supply-chain connectivity. Energy Representative: Powering Africa's industrial and trade corridors. David Beer, CEO, TradeMark Africa: Digital borders, trade facilitation and reducing the cost of cross-border trade.

Audience Q&A	
Closing Action Agenda	Priority actions on project preparation, blended finance, PPP structuring, corridor operations, energy connectivity, border efficiency and private-sector participation.

TRACK B

MANUFACTURING, MINING, SEZS, EPZA & INDUSTRIAL VALUE CHAINS

FROM RAW MATERIALS TO GLOBAL MARKETS: ACCELERATING AFRICA'S INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATION

EBONY HALL

Arrival & Registration	Delegates, speakers, investors, industrialists and development partners.
Opening Keynote: Halting Commodity Flight, Africa's Industrial Era **Fireside chat**	Dr. Juma Mukhwana, CBS, PS, State Department for Industry: domestic processing, mineral beneficiation, industrial employment, SEZ development and AfCFTA-linked value chains.
Industry Spotlights	KRA Representative: Cross-Border Taxes and Trade Facilitation: Making African Manufacturing More Competitive. Blue Economy, Prof Mark Ogutu: Unlocking Africa's Blue Economy: Advancing Marine-Based Industrialisation, Value Addition and Export Competitiveness. Dr. Kenneth Chelule, CEO, SEZA: SEZs, industrial parks and investment-ready production ecosystems.
High-Level Panel: Accelerating Industrialisation, Beneficiation & Special Economic Zones **Moderator: Salma Ibra**	Panel: Richard Omelu, CEO, EPZA: Export-led industrialisation and positioning Africa for global markets. Mr. Florin C. Pirlea, Chamber President Romani-Kenya Anthony Mwangi, CEO: The manufacturer's perspective: competitiveness, Rules of Origin and barriers to scaling. Andrew Kangumi; Kingdom Bank: Financing Africa's Manufacturers: Trade Finance, Equipment and Working Capital. John Masanda, CEO, Sofax Fluorspar Kenya – From Mineral Extraction to Industrial Value: Accelerating Beneficiation and Building Competitive Mining Value Chains
Audience Q&A	
Closing Action Agenda	Priority actions on industrial policy, beneficiation, SEZs and industrial parks, Rules of Origin, cross-border taxation, trade finance, energy and infrastructure, technology transfer and workforce development.

OTHER EVENTS – ALL DAY

Arrival & Registration	**Deal Room**	**B2B Matchmaking**

DAY 3

FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2026

THEME: INCLUSION, CELEBRATION AND LEGACY

MORNING PROGRAMME

TRACK A

LABOUR, SKILLS, EXPORT, GLOBAL REMOTE GIGS & CROSS-BORDER SERVICES

AFRICA'S GLOBAL TALENT: BUILDING SKILLS, SAFE LABOUR MOBILITY & BORDERLESS SERVICES

ACACIA HALL

Arrival & Registration	Labour and skills authorities, international organisations, diplomatic missions, employers, recruitment agencies, TVET institutions, digital platforms and development partners.
Opening Keynote: Sovereign Talent as an Export Class: Structuring Safe, High-Value Global Labour Pipelines	Dr. Alfred Mutua, EGH, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Social Protection: safe recruitment, skills certification, destination-market demand, labour mobility, remittance value and reducing the cost and risk of labour migration.
High-Level Panel: Brain Gain, Borderless Gigs & Harmonised Global Labour Corridors	Panel: 1. Shadrack Mwangolo Mwadime, EBS, PS Labour & Skills Development: Building Kenya's skills-export system. 2. ILO Senior Representative: Labour standards, worker protection and decent work. 3. IOM Senior Representative: Safe migration pathways and mobility partnerships. 4. Ministry of Diaspora Affairs Representative: Bilateral labour agreements and destination-market opportunities. 5. Global Remote Work / Impact-Sourcing Representative: The rise of borderless digital work and cross-border services. 6. Private Employment Agency Representative: Connecting African talent to global demand while protecting workers.
Expert Spotlights	TVET / Qualifications Authority: Making African Qualifications Portable: Recognition, Certification & Skills Mobility. Financial Institution: From Labour Mobility to Financial Mobility: Remittances and Migration Finance. Digital / Remote Work Partner: From Local Talent to Global Services: Building Africa's Remote Workforce.
Action Dialogue: From Discussion to Labour Mobility Commitments	Moderator draws out five concrete commitments around: 1. Skills certification and recognition 2. Safe and ethical recruitment 3. Bilateral labour mobility agreements 4. Digital and global services exports 5. Remittance and migration-finance mechanisms
Closing Remarks & Action Agenda	Priority actions for skills mobility partnerships, safe recruitment, qualifications recognition, labour-market matching and digital-service exports.

CLOSING CEREMONY, COMMITMENTS & ACIS 2026 COMMUNIQUÉ

PLENARY HALL

Communique Adoption: ACIS 2026 Sector Outcomes & Commitments	Delegates, speakers, government representatives, business leaders, investors, development partners, exhibitors and sector-track participants: arrival and seating for the formal closing ceremony.
Welcome to the Closing Ceremony	Summit MC: welcome delegates and formally open the ACIS 2026 closing ceremony; outline the commitments and outcomes to be presented.
Formal Closing of ACIS 2026	KNCCI Leadership / Designated Senior Government Representative: formal declaration of the close of the Africa Commerce & Industry Summit 2026, followed by the official closing photograph.

OTHER EVENTS – ALL DAY

Arrival & Registration	**Deal Room**	**B2B Matchmaking**

LUNCH

DAY 3 KNCCI@60 GALA DINNER

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GALA VENUE

VVIP & Head of State Arrivals / Red-Carpet Reception	VVIPs, Head of State, senior government officials, foreign dignitaries and invited guests: arrival, reception and official photographs.
KNCCI@60 Gala Dinner: Opening & Anniversary Tribute	KNCCI leadership and invited dignitaries: gala opening and KNCCI@60 anniversary tribute.
Gala Dinner Service	VVIPs, dignitaries, business leaders, partners and invited guests: dinner and networking.
Business Excellence Awards & Hall of Fame Induction	Award nominees, winners, business leaders and invited dignitaries: awards presentation and Hall of Fame induction.
Gala Entertainment & Closing Toast	Guests and performers: entertainment, closing toast and conclusion of the Summit.