



Adaptation Investment Summit for Africa 2026

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Theme: **Accelerating Climate Adaptation Finance
and Innovation for a Resilient Future**

Convened by: Kenya Climate Ventures (KCV)



1. Introduction

[Climate Risk Index 2026](#) report notes sub-Saharan Africa is highly vulnerable to climate change risks. The projected cost of adaptation in developing countries is anticipated to reach USD 300 billion annually by 2030. However, the global flows of adaptation finance in 2020 amounted to only USD 46 billion, with a mere USD 28.6 billion directed towards developing countries. This level of funding falls short of the required amount. Developing countries bear a greater burden from the impacts of climate change, with the 55 most climate-vulnerable economies already experiencing a 20% loss in GDP. The [Climate Policy Initiatives \(CPI\) 2024 report](#) indicates that adaptation capital flow to Africa fell short from the required target by USD53 billion annually.

Africa will require USD 100 billion annually by 2035 to meet the NDCs, currently 90% of the financing is contributed by public sector_including multilateral development banks, national governments, and bilateral institutions, while 10% by private sector. **High capital cost, poverty, youth unemployment and high debt** burden of governments contribute to inadequate coping mechanisms. There is a clear and urgent need for increased climate adaptation finance, particularly in the least developed countries in Africa. Addressing this investment gap can be facilitated by the involvement of the private sector. Despite the low current percentage, the adaptation market is estimated to have high untapped potential, with some projections suggesting a USD 2 trillion per year market by 2026, and potential for USD 7.1 trillion in net benefits from investments in resilience, early warning systems, and infrastructure.

Climate adaptation market in Africa is a rapidly growing, high-potential sector facing a massive, urgent funding gap, requiring up to USD 100 billion annually by 2035. SMEs are at the center of Agenda 2063, more in promoting innovation, creativity, and decent work for all. Adaptation SMEs could possess a unique advantage in providing locally relevant climate adaptation technologies, products and solutions. However, the commercialization of their ideas is impeded by, amongst other factors, inadequate access appropriate financing/ investments, Inadequate capacity of climate adaptation SMEs to scale, Weak ecosystem support to climate adaptation SMEs to overcome the structural and policy barriers that limit their growth and market participation.

95% of African Enterprises are SMEs contributing 50% of the continental GDP. 17% of SMEs in Africa access appropriate loans for climate adaptation, operate on a relatively smaller scale, but help reduce poverty rates through job creation and substantially contribute to economic growth. SMEs provide equitable jobs and entrepreneurship avenues for women, youth and other vulnerable groups, quintessentially reducing the gender gap and promoting effective participation of women and youth in national economies.

SMEs are effective providers of localized adaptation technologies, products and solutions, equipped with local knowledge (including location-specific climate, environmental and socio-economic factors useful for navigating local supply / value chains, communities and markets.

In June 2026, Kenya Climate Ventures (KCV), a local climate focused CMA Licensed Fund Manager and climate impact investor, marks a decade of advancing inclusive, climate - resilient investments to SMEs in Kenya and the region. For the past ten years, KCV has worked at the intersection of capital, enterprise, and climate resilience, deploying patient, catalytic capital alongside enterprise support to strengthen livelihoods, unlock innovation, and build resilient markets in climate - vulnerable contexts.

KCV seeks lead a convening, **Adaptation Investment Summit for Africa 2026**, a high-level, invitation - led convening designed to reflect on lessons from a decade of climate investing and market building and the future of climate adaptation investing.

The Summit will bring together policymakers, investors, fund managers, development partners, enterprises, innovators, and ecosystem actors to co-create practical pathways for scaling climate investment, adaptation finance, and enterprise-driven resilience across Africa.

While the Summit coincides with **KCV@10**, it is intentionally structured as a partner centric platform, focused on shared learning, collaboration, and action rather than institutional celebration, providing a neutral convening space for shaping Africa's next decade of climate-resilient growth.



2. Purpose of the Summit

The Adaptation Investment Summit for Africa 2026 will serve as a strategic bridge between **capital, policy, innovation, and enterprise**, designed to move beyond dialogue towards **concrete partnerships, investment opportunities, and implementation pathways**



3. Summit Theme

Accelerating Climate Adaptation Finance and Innovation for a Resilient Future

The theme underscores the importance of aligning **capital, policy, innovation, and enterprise** to unlock climate solutions that deliver both environmental impact and inclusive economic growth, particularly in markets most exposed to climate risk.

4. Summit Objectives

The Summit seeks to;

- **Climate Resilience:** Position Climate Adaptation investing as a transformative approach to climate resilience.
- **Market Leadership:** Commemorate KCV's decade of catalytic climate impact investing and market development in Africa.
- **Accelerate Adaptation Financing Innovation:** Showcase innovative climate adaptation investing innovations.
- **Enterprise Led Adaptation:** Promote scalable, enterprise - led climate adaptation solutions, shifting from top - down approaches to a model where economic actors are key agents of change, building resilience through diversified products, services and market strategies that are climate smart.
- **Local Adaptation Leadership:** Champion Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation Investing in Africa
- **Adaptation Partnerships:** Strengthen multi stakeholder and cross - sector collaborations, and adaptation co - investment pathways focused on on building resilience to climate change impacts through localized, effective adaptation strategies on shared knowledge, appropriate financing and progressive policy.
- **Refreshed Brand:** Launch KCV's refreshed brand identity and forward strategic direction, for shared prosperity and resilience

5. Strategic Thematic Pillars

The Summit will be structured around **Eight strategic thematic pillars**, each designed to surface insights, practical experience, and partnership opportunities:

DAY 1: LEGACY, IMPACT & MARKET TRANSFORMATION

From Vision to Impact - A Decade of Building Climate Smart Enterprises

1. **Greening the Financial Ecosystem** - Exploring the role of capital markets, banks, and investors in unlocking and growing climate adaptation finance.
2. **Capacity Building & Knowledge Exchange** - Strengthening institutional, enterprise, and ecosystem capacities through training, technology transfer, peer learning, and applied knowledge sharing.
3. **Sustainable Finance for adaptation, inclusive and resilient economies** - Unlocking Sustainable Financing to Early Growth Stage Fund Managers & SGBs. Examining financing structures, incentives, and ecosystem support required to enable early-stage fund managers and small and growing businesses in underserved markets.
4. **Climate Governance** - explore mechanisms, policies, and institutional / governmental frameworks designed to steer adaptation to climate change, achieve effective accountability, and ensure a transformative transition to a low - carbon, resilient future..

DAY 2: THE FUTURE OF CLIMATE FINANCE, RESILIENCE & INNOVATION

Shaping the Next Decade – innovation, capital, and collaboration.

1. **Climate Adaptation and Fragile Markets** - Highlighting investment pathways that strengthen resilience in arid, semi-arid, humanitarian, and fragile contexts.
2. **Climate Adaptation and Artificial Intelligence** - Exploring how technology, data, and AI can drive adaptive climate solutions and smarter investment decision-making.
3. **Greening the Tax Regime** - Advancing dialogue on fiscal incentives, carbon pricing, and policy reforms that accelerate private sector climate investments.
4. **Sustainability and Climate Impact Reporting** - Elevating transparency, accountability, and adoption of global sustainability reporting standards to mobilize responsible capital.
5. **Public Sector Leadership in Climate Investment** – policy alignment and coordination at national and/ or county government levels for growth of climate adaptation financing, investments and solutions.



6. Summit Structure

Day 1: Legacy, Impact & Market Transformation

High-level plenaries, fireside reflections, thematic dialogues, and enterprise showcases focused on lessons from the past decade and market transformation across climate finance and adaptation.

Day 2: The Future of Climate Finance, Resilience & Innovation

Forward-looking policy and finance dialogues, innovation showcases, partnership roundtables, and co-creation sessions, culminating in the **Gala Dinner & Impact Investing Champions Awards**.

7. Partnership Pathways & Engagement Packages



The Summit offers flexible and clearly defined partnership pathways, allowing organizations to engage based on strategic alignment, visibility objectives, and depth of collaboration.

7.1 Strategic / Co-Anchor Partner

Positioned as a Strategic Co-Anchor, the Partner(s) plays a defining role in shaping the overall narrative, agenda, and future-facing outcomes of the Adaptation Investment Summit for Africa 2026, influencing discourse and direction on climate investment and adaptation across the continent.

Key Engagement & Benefits

- Prime keynote or high-level plenary speaking opportunity, positioning the Partner as a co-architect of Africa's climate adaptation finance agenda.
- Strategic leadership presence across Day 1 and Day 2 flagship sessions, reinforcing long-term visibility and influence
- Prominent brand positioning across Summit branding, media, digital communications, and on-site visibility assets
- Exclusive participation in closed-door, high-level dialogues with senior policymakers, DFIs, institutional investors, and ecosystem leaders shaping future climate finance frameworks and partnerships
- High-profile recognition during the Gala Dinner & Impact Investing Champions Awards as a founding partner of a landmark continental convening

- Inclusion in post-Summit knowledge products, reports, and curated thought leadership outputs extending impact beyond the event
- Priority access to curated networking opportunities, including VIP receptions and partner engagements
- Five (5) complimentary delegate passes

7.2 Thematic Lead Partner

The Thematic Lead Partner assumes thought leadership ownership of one Strategic Theme aligned to Day 1 or Day 2, shaping dialogue, insights, and collaboration within a priority area of climate investment.

Key Engagement & Benefits

- Thought leadership positioning within a priority strategic theme central to Africa's climate resilience agenda
- Speaking or moderation role within the selected thematic session, with influence over session framing and discussion focus
- Session co-branding and programme recognition, reinforcing thematic ownership
- Targeted engagement with policymakers, investors, enterprises, and ecosystem actors aligned to the thematic focus
- Visibility in Summit reports, learning outputs, and post-event publications
- Access to curated partner networking opportunities linked to the thematic pillar
- Three (3) complimentary delegate passes

7.3 Session Co-Creation Partner

Indicative Contribution

Session Co-Creation Partners collaborate with the Secretariat to design and deliver a focused panel, dialogue, or roundtable, contributing practical insights and experience to the Summit programme..

Key Engagement & Benefits

- Active participation in a curated session aligned to a specific Strategic Theme
- Positioning as a subject-matter contributor and ecosystem collaborator
- Logo placement on session-specific materials and digital agenda
- Curated networking with stakeholders aligned to the session focus
- Inclusion in post-Summit session summaries and learning outputs
- Two (2) complimentary delegate passes

7.4 Ecosystem / Supporting Partner

Ecosystem Partners support ecosystem mobilization, participation, and knowledge exchange, contributing to broad-based engagement across the climate investment landscape.

Key Engagement & Benefits

- Recognition as an Ecosystem Partner across Summit materials and communications
- Participation in Summit sessions and networking activities
- Inclusion in partner listings, digital communications, and select media outputs
- Access to high-quality networking and ecosystem engagement opportunities
- One (1) complimentary delegate pass

7.5 Ecosystem & Amplification Partner - In-kind / Strategic Partnership

Ecosystem & Amplification Partners extend the Summit's reach and influence by amplifying insights, outcomes, and narratives through media platforms, digital channels, and established networks.

Key Engagement & Benefits

- Recognition as an Official Ecosystem & Amplification Partner
- Brand visibility across Summit digital communications and social media
- Mentions in press releases, media engagements, and post-Summit reports
- Access to Summit content for co-branded storytelling and dissemination
- One (1) complimentary delegate pass

7.6 Gala Dinner & Impact Investing Champions Awards Partner

Awards Partners support the recognition of excellence and leadership across Africa's climate investment ecosystem, celebrating innovation, impact, and collaboration..

Indicative Award Categories

- Climate Finance & Investment Innovation
- Research & Knowledge Leadership
- Climate Adaptation & Resilience
- Technology & Data for Climate Action
- Inclusive Enterprise & Gender-Lens Investing
- Public Sector Leadership in Climate Action

Key Engagement & Benefits

- Prominent brand visibility during the Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony
- Opportunity to present or co-present award categories
- Optional speaking opportunity during the Gala Dinner programme
- Recognition across media coverage and post-Summit storytelling outputs
- Two (2) complimentary delegate passes

7.7 Enterprise Pavillion

Package Benefits

- Dedicated exhibition booth within the Impact Gallery / networking area
- Opportunity to showcase products, services, solutions, or innovations to Summit delegates
- Brand visibility within the exhibition zone
- Direct engagement with investors, policymakers, enterprises, and partners
- Two exhibitor delegate passes



8. Projected Participation



The Adaptation Investment Summit for Africa 2026 will convene a curated group of stakeholders across Africa's climate finance, policy, enterprise, and innovation ecosystems to enable meaningful dialogue, partnership building, and actionable outcomes aligned to the Summit's thematic pillars

a) Public Sector & Policy Actors

National and county governments, regional bodies, and policymakers will participate to share insights on enabling policy frameworks, fiscal reforms, and public-private partnerships that support climate adaptation and resilient growth..

b) Development Finance Institutions & Multilateral Partners

DFIs, multilateral organizations, and bilateral partners will contribute perspectives on adaptation finance, blended capital, and market-building approaches to unlock investment at scale..

c) Impact Investors, Fund Managers & Institutional Capital

Climate and impact-focused investors, fund managers, foundations, and institutional capital providers will engage to explore financing models that support enterprise-led adaptation and resilience.

d) Enterprises & Innovators

Climate-smart enterprises, innovators, and SMEs will anchor discussions with practical implementation experience, showcasing scalable solutions across priority climate sector.

e) Technology, Data & Innovation Ecosystem

Technology providers, data platforms, and innovation hubs will highlight the role of digital tools, AI, and climate intelligence in strengthening adaptive capacity and investment decision-making.

f) Research, Knowledge & Academic Institutions

Universities, research institutions, and knowledge partners including postgraduate students and emerging researchers, will support evidence-based dialogue, learning, and next-generation thinking on climate adaptation.

g) Civil Society & Ecosystem Builders

Civil society organizations and ecosystem builders will contribute perspectives on inclusion, local leadership, and community-linked adaptation approaches.

h) Media & Amplification Partners

Media houses and communications platforms will support visibility, storytelling, and dissemination of Summit outcomes.



9. Expected Outcomes

- Strengthened strategic partnerships and cross-sector collaboration
- Elevated visibility and positioning for Summit partners
- Co-created investment, programme, and policy pathways
- Improved alignment between capital providers and enterprise needs
- A sustained platform for collaboration beyond the Summit

10. Action

Organizations interested in partnering with or participating in the **Adaptation Investment Summit for Africa 2026** are invited to express interest.

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