



GALA

Dinner

ADAPTATION INVESTMENT SUMMIT FOR AFRICA 2026

Accelerating Climate Adaptation Finance and innovation for a Resilient Future

AISA 2026 GALA DINNER

Format

High-Level Leadership Dinner, Fireside Conversation and Adaptation Recognition Awards

Duration: 2 Hours 30 Minutes

Date: 6th July 2026

Time: 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Venue: The Argyle Grand Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

Theme An Evening of Leadership, Recognition and Partnership: Celebrating Africa's Climate Adaptation Champions

Participants: The Gala Dinner will bring together a curated group of Summit delegates, investors, development finance institutions, policymakers, ambassadors, climate entrepreneurs, development partners, corporate leaders, philanthropies, and ecosystem builders participating in the Adaptation Investment Summit for Africa 2026 (AISA 2026).

Key Participants

- Victor Ndiege - Chief Executive Officer, Kenya Climate Ventures
- KCV Board and Investment Committee Members
- KCV Staff
- KIFFWA Staff
- UNIDO Staff
- Care Denmark Staff
- CFF Staff
- KCIC Board Members
- All Speakers & High-Level Guests at the Summit
- Exhibitor Reps
- Selected Delegates

Max. 100 people will participate.

Key Speakers

a. Welcome Remarks:

- Ms. Risper Alaro, Finance Director, Centum Investments and Chairperson _ Investment Committee, Kenya Climate Ventures
- Mr. Joseph Murabula, CEO _ Kenya Climate Innovation Centre

b. *Climate Leadership Journey Reflections*

c. Keynote Speaker:

- **Mr. Samson Toniok**, CEO _ National Environmental Trust Fund (NETFUND)

Gala Dinner Moderator: Mark Masai & Rosemary Amondi

Adaptation Recognition Awards, max. 3 outstanding Adaptation SME Exhibitors as voted by the Pavilion Visitors.

1. Executive Summary

The AISA 2026 Gala Dinner will serve as the Summit's flagship networking and recognition event, convening senior leaders from across Africa's climate adaptation ecosystem for an evening of reflection, inspiration, recognition, and partnership building.

Climate adaptation has emerged as one of the most significant opportunities for Africa's sustainable development and economic transformation. Across the continent, entrepreneurs, investors, governments, development partners, and communities are developing innovative solutions that strengthen resilience, create livelihoods, protect natural resources, and unlock new economic opportunities.

As Africa's premier platform dedicated to climate adaptation finance and innovation, the Adaptation Investment Summit for Africa seeks not only to facilitate dialogue and investment but also to celebrate excellence and recognize those leading the continent's adaptation transformation.

The Gala Dinner provides a unique opportunity for high-level engagement in a more intimate setting, enabling meaningful conversations among decision-makers while showcasing enterprises whose innovations are contributing to climate resilience across Africa.

The evening will feature welcome remarks from Kenya Climate Ventures, a leadership keynote address, a high-level fireside conversation exploring the future of adaptation finance and investment in Africa, and the inaugural Africa Adaptation Excellence Awards, recognizing six outstanding climate adaptation enterprises exhibiting during the Summit.

Designed as an evening of inspiration rather than technical discussion, the Gala Dinner will highlight leadership perspectives, celebrate innovation, strengthen strategic relationships, and reinforce the importance of collaboration in accelerating adaptation finance and resilient development across Africa.

2. Session Goal

To provide a high-level platform for leadership dialogue, relationship building, and recognition of outstanding climate adaptation enterprises while fostering stronger partnerships and accelerating climate adaptation investment across Africa.

3. Session Objectives

- The Gala Dinner seeks to celebrate and recognize enterprises demonstrating exceptional innovation, impact, and leadership in climate adaptation.
- The event will provide a platform for senior leaders to share perspectives on the future of climate adaptation, resilience, and investment across Africa.

- The session will strengthen relationships among investors, development partners, governments, entrepreneurs, and ecosystem builders participating in the Summit.
- The evening will elevate the profile of climate adaptation enterprises and create opportunities for future partnerships, investment, and collaboration.

4. Expected Outputs and Outcomes

- The Gala Dinner is expected to strengthen strategic relationships among key stakeholders participating in the Summit.
- The event will generate increased visibility for climate adaptation enterprises and innovative solutions showcased during AISA 2026.
- Recognition of outstanding enterprises is expected to enhance their credibility, increase exposure to investors and partners, and support future growth opportunities.
- The evening will contribute to positioning the Adaptation Investment Summit for Africa as the continent's leading platform for climate adaptation investment, innovation, and partnership building.

5. Adaptation Recognition Awards

The Africa Adaptation Excellence Awards will recognize six outstanding enterprises out of the exhibiting enterprises during AISA 2026 whose innovations demonstrate exceptional potential to strengthen climate resilience, improve livelihoods, scale adaptation solutions, and attract investment.

Award recipients will be selected based on innovation, impact, scalability, inclusivity, sustainability, investment readiness, and contribution to climate adaptation outcomes and will be voted for by the summit attendees during the day.

Each recipient will receive formal recognition during the Gala Dinner and be invited to briefly share the story behind their enterprise, its impact, and its vision for strengthening climate resilience across Africa.

6. Gala Dinner Programme

Time	Activity	Lead/ Speeches
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Guest Arrival, Welcome Reception & Networking	AISA 2026 Secretariat
7:00 PM - 7:05 PM	Opening Remarks and Introduction of the Evening Programme	Mark Masai & Rosemary Amondi (Gala Dinner Moderators)
7:05 PM - 7:10 PM	Welcome Remarks	Mr. Victor Ndiege, Chief Executive Officer, Kenya Climate Ventures
7:10 PM - 7:30 PM	Kenya Climate Ventures Board	Ms. Risper Alaro, Finance Director _ Centum Investments & Chairperson _ Investment Committee, Kenya Climate Ventures
		Mr. Joseph Murabula, CEO _ Kenya Climate Innovation Centre
7:35PM - 7: 45PM	<i>Climate Leadership Journey Reflection I: A Personal Journey in Advancing Climate Adaptation</i>	Senior Female Leader in Climate Finance, Development, Investment or Public Policy
7: 45PM - 7:55PM	<i>Climate Leadership Journey Reflection II: From Vision to Impact – Scaling Climate Adaptation Across Africa</i>	Senior Male Leader in Climate Finance, Development, Investment or Private Sector Leadership

7:55 PM - 8:10 PM	Leadership Keynote Address: <i>Investing in Africa's Resilient Future - Unlocking Climate Adaptation Opportunities</i>	Mr. Samson Toniok, Chief Executive Officer, National Environment Trust Fund (NETFUND)
8:10 PM - 8:45 PM	Adaptation Recognition Awards	Gala Dinner Moderators
		Chief Guest, Summit Partners & Kenya Climate Ventures
		Selected Award Recipients' Reflections/ Statements
8:55 PM	Vote of Thanks	
9:00 PM	Group Photo, Networking & Departure	All Participants

7. Expected Discussion Areas

- The future of adaptation finance and investment in Africa.
- Unlocking capital for climate adaptation enterprises.
- The role of leadership in building resilient economies.
- Strengthening partnerships between governments, investors, and development partners.
- Scaling innovation and entrepreneurship for climate resilience.
- Building an Africa-led adaptation agenda that delivers both impact and economic opportunity.

8. Technical Requirements

The Gala Dinner will require a stage with lounge-style seating for the fireside conversation, a lectern for keynote remarks, high-quality audio-visual equipment, wireless microphones, projection screens, award presentation staging, professional photography and videography, event branding, ambient lighting, and background music appropriate for a premium gala dinner experience.

9. Room Configuration and Set-Up

The venue will be configured in a formal gala dinner setting with round banquet tables accommodating invited guests. A central stage will be positioned at the front of the room for keynote remarks, the fireside conversation, and the awards ceremony.

Comfortable lounge seating will be arranged on stage for the fireside discussion, creating an intimate and engaging atmosphere. A dedicated awards presentation area will provide adequate space for recipient recognition, photography, media coverage, and partner branding. The overall setup will be designed to encourage networking, relationship building, and meaningful interaction while maintaining clear visibility of all programme activities and ensuring a premium guest experience befitting a high-level leadership gathering.