

Adaptation Investment Summit for Africa 2026 Programme

Dates: 6 - 7 July 2026

Location: [Argyle Grand Hotel](#), Nairobi, Kenya

Convened by: Kenya Climate Ventures, UNIDO, Collaborative for Frontier Finance, Impact Investing Kenya, Care Denmark, CLASP

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

The Adaptation Investment Summit for Africa 2026 (AISA 2026) is a high-level, invitation-led convening that brings together investors, fund managers, development partners, policymakers, enterprises, and ecosystem actors to advance **enterprise - led climate adaptation finance** across Africa.

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. [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. 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. Commercialization of SMEs' climate adaptation solutions 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.

The Summit marks 10 years of climate impact investing by Kenya Climate Ventures and serves as a platform to reflect on lessons learned while shaping the next decade of adaptation investment, venture building, market development, and collaboration.

SEGMENT	TIME/ DATE	AGENDA
Pre - Summit Engagements	5 June 2026	Kenya Impact Finance Forum, hosted by Impact Investing Kenya (IIK) and KCV
	1 July 2026	Financing Agri-Food Systems Sustainably (FINAS) 2026 : Unlocking Sustainable Food Systems through Green Infrastructure and County Level Investment Pipelines, co - convened by KCV & FSD Kenya
Summit Badge Collection	5 July 2026, 1 pm - 5 pm	Summit Badge Collection (<i>at Summit Venue</i>)
DAY 1: 6TH JULY 2026: CLIMATE ADAPTATION, LEGACY, IMPACT & MARKET TRANSFORMATION		
Registration	0700 - 0830Hrs	Registration/ Networking Breakfast
High Level Opening Session	0900 - 1000Hrs	Opening Video/ Narration Welcome by MC Welcome Statement 1: KCV CEO Welcome Statement 2: Mr. Eric Kimani, Chairperson, KCV Board of Directors Keynote Speech 1: Ms. Elizabeth Wilson Matioli, Senior Advisor, Climate & Green Transition _Royal Embassy of Denmark, Kenya Keynote Speech 2: His Royal Highness, Senior Chief, Prof. King Shumumba Nalubamba _ Mbeza Royal Establishment & University of Zambia Keynote Speech 3: Ms. Linet Luvia _ Deputy Country Representative for Kenya, UNIDO Keynote Speech 4: H.E. Gideon Behar, Ambassador of Israel to Kenya, &Ambassador - Designated to Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi and Seychelles, UNEP and UN HABITAT Chief Guest Address: Dr. Eng. Festus Ng'eno, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change & Forestry _ Kenya

		Room: Victoria 1 & 2
	1015 - 1115Hrs	High Level Plenary
		Climate Adaptation & Markets: What it is? how does it happen in our communities, at the enterprise level? how can it be commercialized? Promoting 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. Keynote Address: Dr. Isaac Kalua, PhD, CBS, MBS, HSC, Chief Steward _ Green Africa Group Moderator: Ms. Anne Angwenyi, Climate & Environment Advisor _British High Commission - Kenya, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Panelists: 1. Dr. Isaac Kalua, PhD, CBS, MBS, HSC 2. Dr. Obadia Mungai, Environmental Finance Lead _ Africa, World Resource Institute 3. Dr. Catherine Mbaisi, Deputy Director, Environmental Education & Awareness _NEMA 4. Mr. Thomas Lerenten Lelekoitien, Deputy Director Climate Adaptation _ Environment, Forestry and Climate Change, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change & Forestry 5. Dr. Cromwel Lukorito, Senior Lecturer, Department of Earth and Climate Sciences at the University of Nairobi, and the Vice Chair of the Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). 6. Mr. William Mulehi, Senior Programme Manager, Clean Energy Access_ CLASP Room: Victoria 1 & 2
	1130 - 1230 Hrs	High Level Plenary
		Greening the Financial Ecosystem: exploring the role of capital markets, banks, and investors in unlocking and growing climate adaptation finance. Keynote Address1: Ms. Brenda Mbatia, CEO _ Two Rivers International Finance & Innovation Centre (TRIFFIC) Keynote Address 2: Mr. Duncan Onyango, CEO, Trade Catalyst Africa

		Moderator: Mr. Sam Ndong'a, Independent Development Finance & Impact Investment Expert Panelists: - o Ms. Brenda Mbathi, CEO, Two Rivers International Finance & Innovation Centre (TRIFFIC) - o Mr. Duncan Onyango, CEO, Trade Catalyst Africa - o Ms. Risper Alaro, Finance Director, Centum Investments and Chairperson _ Investment Committee, Kenya Climate Ventures - o Ms. Rose Njino, Head of Sustainability _ Kenya Bankers Association - o Ms. Neha Shah, Co - Founder, Managing Director_ MAITRI Capital - o Ms. Wyanie Bright, Senior Advisor _AV Ventures LLC Room: Victoria 1 & 2
	1230 - 1330Hrs	1. Investment Partnerships: announcement of new programmes, investments and partnerships in Climate Adaptation & Resilience: i. Joint Declaration by United Nations Industrial Development Organization and Kenya Climate Ventures Limited regarding cooperation to scale up climate resilience and adaptation finance in Africa Partnership Statement: Ms. Linet Luvia / Ms. Anais Barisani ii. Partnership Agreement between Care Denmark and Kenya Climate ventures, in Respect of implementation of a Revolving Fund for Climate Adaptation Technical Assistance and Investment Readiness Support to early - stage Climate Adaptation Enterprises in Africa. Partnership Statement: Mr. Victor Ndiege / Ms. Helena Lassen iii. Announce commencement of the Kenya Uganda Adaptation Accelerator Programme on Unlocking investments in gender and youth-inclusive early - growth stage adaptation Small and Medium sized Enterprises in Kenya and Uganda, to be implemented by UNIDO, adelphi, Kenya Climate Ventures, Finding XY Uganda, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry _Kenya, and Ministry of Finance Uganda. Programme Statement: Ms. Anais Barisani/ NDA Reps Kenya & Uganda/ Kenya Climate Ventures/ Finding XY

		iv. Announcement of new regional investments in 20 climate adaptation enterprises under CLASP's Productive Use Financing Facility (PUFF) in Kenya, Nigeria and Ethiopia. Programme Statement: Mr. William Mulehi v. Announcement of a new programme by NURA Global Innovation for Climate Resilience and Adaptation in Kenya Programme Statement: Mr. Arnon Arbel, Minister Economic Affairs, Head of Economic Mission of Israel to Kenya Room: Victoria 1 & 2			
		2. Official Visit to the Exhibitions, led by the Chief Guest			
	1330 - 1400Hrs	Networking Lunch			
Thematic Dialogue	1415 - 1530Hrs	Sessions			
		Session 1: Climate & Nature 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, enable private sector participation in adaptation investment resilient future. Convenor(s):	Session 2: Public Sector Leadership in Climate Investment _ public private coordination and leadership to enable climate adaptation markets. Convenor(s): - o Kenya Forestry Research Institute _Kenya - o Pwani University - o Kenya Forest Service _Kenya	Session 3: Unlocking Pension Funds and Alternative Capital for Climate Resilience_ role and challenges for Africa's Pension Funds in Climate Adaptation Finance for Africa's SMEs. Convenor(s): - o Collaborative for Frontier Finance - o NSSF Uganda - o Mr. Ian Cooke, Chair, Finance &	Session 4: Launch of Kenya Uganda Adaptation Accelerator (KUAA)_ Unlocking investments in gender and youth-inclusive early-growth stage adaptation SMEs in Kenya and Uganda Convenor(s): - o Adaptation Fund - o UNIDO - o adelphi

		- Chapter Zero Kenya - National Environmental Management Authority _ Kenya - FSD Africa - Deloitte - Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) - Kenya Forest Research Institute - Kenya Climate Ventures	- Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry _ Kenya - Ministry of Water & Irrigation _ Kenya - Kisii County Government	Strategy Committee, Kenya Climate Ventures	- Kenya Climate Ventures - Finding XY - Ministry of Finance _ Uganda - Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry _ Kenya KUAA Inception Workshop, an Invite Only Session is scheduled for 7 July 2026.
		Room: Victoria 3	Room: Nyati & Kifaru	Room: Victoria 2	Room: Victoria 1
	1530 - 1600Hrs	Networking Health Break			
	1600 - 1730Hrs	Session 5: Capacity Building & Knowledge Exchange - Strengthening institutional, enterprise, and ecosystem capacities through training, technology transfer, peer learning, and applied knowledge sharing Convener(s): Wylde International	Session 6: Inclusive Finance for Climate Adaptation _ gender responsive financing and for sustainable and inclusive climate adaptation systems. Convener(s): - ShEquity - Altree	Session 7: Investing, Trade and Innovation _ Financing Climate - Resilient AgriFood Corridors in Africa: Mobilizing Investment Through Trade and Transport Corridors. Convener (s):	Session 8: Investing in efficient and affordable last mile access to water _ delivery models, systems, technology and infrastructure. Convener (s): - KIFFWA - Aqua for All - Sidian Bank

		○ Smart Regional Consultants ○ PlanAdapt ○ Micro Enterprise Support Programme Trust (MESPT) ○ Finding XY ○ CLASP	○ Micro Enterprise Support Programme Trust (MESPT) ○ Mkyala Ventures ○ Mace Foods Limited ○ Utake Coffee Limited	○ European Centre for Development Policy Management _ ECDPM ○ Trade Catalyst Africa ○ TradeMark Africa ○ Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa _AGRA ○ National Environmental Management Authority _Kenya ○ AnyWay Solutions, Israel ○ Kasama Solar Energy Limited _Zambia ○ Equity Bank _ Kenya ○ AUDA _NEPAD	○ Cooperative Bank of Kenya ○ Kisumu Water Services Company (KIWASCO) ○ Nazava Water Filters Limited ○ Homa Bay County Government
		Room: Nyati	Room: Victoria 3	Room: Twiga	Room: Kifaru
Gala Dinner	1800 - 2100Hrs	Gala Dinner & Adaptation Recognition Awards _ Invite Only			

	1115 - 1300Hrs	Sessions Session 9: Climate Adaptation and Fragile Markets _highlighting investment pathways that strengthen resilience in arid, semi-arid, humanitarian, fragile and frontier markets using context - appropriate enterprise models. Convenor (s): - Care Denmark - Micro Enterprise Support Programme Trust (MESPT) - Smart Regional Consultants - Hydroponics Africa Limited - Refugees Investment Network (RIN) - World University Service of Canada - AV Ventures LLC - Kenya Climate Ventures Room: Victoria 1	Session 10: Climate Adaptation and Artificial Intelligence _ exploring how technology, data, and AI can drive adaptive climate solutions and smarter investment decision making. Leveraging data, digital tools, and AI to improve decision-making, risk management, and scaling of adaptation solutions. Convenor (s): - o IgasiTech - o InfoGain Consulting - o PlanAdapt - o Invhestia - o ADAPTA Climate Facility Room: Victoria 2	
	1300 - 1400Hrs	Networking Lunch		
	1415 - 1600Hrs	Sessions		Adaptation InvestLink

		Session 11: Greening SACCOs _ exploring pathways for inclusion of SACCOs in climate adaptation finance, lessons learnt from on - going initiatives, capacity and policy support required. Convener (s): - o YAPU Solutions - o Micro Enterprise Support Programme Trust (MESPT) - o Finding XY _ Uganda - o K - Unity Sacco - o MicroDahab MFI _Somalia - o STIMA SACCO - o FSD Kenya Room: Victoria 3	Session 12: Sustainability and Climate Impact Reporting Measuring, reporting, and verifying adaptation impact aligned with global ESG and sustainability standards Convener (s): - o ShEquity - o PlanAdapt - o AI Tree Room: Victoria 2	InvestLink 3: Reverse Pitches by Financial Service Providers (FSPs) _ financial products on offer for climate Adaptation SMEs to unlock appropriate capital. Keynote Address: - o SME Support Centre - o Raisin Capital Pitches: various Lenders & Investors Closing Address: - o InvestLink by Kenya Climate Ventures Room: Kifaru & Nyati
	1600Hrs	Summit Close Plenary Call to Action / Summit Declaration/ Assembly Room: Victoria 1		