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HOMECOMING:

LOOKING INWARD, LOOKING FORWARD

10TH - 11TH NOVEMBER 2023



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WELCOME FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Welcome to the vibrant world of WABF! As co-chairs of the 30th Wharton Africa Business Forum, we are excited to welcome friends of WABF home for a celebration of our shared history and a vision for the future of business in Africa.

Our theme of 'Homecoming: Looking Inward, Looking Forward' is a call to action to reflect on our roots, engage in meaningful dialogue, and collectively shape the future of the continent.

As we look forward to the next 30 years, we envision a thriving and dynamic Africa, powered by innovation, entrepreneurship, and inclusivity. We believe that this conference will serve as a catalyst for new ideas, partnerships, and opportunities, and we can't wait to see the impact that our WABF community will have in shaping the future of Africa's business landscape.

Abisola Akinyemi, Halle Aberhm, Aramide Akinkugbe

2023 Wharton Business Forum Conference Co-Chairs

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

DAY 1 - FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2023

10:00AM - 1:00PM	PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS PROGRAMMING	JMHH 8TH FLOOR - ROBERTSON HALL
1:00PM - 5:00PM	REGISTRATION	JMHH 8TH FLOOR - ROBERTSON HALL
2:00PM - 2:05PM	WELCOME ADDRESS	JMHH 8TH FLOOR - ROBERTSON HALL
2:05PM - 3:00PM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS - DR. HIPPOLYTE FOACK	JMHH 8TH FLOOR - ROBERTSON HALL
3:00PM - 3:50PM	PANEL SESSION	JMHH 8TH FLOOR - ROBERTSON HALL
3:50PM - 4:00PM	BREAK - NETWORKING GAME	JMHH 8TH FLOOR - ROBERTSON HALL
4:00PM - 4:35PM	KEYNOTE FIRESIDE CHAT - DR. HERBERT WIGWE	JMHH 8TH FLOOR - ROBERTSON HALL
4:35PM - 5:00PM	IDEATHON WITH PROFESSOR TYLER WRY	JMHH 8TH FLOOR - ROBERTSON HALL
5:00PM - 6:30PM	NEW VENTURE COMPETITION PITCHES	JMHH 8TH FLOOR - ROBERTSON HALL
6:30PM - 6:45PM	CLOSING REMARKS	JMHH 8TH FLOOR - ROBERTSON HALL
CLOSING REMARKS		
10:00PM	WELCOME PARTY	RESERVE LOUNGE, PHILADELPHIA

DAY 2 - SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2023

8:00AM - 9:45AM	BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION	JMHH - FORUM LEVEL
10:00AM - 10:10AM	OPENING ADDRESS	JMHH - ROOM G06
10:10AM - 11:00AM	ALUMNI KEYNOTE PANEL	JMHH - ROOM G06
11:00AM - 11:10AM	BREAK	JMHH - FORUM LEVEL
11:10AM - 12:10PM	PANEL BLOCK I	JMHH - ROOMS F50, F55, F60
12:10PM - 1:20PM	LUNCH AND LEARN” SERIES: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IDEATHON WITH BENJAMIN FERNANDES• COLLOQUIUM WITH HARAMBEANS• SESSION WITH CATALYZU• FUTURE OF AFRICAN CITIES EXHIBITIONS	JMHH - FORUM LEVEL, F85, F95
1:20PM - 2:10PM	KEYNOTE SESSION - ISMAIL AHMED	JMHH - ROOM G06
2:10PM - 2:20PM	BINGO GAMES/ CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT	JMHH - ROOM G06
2:20PM - 3:10PM	PANEL BLOCK II	JMHH - ROOMS F50, F55, F60
3:10PM - 4:15PM	PANEL BLOCK III	JMHH - ROOMS F50, F55, F60
4:15PM - 5:05PM	KEYNOTE SESSION - STATE OF THE CONTINENT	JMHH - ROOM G06
5:05PM - 5:25PM	SPECIAL ADDRESS (VIRTUAL) - IBUKUN AWOSIKA	JMHH - ROOM G06
5:25PM - 5:45PM	NVC FINAL PRESENTATION OF PRIZES	JMHH - ROOM G06
5:45PM - 6:00PM	CLOSING REMARKS	JMHH - ROOM G06
CONFERENCE CLOSING		
7:00PM	CLOSING GALA	SOFITEL PHILADELPHIA
10:00PM	GALA AFTER-PARTY	ROAR PHILADELPHIA

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**GROUP CEO, ACCESS HOLDINGS PLC
AND FOUNDER, WIGWE UNIVERSITY**

DR. HERBERT WIGWE

Dr. Herbert Wigwe, CON is a visionary, a progressive business leader, philanthropist and humanitarian. Acclaimed as one of Africa's foremost corporate bankers, Herbert is the Co-Founder, Group Managing Director (GMD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Access Holdings Plc, one of Africa's leading financial institutions. He is also the Founder of the HOW Foundation; a leading social enterprise invested in youth empowerment, education, women empowerment, health, thought leadership and mentorship.

Most recently, he founded Wigwe University, a culmination of his lifelong ambition to build an exceptional, world-class, innovative, yet uniquely African institution to grow the next generation of leaders who will change the face of the African continent.

Dr. Wigwe also served as the Chairman of Access Bank (Ghana), Access Investment & Securities Limited, Central Securities and Clearing System (CSCS) and is the current Chairman of Access Bank (UK) Limited and Unified Payments Services Limited.

He is a Board Member of Nigerian Mortgage Refinance Company and a member of the advisory Board for Friends Africa.

Dr. Wigwe graduated from University of Nigeria, Nsukka and received a B SC. Degree in Accountancy; a Master's degree in Banking and Finance from the University College of North Wales (now Bangor); a Master of Science degree in Financial Economics from the University of London and is an Alumnus of the Harvard Business School Executive Management Programme.

He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria, a Fellow of the Institute of Credit Administration, and an Honorary member of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



CHIEF ECONOMIST, AFRICAN
EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

**DR.
HIPPOLYTE
FOFACK**

Dr Hippolyte Fofack is the chief economist and director of research and international cooperation at the African Export-Import Bank, with more than 20 years of experience in development economics, international trade, banking, international finance, and academia.

Previously, he served in several capacities with the World Bank Group, including as head of the Macroeconomics and Growth Program. Fofack is a fellow of the African Academy of Sciences and a member of the American Economic Association and the African Finance and Economic Association. Fofack has published extensively and served as guest editor of the World Bank Economic Review, Economic History of Developing Regions, and Journal of African Trade. He is editor-in-chief of Contemporary Issues in African Trade and Trade Finance and serves on the editorial boards of the Journal of African Development, the Journal of African Trade, and the Gulf Economics Journal. Dr Fofack has taught and given lectures at several universities and research institutions.

He holds a master's degree in economics from the University of Lille, an advanced degree in international economics and finance from the University of Bordeaux, and a Ph.D. from American University in Washington DC.

In addition to his research and regular columns on global affairs published by Project Syndicate, he has also been a regular contributor to many newspapers and magazines, including African Banker, African Business, Al Jazeera, AllAfrica Global Media, Financial Times, The Banker, Guardian, Le Monde, Japan Times, CGTN, and Newsweek.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



FOUNDER/CHAIRMAN,
WORLDREMIT AND FOUNDER,
SAHAMIYE FOUNDATION

ISMAIL AHMED

Ismail is the Founder and Chairman of WorldRemit Group, a global money transfer company.

In October 2020, Ahmed was named first in the Powerlist 2020, an annual list of the 100 most powerful people of African heritage in the UK. The following year, his company launched the Top 10 Most Influential Africans in the Diaspora list, in order to explore and celebrate the contributions of African immigrants to the USA.

He is also the Founder of Sahamiye Foundation, a non-profit organisation dedicated to transforming lives in the Horn of Africa through the promotion of literacy and education. Before setting up WorldRemit, Ismail worked for the United Nations Development Programme, assisting African money transfer companies in complying with anti-money laundering regulations.

Ismail holds an MSc and PhD from the University of London, as well as an MBA from the London Business School.

SPECIAL ADDRESS



FOUNDER | CEO,
THE CHAIR CENTER GROUP

IBUKUN AWOSIKA

Ibukun Awosika is an African Entrepreneur, Author, International Leader, and Global Culture Shaper. She is the Founder of The Chair Centre Group, a leading furniture and security systems provider in Nigeria. She is the Founder of Ibukun Awosika Leadership Academy, the Convener of The International Woman Leadership Conference in Dubai, and also the Founder of the Christian Missionary Fund, a faith-based organization spread across Nigeria to change lives.

With an undergraduate degree in Chemistry from the University of Ife Nigeria and advanced degrees from various global institutions, including Lagos Business School, IESE Business School, Wharton, and China European International Business School (CEIBS).

She serves as Chairman or Board member on various Corporate and non-profit boards around the world, across Education, Energy, IT, Manufacturing, Retail, Financial Services, Corporate Governance, and Advocacy.

She is a woman of many firsts; she is the first Chairperson of the Nigerian National Advisory

Board for Impact Investing, the first Female Chairperson of Nigeria's Premier Bank, First Bank, the first Nigerian recipient of the prestigious International Women Entrepreneurial Challenge (IWECA) Award, and the first African recipient of the International Friendship Award 2019 by the Queen of Spain.

She is committed to serving nations. She was recently appointed to the UK G7 Impact Taskforce and the Global Steering Group for Impact Investing (GSGI). She is a member of the

Nigerian Economic Summit Group and served on the pioneer board of the Nigerian Sovereign Wealth Fund.

Her recent recognitions are the 2020 Forbes Woman Africa Chairperson Award; and Beta Gamma Sigma 2020 Business Achievement Award. She is a fellow of the African Leadership Initiative, Aspen Global Leadership Network, and a recipient of 4 Honorary Doctorate Degrees.

She is happily married to Abiodun Awosika and they are blessed with three wonderful sons.

KEYNOTE MODERATOR



**PRESIDENTIAL PENN COMPACT
PROFESSOR OF AFRICANA STUDIES
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
PENNSYLVANIA**

**PROF.
WALE
ADEBANWI**

Wale Adebaniwi is Presidential Penn Compact Professor of Africana Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. His research and teaching interests are in the broad area of the social mobilisation of power and interests in Africa as manifested in and/or through ethnicity, nationalism, racial and urban formations, elites, state and civil society, media, intellectual history, and social theory.

Professor Adebaniwi received his BSc in Mass Communication from the University of Lagos, Nigeria, MSc in Political Science from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Ibadan, and MPhil and Ph.D. in Social Anthropology from the University of Cambridge, UK. His sole-authored monographs include *Authority Stealing: Anti-Corruption War and Democratic Politics in Post-Military Nigeria* (CAP, 2011), *Yorùbá Elites and Ethnic Politics in Nigeria: Obáfémi Awólówò and Corporate Agency* (Cambridge, 2014), *The Nation as Grand Narrative: The Nigerian Press and the Politics of Meaning* (Rochester, 2016).

He is the (co)editor of eight books the most recent of which include *Elites and the Politics of Accountability in Africa* (Michigan UP, 2021) and *Everyday State and Democracy in Africa: Ethnographic Encounters* (Ohio UP, 2022).

He has been a co-editor of the *Journal of Contemporary African Studies* and *AFRICA: Journal of the International Africa Institute*. His scholarly articles have appeared in *Theory, Culture and Society*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *Journal of Historical Sociology*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, *Citizenship Studies*, *Democratization*, *African Affairs*, *Journal of Modern African Studies*, *AFRICA: Journal of the International Africa Institute*, and *Review of African Political Economy*.

Before joining the University of Pennsylvania, he was, at various times, an assistant professor, associate professor, and full professor at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, University of California, Davis, USA, and University of Oxford, UK. He was the Rhodes Professor of Race Relations until June 2021, Director of the African Studies Center, Oxford (2017-2020) and a Governing Board Fellow at St Antony's College, Oxford. He was a Visiting Professor at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa and he is currently an Honorary Research Associate at the African Studies Center, Oxford.

PANELS




FRIDAY, 10 NOVEMBER
4:00PM - 4:35PM



AFRICA’S RISING GIANTS: THE GROWTH AND RESILIENCE OF THE AFRICAN STARTUP ECOSYSTEM

The "Africa’s Rising Giants: The Growth and Resilience of the African Startup Ecosystem" panel showcases the success stories of three co-founders and CEOs from thriving African startups. These entrepreneurs provide valuable insights into their fundraising journeys and the innovative ideation that has propelled their companies to success. Attendees can expect to gain a deep understanding of the resilience and growth potential within the African startup ecosystem, particularly in the fintech sector, which plays a pivotal role in driving financial inclusion and economic development on the continent.



CHIJOKE DOZIE

FOUNDER AT CARBON


PANELIST



ANETO OKONKWO

FOUNDER AT CHAT DESK

PANELIST



OSWALD CUOBADIA

MANAGING PARTNER AT DIGITA AFRICA

PANELIST



JEMIMAH OREVAOGHENE

VC AT MORGAN STANLEY

MODERATOR

SATURDAY, 11 NOVEMBER
10:10AM - 11:00AM



KEYNOTE ALUMNI PANEL: MAKING CONTINENTAL IMPACT AFTER WHARTON

The "Keynote Alumni Panel: Making Continental Impact After Wharton" spotlights the leadership journey of Wharton alumni. It showcases how these graduates have harnessed their education and experiences to drive change in various sectors across Africa. The panel emphasizes leadership both during their time at Wharton and the remarkable contributions they have made to the continent's development post-graduation.



**PAUL ANSAH
WG'04**

PARTNER AT ALBRIGHT
STONEBRIDGE GROUP AFRICA

PANELIST



**YASSIN
KNOCKE WG'14**

PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTOR AT
HARBOURVEST PARTNERS

PANELIST



**ABDUL-HAKEEM
BUHARI, WG'18**

ASSOCIATE PARTNER AT
MCKINSEY AFRICA

PANELIST



**FANTA CONDE,
WG'19**

MANAGING DIRECTOR AT
CROSSBOUNDARY GROUP

MODERATOR

SATURDAY, 11 NOVEMBER
11:10AM - 12:10PM



GAME CHANGERS: UNLEASHING THE BUSINESS POTENTIAL OF AFRICAN PLAY IN SPORTS

Game Changers: Unlocking the Economic Potential of African Sports" promises to be a captivating discussion that delves into the thriving world of African sports, where immense opportunities are waiting to be harnessed. African sports have not only emerged on the global stage due to the exceptional talent of athletes but have also become a driving force in the international sports industry. This panel will discuss initiatives aimed at nurturing young talent, enhancing skills, and bolstering local sports infrastructure, which are crucial for harnessing the vast potential of Africa's youth.



KEVIN BAHUN-WILSON

FOUNDER AND CEO OF AFROBALLERS

PANELIST



POPS MENSAH-BONSU

FORMER NBA PLAYER AND FOUNDER OF POPS 100 CAMP

PANELIST



LUC MBAH A MOUTE

PLAYER AGENT, CAA

PANELIST



SALLY NNAMANI

CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - PEACEPLAYERS US

PANELIST



PROSPER KRANGWA

VP OF PLAYER PERSONNEL, 76ERS

PANELIST



TJ ADESHOLA

PAST HEAD OF SPORTS @ TWITTER, OPERATING PARTNER AT ARCTOS PARTNER

MODERATOR

SATURDAY, 11 NOVEMBER
11:10AM - 12:10PM



REAL ESTATE INVESTING FOR THE LONG TERM: THE ENDURANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY

The "Real Estate Investing for the Long Term: The Endurance of Responsibility" panel convenes real estate experts committed to addressing Africa's affordable housing crisis and fostering diasporic and global connections. Through their investments and strategies, these panelists showcase how real estate can be a vehicle for social responsibility and sustainable development in the African context. Attendees will gain valuable insights into innovative approaches to real estate investing that contribute to both economic growth and community well-being.



**JONATHAN
HALLORAN**
CO-FOUNDER, JOBOMAX

PANELIST



**JOE
QUINONES**
FOUNDER, OBARA REALTY

PANELIST



**KEITH
WILLIAMS**
CO-FOUNDER, THE GREENWICH
HAZLETON GROUP

PANELIST



**DOLAPO
SALAWU**
MBA/MA, THE WHARTON SHOOOL/
THE LAUDER INSTITUTE


MODERATOR

SATURDAY, 11 NOVEMBER
2:20PM - 3:10PM



THE AFRICAN HEALTHCARE LANDSCAPE: BRIDGING INNOVATION & LEGACY ON THE CONTINENT

The African Healthcare Landscape: Bridging Innovation & Legacy on the Continent" panel brings together experts from various sectors, including global biopharma, public/private health partnerships, and startups. These panelists explore the dynamic intersection of innovation and traditional healthcare practices in Africa. Attendees can expect to gain valuable insights into the evolving healthcare landscape on the continent and how collaborations across different sectors are driving positive change in healthcare delivery and outcomes.



MENASSIE TADDESE

GLOBAL BIOPHARMA EXPERT,
PAST REGIONAL PRESIDENT
AFME AT PFIZER


PANELIST



KATHERINE MARIE PERRY

US STATE DEPARTMENT PEPFAR
COORDINATOR - KENYA

PANELIST



DR. JULIUS K. ONI

ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON
DIRECTOR, GLOBAL
ORTHOPAEDICS AT JOHNS
HOPKINS AND PHYSICIAN
ENTREPRENEUR

PANELIST



CYNTHIA OBIOZOR

ONCOLOGIST AND CLINICAL
DEVELOPMENT MEDICAL
DIRECTOR AT AMGEN

MODERATOR

SATURDAY, 11 NOVEMBER
2:20PM - 3:10PM



AFRICAN STORIES UNVEILED: ELEVATING NARRATIVES FOR A GLOBAL AUDIENCE

The "African Stories Unveiled: Elevating Narratives for a Global Audience" panel brings together experts from the creative economy, including social media, media, television, and film. These panelists collectively amplify and celebrate diverse African narratives, shedding light on the richness of the continent's cultural and creative output. Through dynamic discussions and insights, this panel aims to empower African voices and ensure that they resonate globally.



**SOLO
GEESAY**

CEO & CO-FOUNDER AT GALAXY
APP

PANELIST



**DAMILARE
KUJEMBOLA**

CEO & CO-FOUNDER AMPLIFY
AFRICA

PANELIST



**OZI
MENAKAYA**

FILM & TV AGENT, CAA

PANELIST



**MOE
DIGGS**

PODCASTER & CREATOR

PANELIST



**AMANDA
AGVAPONG**

COMMUNITY PARTNER
MANAGER AT YOUTUBE

MODERATOR

SATURDAY, 11 NOVEMBER
2:20PM - 3:10PM



US-AFRICA RELATIONS

The "US-Africa Relations" panel at the Wharton Africa Business Forum spotlights two distinguished panelists who specialize in diaspora relations and managing relationships between the United States and the broader African continent. This discussion provides valuable insights into the evolving dynamics of diplomatic, economic, and cultural ties between the US and Africa. Attendees can expect to gain a deeper understanding of the pivotal role played by diaspora communities and bridge-building efforts in strengthening US-Africa relations and fostering collaboration.



**DENEIGE
LAURENT-
MANTEY**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
PRESIDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT


PANELIST



**CHIKE
AGUH**

FORMER CHIEF INNOVATION
OFFICER, US DEPARTMENT OF
LABOUR

PANELIST



**OKENDO LEWIS-
GAYLE**

FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN,
HARAMBEANS


MODERATOR

SATURDAY, 11 NOVEMBER
2:20PM - 3:10PM



AFRICAN MUSIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES: BUILDING GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

The "African Music and Cultural Exchanges: Building Global Partnerships" panel at the Wharton Africa Business Forum spotlights industry experts in music production, management, and entertainment within the vibrant realms of Afro music. These panelists share their experiences and insights on how African music genres are forging global partnerships and influencing cultural exchanges. Attendees can anticipate an engaging discussion on the transformative power of music in connecting diverse cultures and propelling African music onto the global stage.



ABDUL KARIM ABDULLAH

CEO AND FOUNDER, AFROFUTURE

PANELIST



OSITA UGEH

CEO @ DUKE CONCEPT


PANELIST



APRIL POPE

VP, LABEL DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING @ ADA WORLDWIDE |
EX: UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP
SUB SAHARAN AFRICA

PANELIST



TEEMANAV

AWARD-WINNING AFROBEATS ARTIST

PANELIST



MUOKA MILLS

FOUNDER @ MUOKA MILLS
EXPERIENCE

MODERATOR

SATURDAY, 11 NOVEMBER
3:10PM - 4:15PM



EMPOWERING MINDS, TRANSFORMING FUTURES: MAXIMIZING AFRICA’S HUMAN CAPITAL POTENTIAL THROUGH EDUCATION

The "Empowering Minds, Transforming Futures: Maximizing Africa’s Human Capital Potential through Education" panel at the Wharton Africa Business Forum brings together three dedicated panelists who are actively engaged in advancing education in Africa. This discussion explores innovative strategies and initiatives aimed at harnessing the continent's human capital potential. Attendees can expect to gain valuable insights into the transformative impact of education on Africa's future and the crucial role these experts play in shaping the continent's educational landscape.



KARL NCHITE

CEO & CO-FOUNDER OF CATALYZU


PANELIST



FARAI MUNJOMA

CEO & FOUNDER OF SHASHA NETWORK AND MASTERCARD FOUNDATION ENTERPRISE OFFICER

PANELIST



NYAMEKYE WILSON

CEO & FOUNDER OF BLACK SISTERS IN STEM

PANELIST



FIVINFOLU OLADIRAN

PARTNER AT MCKINSEY

PANELIST



AFUA OSEI

CO-FOUNDER, SHELEADSAFRICA

MODERATOR

SATURDAY, 11 NOVEMBER
3:10PM - 4:15PM



ENERGIZING AFRICA’S FUTURE: PATHWAYS TO A JUST ENERGY TRANSITION

The "Energizing Africa’s Future: Pathways to a Just Energy Transition" panel at the Wharton Africa Business Forum convenes a diverse group of experts from law firms, international energy companies, academia, and management consulting firms. These panelists will delve into the complex landscape of energy transition in Africa, exploring the legal, environmental, and economic facets of the journey toward sustainable energy solutions. Attendees can anticipate gaining valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities of achieving a just and equitable energy transition on the continent, with input from key stakeholders in various sectors.



**ANDREW
KAMAU**

MANAGING DIRECTOR OF
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS,
ENERGY OPPORTUNITY LAB,
CENTER ON GLOBAL ENERGY
POLICY

PANELIST



**VEMI
FAMORI**

VP ASSET DIGITAL CORE -
UPSTREAM/ INTEGRATED GAS,
SHELL

PANELIST



**PROF SUSANNA
BERKOUWER**

PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS
ECONOMICS AND PUBLIC
POLICY, THE WHARTON SCHOOL

PANELIST



**ABISOLA
EBENEZER-
OTESILE**

CONSULTANT, MCKINSEY &
COMPANY, WG21

MODERATOR

SATURDAY, 11 NOVEMBER
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SHAPING AFRICAN FINANCIAL MARKETS: BANKING, PRIVATE EQUITY, AND VENTURE CAPITAL

The "Shaping African Financial Markets: Banking, Private Equity, and Venture Capital" panel at the Wharton Africa Business Forum features accomplished professionals with extensive experience in financial markets across Africa. These panelists, spanning both sell-side and buy-side roles and operating in diverse asset classes, provide valuable insights into the dynamic landscape of African finance. Attendees can expect to gain a deeper understanding of the strategies and trends that are shaping the continent's banking and private equity sectors, contributing to economic growth and development.



ABUBAKR DUMBUVA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT MORGAN STANLEY

PANELIST



TIFE AKEJU

DIRECTOR AND COUNTRY MANAGER AT OBSIDIAN ACHERNAR NIGERIA

PANELIST



AMAKA NSOFOR

CFA, PRINCIPAL INDUSTRY SPECIALIST, DEBT CAPITAL MARKETS AT INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION

PANELIST



STEPHEN MURRAY

MANAGING DIRECTOR AT CROSSBOUNDARY GROUP

PANELIST



SAPHIR ESMAIL

PE OPERATING EXECUTIVE AT ALPINE INVESTORS AND VENTURE PARTNER AT GOLDEN PALM INVESTMENTS

MODERATOR

FRIDAY, 10 NOVEMBER
4:35PM - 5:00PM



IDEATHON SESSION: MASTERCLASS ON IDEATION

Introducing our premiere Ideathon, an immersive journey into the world of entrepreneurship. Dive deep into a two-fold experience: a masterclass on groundbreaking ideation techniques feature Professor Tyler Wry, followed by an enlightening fireside chat with the renowned Benjamin Fernandes. Delve into curated business cases tailored to the continent, and showcase your brilliance in our business idea competition. The most innovative idea stands a chance to win a small prize. Join us in shaping the future!

The Masterclass will feature Professor Tyler Wry, who will walk us through the different strategies and tactics for the ideation phase of entrepreneurship. This interactive session will center a case highlighting some of the continent's most prominent issues, and will prompt attendees to submit their ideas to win a prize.



PROFESSOR TYLER WRV

SSOCIATE PROFESSOR, THE
WHARTON SCHOOL; CO-DIRECTOR
WHARTON IMPACT INVESTING
RESEARCH LAB, FOUNDER, IMPACT
FIRST VENTURES

GUEST
PROFESSOR

SATURDAY, 11 NOVEMBER
3:10PM - 4:15PM



IDEATHON SESSION: INCEPTION TO IMPACT: THE NALA BLUEPRINT

This session is about using Benjamin Fernandes's inspiring journey to motivate our attendees to recognize and act on issues they deeply care about in the continent. We envision Benjamin delving into the core problems that spurred his initiative, shedding light on his journey of mapping out solutions, rallying early supporters and investors, and the iterative process that refined his vision.



**BENJAMIN
FERNANDES**

CEO & CO-FOUNDER AT NALA

PANELIST



**NOEL
DANIEL**

CO-FOUNDER & MANAGING
PARTNER AT KUDU VENTURES

MODERATOR

NEW VENTURE COMPETITION



NEW VENTURE COMPETITION FINALISTS



JAHAZII

Jahazii's mission is to bridge the 330Bn USD SME funding gap on the African continent by building lending infrastructure to help lenders issue loans and deploy their capital to small businesses faster.



REME-D

Reme-D is a deep-tech startup that is revolutionizing healthcare in Africa by developing affordable diseases testing technologies that are traditionally not available in the region or are prohibitively expensive



SWIFTHR

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CATLOG

A commerce platform for SMEs on social media



GUIDELI, INC

Provides personalized resources to navigate relocation and settlement in new countries



ECOACT TANZANIA

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GIGBANC

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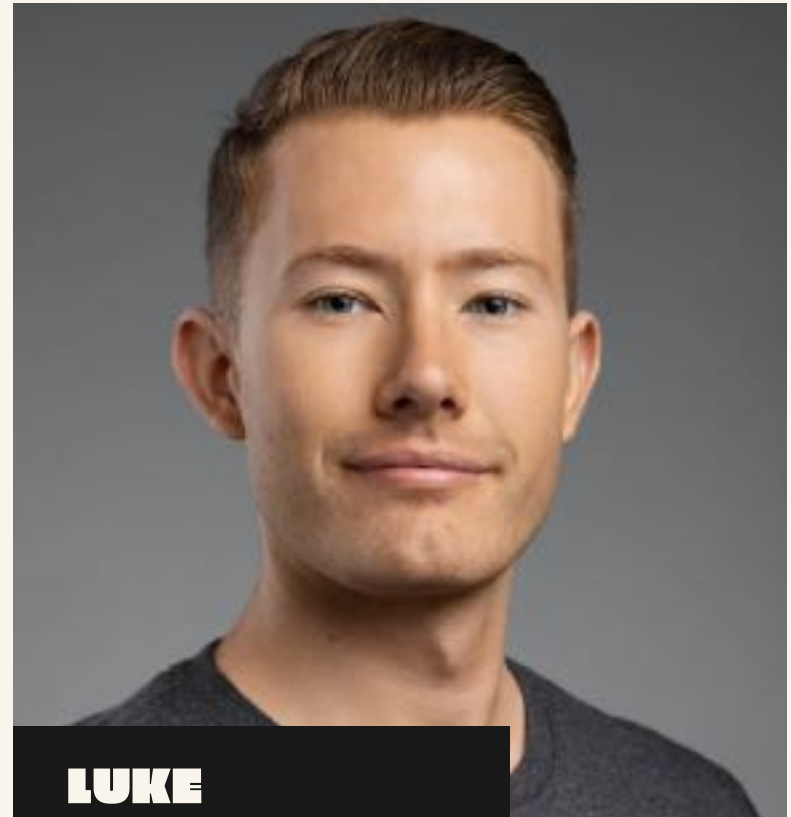
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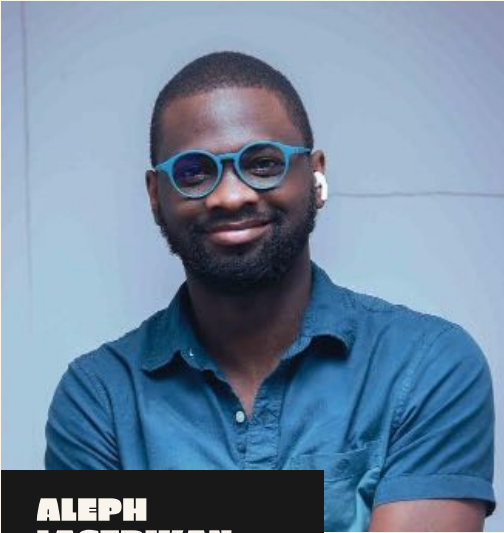
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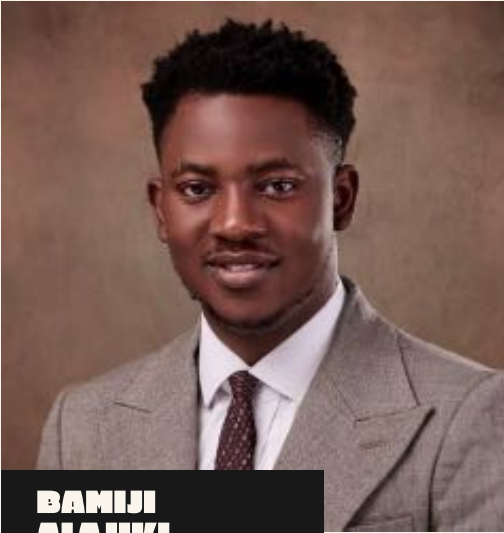
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**YOUNG
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A portrait of a young man with short, light-colored braided hair, wearing a light-colored, short-sleeved button-down shirt. He is resting his chin on his hand and looking thoughtfully at the camera. The background is a solid light orange color.

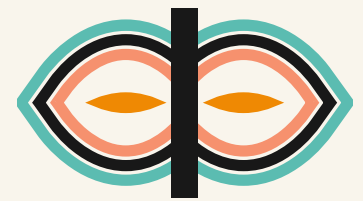
**DJ
TUNEZ**

A portrait of a man with a shaved head and a goatee, wearing dark sunglasses and a vibrant, multi-colored patterned jacket. He is looking slightly to the side. The background is a solid teal color.

**DJ VIC
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A portrait of a man with a beard and short dark hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and a gold chain. He is resting his chin on his hand and looking towards the camera. The background is solid black.

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