

Sustainability Week Africa

Africa's green industrial revolution

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Finance | Society | Supply chains and circularity | Reporting | Heavy industry | Investment
| Cities | Technology | Biodiversity | Water | Energy

Confirmed speakers:

- Mo Ibrahim, founder and chair, **Mo Ibrahim Foundation**
- Yemi Osinbajo, immediate past vice-president, **Nigeria**, board chair, **Climate Action Platform for Africa**, global adviser, **Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet**
- Amina J. Mohammed, deputy secretary-general, **United Nations**
- Nomzamo Mbatha, actress and activist
- Damilola Ogunbiyi, chief executive and United Nations (UN) secretary-general's special representative, **Sustainable Energy for All**, co-chair, **UN-Energy**
- Vijay Vaitheeswaran, global energy and climate innovation editor, **The Economist**
- Shafeeq Abrahams, chief executive, **Eskom Pension and Provident Fund**
- Noluthando Gosa, independent non-executive director, **MTN Group**, executive director, **Akhona Group**, and adviser, **Sustainability Week Africa**
- Mpho Makwana, former chairman, **Nedbank**, **Eskom** and **ArcelorMittal South Africa**, chairman, **Epitome Investment**, and adviser, **Sustainability Week Africa**
- Phuthi Mahanyele-Dabengwa, chief executive, South Africa, **Naspers**
- Aminu Umar-Sadiq, managing director and chief executive, **Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority**
- Sola Oke, managing director, Nigeria and Western Africa, **Pernod Ricard**
- Julie Greene, chief sustainability officer, **Olam Agri and Olam Group**
- Anél Bosman, group managing executive, Corporate and Investment Banking and member group executive committee, **Nedbank CIB**
- Joseph Nganga, interim chief executive, **Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP)**, and adviser, **Sustainability Week Africa**
- Sean Weavill, chief engineer, East and Southern Africa Region, **Nestlé**
- Juliet Anammah, former chief sustainability officer, **Jumia Group**, and adviser, **Sustainability Week Africa**
- Alexander Osinga, chief executive, **Greenspoon**
- Johann Kotzé, chief executive, **AgriSA**
- Aliza Ayaz, goodwill ambassador, **UN**; director, **Climate Action Society**
- Darshana Myronidis, group sustainability director, **Virgin**
- Martin Ewald, managing director and lead portfolio manager, emerging market climate action fund, **Allianz Global Investors**
- Souleymane Ba, partner, **Just Climate**
- John McDermott, chief Africa correspondent, **The Economist**
- Abba Abubakar Aliyu, acting managing director, **Rural Electrification Agency of Nigeria**
- Arsalan Mahtafar, executive director, head of the J.P. Morgan Development Finance Institution, **J.P. Morgan**

- Kevin O'Brien, group sustainability executive, **Spar Group**
- Sanjeev Raghbir, head of ESG, **Shoprite Group**
- Ravi Naidoo, chief executive, **Youth Employment Service (YES) South Africa**
- Chinua Azubike, chief executive, **InfraCredit**
- Alex Obiechina, chief executive, **ACOB Lighting Technology**
- Godfrey Adejumoh, head, corporate affairs and sustainable business, **Unilever Nigeria**
- Francis Vorhies, director, African Wildlife Economy Institute, **Stellenbosch University**
- Lydiah Kemunto Bosire, founder and chief executive, **8B Education Investments**
- Dominique Noome, director of operations, Africa, **Akashinga**
- James Gondi, Africa director, **Stop Ecocide International**
- Ije Ikoku Okeke, managing director, catalytic climate capital/Global South, **RMI**
- Guillaume Kalonji, biologist and climate activist, **Rise Up Movement**

DAY 1: THURSDAY OCTOBER 24TH 2024 CAPE TOWN (SAST)	
8.00am (50min)	Registration
08.50am (10min)	Opening remarks with <i>The Economist</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vijay Vaitheeswaran, global energy and climate innovation editor, <i>The Economist</i>
KEYNOTES	
9.00am (10min)	Opening Ministerial Address
9.10am (10min)	Opening conference keynotes (videos) <i>Speakers</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mo Ibrahim, founder and chair, Mo Ibrahim Foundation • Amina J. Mohammed, deputy secretary-general, United Nations
9.20am (20min)	Keynote interviews. Making clean energy easily accessible to African people <i>Proposed speakers</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nana Akufo-Addo, president, Republic of Ghana • William Samoei Ruto, president, Republic of Kenya

<p>9.40am (30min)</p>	<p>Keynote CEO panel. People and planet: making an equitable transition to a green economy</p> <p>According to the Africa Development Bank Group, the African continent is expected to be the second fastest growing in the world after Asia at a predicted 3.8% and 4.2% in 2024 and 2025, respectively. Africa has huge potential to develop and flourish. How are African countries leapfrogging developed countries and leading in the green industrial revolution? What can be done to secure and deploy long-term finance to ensure Africa will succeed in its bold development ambitions?</p> <p><i>Proposed speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abel Sithole, chief executive, Public Investment Corporation • James Mwangi, group chief executive, Equity Group Holdings • Sanda Ojiambo, assistant secretary-general, United Nations Global Compact • Moses Kgosana, chief executive and senior partner, KPMG Africa
<p>10.10am (15min)</p>	<p>Interview: Greening energy and transport in the retail sector</p> <p><i>Speaker</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roy Bagattini, chief executive, Woolworths Group
<p>10.25am (15min)</p>	<p>Interview. Carbon markets and finance: how can Africa set the global climate agenda?</p> <p><i>Speaker</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yemi Osinbajo, immediate past vice-president, Nigeria, board chair, Climate Action Platform for Africa, and global adviser, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet
<p>10.40am (30min)</p>	<p>Panel. Financing renewable energy in Africa: faster, bigger and better</p> <p>According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), Africa has 60% of the world's best solar resources but only 1% of its installed solar capacity. In changing that, the big challenge is sourcing capital for energy projects in Africa, which come with a price tag of three to four times more than that of advanced economies. How could it become easier to fund renewable energy projects in Africa? How can investment in the continent's renewable-energy production and storage boost economic prosperity? Which projects are already showing success? And what is the potential for renewable energy in Africa over the next ten years?</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anél Bosman, group managing executive, Corporate and Investment Banking and member group executive committee, Nedbank CIB • Joseph Nganga, interim chief executive, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP), and adviser, Sustainability Week Africa • Abba Abubakar Aliyu, acting managing director, Rural Electrification Agency of Nigeria

<p>11.10am (20min)</p>	<p>Debate. Yes to the green industrial revolution in Africa—but what about oil and gas?</p> <p>Africa still has plenty of oil and gas reserves that can bring cash to the continent. The biggest producers have been Nigeria, Algeria, Angola, Libya and Egypt, with recent discoveries in Mozambique and Namibia. While major global oil companies see Africa as the next frontier, the rest of the world is shifting away from fossil fuels. What should Africa do with these natural resources in the short and long term? How can Africa take part in the green industrial revolution if it wants to make money from oil and gas?</p> <p><i>Speaker</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guillaume Kalonji, biologist and climate activist, Rise Up Movement <p><i>Proposed speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Alweendo, minister of mines and energy, Republic of Namibia • NJ Ayuk, executive chairman, African Energy Chamber • Melita Steele, deputy director, Global Gas and Oil Network (GGON)
<p>11.30am (45min)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NETWORKING BREAK <i>Informal speed networking and meet the startups</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PUTTING AFRICA'S PEOPLE FIRST</p>	
<p>12.15 (20min)</p>	<p>Fireside chat. Youth and the private sector: how can companies in Africa engage with young people?</p> <p>Africa's population is set to double between now and 2050. The UN predicts that by 2100, 40% of the world's people will be African. How can this growth benefit Africa's economy, society and environment? What are the practical ways for companies that operate in Africa to engage with young people and unlock their potential? How can this help reduce countries' brain drain?</p> <p>Moderated by Aliza Ayaz, goodwill ambassador, UN, and director, Climate Action Society</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phuthi Mahanyele-Dabengwa, chief executive, South Africa, Naspers • Ravi Naidoo, chief executive, Youth Employment Service (YES) South Africa
<p>12.35pm (15min)</p>	<p>Interview. African demography v sustainability</p> <p>The population of the sub-Saharan region, the fastest-growing in Africa, is rising three times more quickly than in the rest of the world. Such rapid growth brings social, economic and environmental challenges to the continent, including food insecurity, escalating emissions, gender inequality and environmental degradation. Many of the communities where the population is growing fastest are also extremely vulnerable to climate change. How could population growth and sustainability be aligned better in Africa? What lessons can sub-Saharan Africa take from other regions around the world?</p>

<p>12.50pm (30min)</p>	<p>Panel. Balancing people, planet and profit: investing in the energy transition while supporting communities and employees</p> <p>People, planet and profit are the most important ingredients of sustainability. What is the ideal balance between these interests in Africa, and how can it be achieved? How can Africa ensure that international investments make a real difference where it matters most? How can companies improve their performance on environmental and social sustainability at the same time, while also increasing their profits—is this doable or just a dream? What projects are already working towards these goals?</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shafeeq Abrahams, chief executive, Eskom Pension and Provident Fund • Mpho Makwana, former chairman, Nedbank, Eskom and ArcelorMittal South Africa, and chairman, Epitome Investment • Julie Greene, chief sustainability officer, Olam Agri and Olam Group • Aminu Umar-Sadiq, managing director and chief executive, Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority 	
<p>1.20pm (10min)</p>	<p>Keynote interview. Building a sustainable city in Africa</p> <p><i>Proposed moderator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John McDermott, chief Africa correspondent, The Economist <p><i>Proposed speaker</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geordin Hill-Lewis, mayor, City of Cape Town 	
<p>1.30pm (65min)</p>	<p>NETWORKING LUNCH BREAK</p>	
<p>TRACK ONE Financing and investments in Africa: funding the green transition</p>		<p>TRACK TWO Greening supply chains in Africa</p>
<p>Panel. Risk and reward: how ESG data brings Africa much-needed international capital 2.30pm (30min)</p>	<p>In July last year, the UN Conference on Trade and Development estimated developing countries would need an additional \$4trn of annual investment to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). How can giving investors data on environmental, social and governance performance help bridge this gap? What other ways are there to reduce risk? How could African companies secure necessary</p>	
<p>Panel. Making manufacturing green as it moves to Africa 2.30pm (30min)</p> <p>Africa exports many raw materials, but little manufacturing takes place on the continent. What practical steps can African countries take to bring manufacturing onshore, creating a better economic outlook and more job opportunities? What can the continent learn from similar examples around the world? Which partners are best placed to help Africa establish and grow its manufacturing potential? How can</p>		

<p>investment from abroad, including from sovereign entities, by reporting on their contribution towards the SDGs? How can measurability and specificity ensure that investment makes an impact where it is most needed?</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arsalan Mahtafar, executive director, head of the J.P. Morgan Development Finance Institution, J.P. Morgan <p><i>Proposed speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iain Williamson, chief executive, Old Mutual 	<p>African businesses and governments ensure that manufacturing facilities and supply chains follow sustainable standards and contribute to net-zero goals from day one?</p> <p><i>Proposed speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter van Binsberger, chief executive, BMW Group South Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa • Paul Erasmus, chief financial officer, Senior Flexonics • Ulrich Schwabe, production director, Volkswagen • Harry Bloechlinger, managing director, Bühler Southern Africa • Senior representative, Remgro • Senior representative, Sappi
<p>Fireside chat. Green bonds, KPIs and debt finance: what role should banks play in bringing money to Africa? 3.00pm (20min)</p> <p><i>Proposed speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Ikdal, chief strategy officer, Standard Bank Group 	<p>Fireside chat. Tasty and sustainable: green production for African food security 3.00pm (20min)</p> <p>Sustainable food production that involves local supply chains, minimal waste, online marketplaces and game-changing technologies will be essential to feed future generations and meet the challenges of a changing climate. What barriers hinder the broad take-up of sustainable practices in food production, and how can they be overcome? What benefits come from making packaging sustainable and minimising food waste? How can procurement of food supplies be more ethical and supportive of local communities, from suppliers to employees and customers? In what ways can governments and non-governmental organisations help food producers in one African country export to others, and to the world?</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexander Osinga, chief executive, Greenspoon • Johann Kotzé, chief executive, AgriSA

<p>Sponsored interview 3.20pm (15min)</p>	<p>Fireside chat. Targeting scope 3 emissions across Africa: benefiting from accurate data collection 3.20pm (20min)</p> <p>Many of the world's largest global supply chains start in Africa. How can African producers, who may play a small part in these chains, work to decrease their own emissions? How can they learn to report emissions data effectively and use it to their benefit? How can local communities prosper from more sustainable supply chains?</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darshana Myronidis, group sustainability director, Virgin • Sean Weavill, chief engineer, East and Southern Africa Region, Nestlé
<p>Fireside chat. Mobilising sustainable finance from local institutions in Africa: how to de-risk long-term investments to enable private capital at scale? 3.35pm (25min)</p> <p>In order to support local projects in renewable energy or infrastructure, what is the potential for African-based institutions to provide long-term sustainable finance in local currency? How can local institutions help bridge the gap between the perceived and real risk, in order to drive sustainable finance? What are the factual examples to derisk green finance models in Africa? Is there potential to replicate this approach across Africa?</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinua Azubike, chief executive, InfraCredit • Alex Obiechina, chief executive, ACOB Lighting Technology 	<p>Fireside chat. How can small businesses in Africa be encouraged to join the green industrial revolution? 3.40pm (20min)</p> <p>A big part of the African economy is made up of small and medium enterprises (SMEs). In comparison to large businesses, they often face low turnover and high risks, making them more focused on short-term goals than long-term commitments. That can make sustainability—which takes long and consistent dedication—a real obstacle. But without buy-in from SMEs, the green industrial revolution in Africa is not going to happen. How could Africa's SMEs be encouraged to focus on sustainability? Could SMEs improve revenue and profitability by becoming more sustainable?</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Ewald, managing director and lead portfolio manager, emerging market climate action fund, Allianz Global Investors <p><i>Proposed speakers</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claire Bergkamp, chief executive, Textile Exchange
4.00pm (30min)	COFFEE BREAK
<p>Project showcase. Sustainable finance: building a pipeline of bankable projects 4.30pm (30min)</p> <p><i>(6x leading African projects)</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ije Ikoju Okeke, managing director, catalytic climate capital/Global South, RMI <p><i>Proposed speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kofi Adomakoh, chief executive, GCB Bank • Dilip Pal, chief financial officer, Safaricom • Punki Modise, chief sustainability officer, Absa Group • Senior representative, Siemens <p>Fireside chat. Financing a country's adaptation: where to next? 5.00pm (20min)</p> <p><i>Proposed speaker</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roselinda Soipan Tuyu, minister of environment, climate change and forestry, Kenya <p>Panel. Nimble capital for Africa's green transition: do multilateral development banks need to play a bigger role? 5.20pm (40min)</p> <p>"Our world needs climate action on all fronts — everything, everywhere, all at once," says António Guterres, the UN secretary-general. Big changes are needed globally to reach net-zero targets. But is the available capital flexible enough to deliver? Substantial change requires innovation everywhere, but the current flow of money to startups and innovators is not fast enough. What can large institutions do to effectively deploy funding to</p>	<p>CSO Leaders' Club 4.30pm</p> <p><i>Driving business action in a year of economic uncertainty</i></p> <p>The CSO Leaders' Club event will deliver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • independent, first-hand research from Economist Impact, covering sustainability and CSO trends, released at the event • an annual meet-up at Sustainability Week Africa • a moderated discussion over two hours with a wedding-style seating plan, focusing on solving problems faced by CSOs and cleverly mixing groups of attendees from different businesses • 50 chief sustainability, procurement and financial officers attending (this session is also for vice-presidents and directors of sustainability, procurement and finance) • a post-event drinks reception for further networking • year-round relationships facilitated by our global series of Sustainability Week events with a CSO Leaders' Club, taking place in New York, Cape Town and Bangkok • an opportunity to participate in the Sustainability Project's "Voices" series with an interview on our sustainability community platform (you will be contacted about this if eligible) <p>CSO Leaders' opening keynote interview. Leadership and action in a tough job 4.30pm (15min)</p> <p><i>Proposed moderator</i></p>

<p>innovators and system-changing startups rather than stagnant behemoths?</p> <p><i>Proposed speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Sara, global director, climate, World Bank • Martin Kipping, executive director, African Development Bank • Kerseri Pather, general manager, risk and sustainability, Eskom <p>Networking drinks reception 6.00pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phil Cornell, head of sustainability practice, Economist Impact <p><i>Proposed speaker</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barend Petersen, executive chairman, De Beers Mines South Africa <p>Group discussion. Embedding sustainability strategy in your organisation 4.45pm (60min)</p> <p>In a wedding-style seating plan with tables for ten, groups will discuss how to embed sustainability strategy in organisations. Each table will have a captain to help lead the discussion. From 5.20pm, one member of each group will have five minutes to report a finding to the audience, prompted by the question, "What are the next steps on the path to action?"</p> <p>Closing panel discussion. What's next for the CSO position? 5.45pm (15min)</p> <p>CSO Leaders' Club networking drinks 6.00 pm</p>
<p>END OF DAY ONE</p>	

DAY 2: FRIDAY OCTOBER 25TH • CAPE TOWN (SAST)	
8.15am (45min)	Registration
KEYNOTES: SECTORS IN THE SPOTLIGHT	
9.00am (10min)	Opening remarks with <i>Economist Impact</i>
9.10am (15min)	Keynote interview. Bringing manufacturing and critical minerals closer to decarbonise energy systems

	<p>The deployment of renewable energy around the world is crucial to decarbonising energy systems. Africa is known as an exporter of critical minerals needed to develop renewable-energy technologies, but how could it become a manufacturer of the final product as well as an exporter of raw materials? What practical strategies would work to develop manufacturing facilities right where the critical minerals are?</p> <p><i>Speaker</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damilola Ogunbiyi, chief executive and United Nations (UN) secretary-general's special representative, Sustainable Energy for All, co-chair, UN-Energy
9.25am (20min)	<p>Fireside chat. Artisanal mining partnerships: paving the way for sustainable supply chains</p> <p>Artisanal mining employs 40m people worldwide, including 10m in sub-Saharan Africa. Men often earn upwards of \$400 a month from activities like cobalt mining, surpassing many formal-sector jobs such as teaching. As rare metals become increasingly essential to achieving net-zero emissions, how can governments and businesses work with artisanal mining groups in their supply chains to ensure their practices are ethical, transparent and sustainable?</p> <p><i>Proposed speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nozipho Joyce Mxakato-Diseko, permanent representative of South Africa, UN • Brian Menell, chairman and chief executive, TechMet • Rohitesh Dhawan, president and chief executive, International Council on Mining and Metals - ICMM
AFRICAN AGRICULTURE, BIODIVERSITY AND NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS	
9.45am (20min)	<p>Fireside chat. What's happening in regenerative agriculture across Africa?</p> <p>Regenerative agriculture is advancing across Africa. Which companies are making the most progress? How can businesses in this space work most effectively with local farmers? And what can regenerative agriculture do to improve African food security?</p> <p><i>Proposed speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacqueline Novogratz, chief executive and founder, Acumen • Nahla Kamal, director of corporate affairs and sustainability MENA, Nestlé • Agnes Kalibata, president, AGRA • Senior representative, Rabobank Group • Senior representative, Anglo American
10.05am (30min)	<p>Panel. Making biodiversity Africa's top priority</p> <p>Biodiversity is in a precipitous decline—in 2022 the WWF reported an average 69% drop in global populations of mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians since 1970. How are population growth and climate change driving this loss? How can sustainable harvesting and the use of wild species benefit people and restore nature? What can governments</p>

	<p>and businesses do to ensure the development of sustainable, biodiversity-based businesses, goods and services? What is the potential of a wildlife-based economy in different parts of Africa? What examples are there of practical projects to reverse biodiversity loss across Africa and save it for future generations?</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Francis Vorhies, director, African Wildlife Economy Institute, Stellenbosch University • Dominique Noome, director of operations, Africa, Akashinga • James Gondi, Africa director, Stop Ecocide International
10.35am (15min)	<p>Interview. Harmony in action: integrating nature into your supply chain strategy in Africa</p> <p>The Earth is at a crucial point with declining biodiversity, deteriorating soils, and shrinking water sources. Companies are finding their traditional ways of operating less acceptable. This interview discusses the urgent need to incorporate environmental awareness into supply chain strategies in Africa, setting a precedent for the world. What are the dual advantages—economic and ecological—of prioritising nature within business operations? How can nature be accurately measured throughout a company's supply chains to ensure a net positive contribution resulting from its operations in Africa?</p>
10.50am (50min)	NETWORKING BREAK
DEVELOPING INTRA-AFRICAN TRADE	
11.40am (20min)	<p>Debate. How to end poaching in Africa: should wildlife trade be legal?</p> <p>Across Africa, poaching has damaged biodiversity and devastated populations of animals such as elephants and rhinos. To combat this, could poachers become legal harvesters through the enablement of sustainable fishing, foraging and hunting? Could the removal of non-tariff barriers in the African Continental Free Trade Area facilitate intra-African trade in wildlife products? How could governments facilitate sustainable trade in products from endangered species?</p> <p><i>Proposed speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damien Mander, chief executive and founder, Akashinga • Jamie Joseph, founder, Saving the Wild • Kaddu Kiwe Sebunya, chief Executive, African Wildlife Foundation
12.00 (20min)	<p>Fireside chat: Boosting intra-continental trade for growth and sustainability</p> <p>Intra-African trade is hugely important for the continent's economic growth and sustainable development. But only around 16% of total exports in Africa are for trade with other African countries. This can be compared with intra-continental trade in Asia, which is 59% of the total, or Europe's staggering 69%. The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) was created in 2018 to deal with this problem. Has the AfCFTA agreement</p>

	<p>reached its goals? How could it be more effective? What can be done to encourage Africa's largest economies to trade more with their neighbours? How can trade and sustainable initiatives work together, in the next few years, to create growth, jobs and a prosperous future for Africa?</p> <p><i>Proposed speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Karingi, director, regional integration and trade division, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) • Allen Sophia Assimwe, deputy chief executive and chief of programmes, TradeMark Africa
SECTORS IN THE SPOTLIGHT	
<p>12.20pm (20min)</p>	<p>Fireside chat. Easy rider: cheap and accessible green mobility for Africa</p> <p>It could be assumed that electric cars, e-bikes and green public transport are too expensive for Africa, but examples from around the continent prove the opposite. Which of them hold the most promise? Could Africa lead the way in spreading sustainable mobility around the world? Which business models for transport work in Africa? How are green subsidies affecting the evolution of transport in Africa? What potential is there to decarbonise public transport? And could vehicle technologies and transport decarbonisation see African countries connected to each other even better than before?</p> <p><i>Proposed speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reginald Damana, chief executive - Roads Authority, Sanral • Jit Bhattacharya, co-founder and chief executive, BasiGo • Olivia Lamanya, general manager, Ebee Africa • Tim Jacques, CEO, Motus • Ulrich Schwabe, Production Director, South Africa, Volkswagen
<p>12.40pm (20min)</p>	<p>Fireside chat. Climate adaptation and mitigation in practice in the retail sector</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin O'Brien, group sustainability executive, Spar Group • Sanjeev Raghubir, head of ESG, Shoprite Group
<p>1.00pm (30min)</p>	<p>Panel. Industrialisation and net zero: two sides of the same coin for Africa's MSMEs?</p> <p>Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) are crucial to Africa's economic growth and sustainable development. According to the UNDP they account for nearly 90% of the continent's businesses and employ 80% of its population. In Africa, the transition to a low-carbon economy and the drive to increase industrial productivity will both have to be led by MSMEs. Could MSMEs' agility hasten the transition? What practical steps would make this happen? Can MSMEs facilitate Africa's sustainable development and industrialisation at the same time?</p>

	<p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Souleymane Ba, partner, Just Climate • Juliet Anammah, former chief sustainability officer, Jumia Group <p><i>Proposed speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buhle Goslar, board chair, Lula • Labi Williams, partner and managing director, Kuramo Capital Management
1.30pm (60min)	NETWORKING LUNCH BREAK
WATER SUSTAINABILITY IN AFRICA	
2.30pm (20min)	<p>Fireside chat. The coming storm: climate change and water scarcity in Africa</p> <p>Water is essential to the survival and development of African communities. What are the ways to save existing water reserves and ensure there is enough clean water in the future? How can African communities and companies mitigate and adapt to water scarcity caused by climate change? How could water-rich parts of Africa help others? What strategies are there to deal with the effects of climate change on water, and where can we see them put to use? How can Africa attract more global companies and yet ensure that the needs of local communities are not taken away by it? How can businesses make efficient commercial use of water, while limiting waste?</p> <p><i>Proposed speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Folayinka Dania, chief resilience officer, Lagos Resilience Office • Senior representative, Waterford Estate • Senior representative, DuPont • Senior representative, Glencore
DECARBONISING HEAVY INDUSTRY	
2.50pm (15min)	<p>Keynote speech. Cementing Africa's green future</p> <p><i>Proposed speaker</i></p> <p>Aliko Dangote, founder, chairman and chief executive, Dangote Group</p>
3.05pm (30min)	<p>Panel. Old King Coal: transforming business models to retire a fossil fuel</p> <p>Parts of Africa have an energy problem, and coal is one solution used to prevent blackouts and keep the economy ticking. But could renewables and off-grid alternatives be the better option?</p> <p><i>Proposed speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nombasa Tsengwa, chief executive, Exxaro • Jayne Mammatt, partner, Deloitte

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mzila Mthenjane, chief executive, Minerals Council South Africa • David Livingston, senior adviser to the special presidential envoy for climate, United States • Senior representative, Eskom
3.35pm (15min)	COFFEE BREAK
HOW IS INTERNATIONAL REGULATION SHAPING SUSTAINABILITY IN AFRICA?	
3.50pm (15min)	<p>Interview. CBAM: will the EU's tough approach to sustainability drive African trade to China and Russia?</p> <p>The Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) is another heavy EU regulation coming into force as part of the European Green Deal. It targets carbon-intensive products, such as steel and cement, that are imported to the EU. Taking effect in 2026, it also includes the even thornier demand for companies to give green mining guarantees. One expected result is an estimated \$25bn annual loss to Africa's economy. Some predict that the EU's tough approach to sustainability might lead to a significant rise in African trade with China and Russia. What would this mean for Europe? How will the situation affect Africa's finances? What are the likely long-term consequences for Africa's position in world trade?</p>
4.05pm (20min)	<p>Debate. The EUDR is unjustifiably harsh on African economies: what will it mean for Africa and Europe?</p> <p>In April last year, the European Parliament adopted a new law to fight global deforestation: the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR). It directly affects many products made in Africa and exported to Europe, such as coffee, cocoa, palm oil, soya, wood, rubber, charcoal and printed paper products. The EUDR will make the cost of a licence to operate in Africa too high, and it has already started to drive business away from the continent in fear of heavy EU fines. The Ivory Coast, where nearly a million people grow 20-30% of the country's cocoa in protected forests, presents an example of the likely impact. Denying these people their livelihood could cause social unrest, but relocating them is unfeasible without major funding and support. The EUDR mandate comes into force in 2025, and little has been done to prepare for the consequences. How are African producers planning to deal with the new law on deforestation? What are their options? And what can be done to limit the damage to trade between Africa and Europe? Is there a chance the EU could change course?</p>
4.25pm (30min)	<p>Keynote panel. Digital inclusion: equipping young Africans to prioritise sustainability</p> <p>Education is crucial to ensuring that future generations of Africans understand the importance of sustainability and prioritise it in all aspects of their lives. How can young Africans learn about sustainability from an early age? How can companies in Africa use digital channels to show new generations the benefits of sustainability? How could African students around the world be encouraged to study sustainability and tap the opportunity of a growing green job market?</p>

	<p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sola Oke, managing director, Nigeria and Western Africa, Pernod Ricard• Lydiah Kemunto Bosire, founder and chief executive, 8B Education Investments
4.55pm (5min)	Closing remarks from Economist Impact
5.00pm (60min)	NETWORKING DRINKS RECEPTION
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