THE NETWORK FORUM AFRICA
21-22 APRIL 2026 LONDON

TUESDAY, 21 APRIL 2026

Morning Coffee

08:40 - 09:20

The Network Forum Welcome

09:20 - 09:25

Rachel Bo Shields, The Network Forum | Andrew Barman, The Network Forum

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Opening Keynote: Africa's Securities Markets in Transition: From Fragmentation to Integration

09:25 - 09:45

An overview of Sub-Saharan Africa's evolving custody and fund administration landscape.

Babatunde Majiyagbe, Standard Bank

Unlocking Africa's Capital Markets: Domestic Currency Debt and Local Investor Depth

09:45 - 10:25

Exploring how local-currency bonds are stabilising markets, how to facilitate access, and how to attract both domestic and foreign capital.

Richard Lain, J.P. Morgan | Yasser Zaazaa, The Egyptian Central Securities Depository | Nikhil Sanghani, BMI | Craig Stanley, Enko Capital Management LLP

CSD Modernisation & Market Infrastructure Integration: Building Africa's Next-Gen Post-Trade Systems

10:25 - 11:05

A candid discussion with CSD and exchange leaders on integration challenges, data standardisation, and system resilience.

Miguel Espinoza, Montran | Andre Nortje, Strate (Pty) Ltd | Jesse Kagoma, CDSC Kenya | Shehu Shantali, Central Securities Clearing System Plc (CSCS)

Morning Coffee

11:05 - 11:30

Harmonising Settlement Cycles – From T+3 to T+1: Are African Markets Ready?

11:30 - 12:15

Examining operational readiness, FX considerations, and regional coordination as markets accelerate settlement timelines.

Suemantha Dahya, Standard Bank | Rawad Zeineddine, JP Morgan | Brian Eeles, BNY | Sian Kelly, Capital Group

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Digital Assets, Tokenisation & the Future of African Custody

12:15 - 13:00

How African custodians can use post-trade data to drive growth, transparency, and sustainable revenue models.

Barnaby Nelson, the ValueExchange | Hari Chaitanya, Standard Bank | Rob Downes, Absa | Emmanuel Mensah Thompson, SEC (Ghana) | Sheron Botha, RMB

Lunch & Regulator/FMI Roundtables

13:00 - 14:30

Nigeria – hosted by Dr. Muhammad Sani Abdullahim, Central Bank Nigeria
South Africa – hosted by Andre Nortje, Strate
Egypt – hosted by Yasser Zaazaa, ECSD
Kenya – hosted by Jesse Kagoma, CDSC

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Pan-African Connectivity – Linking Payment Systems, CSDs, and Exchanges Across Borders

14:30 - 15:15

Evaluating cross-border initiatives and how harmonisation can unlock liquidity and efficiency.

Emma Johnson, The ValueExchange | Pierre Celestin Rwabukumba, Rwanda Stock Exchange | Vipin Mahabirsingh, CDS (Mauritius) | Syed Kamran Ali, State Street | Matthieu de Heering, Montran

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World To Africa 2026 Investor Survey – Key Findings

15:15 - 15:45

Hari Chaitanya, Standard Bank | Barnaby Nelson, the ValueExchange

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Afternoon Tea

15:45 - 16:15

Market Resilience in a Volatile World – Contingency Models & Operational Strength

16:15 - 17:00

A focus on operational resilience, across Africa’s financial market infrastructure.

Mark Kerns, Adapa Advisory | Sandie Alcock, BNY | Charles Bourne, HSBC | Helen Johnson, MYRIAD Group Technologies | Chris Van Staden, Standard Bank

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Closing Remarks

17:00 - 17:10

Evening Reception

17:15 - 19:30

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WEDNESDAY, 22 APRIL 2026

Morning Coffee

09:00 - 09:30

TNF Welcome Back

09:30 - 09:40

Edward Jones, The Network Forum

Opening Keynote: Africa 2026 and Beyond: Economic Outlook and Investor Opportunities

09:40 - 10:10

Isaah Mhlanga, RMB

Building Liquidity in Frontier Markets – Stimulating Investment Flows Across Borders

10:10 - 10:50

Identifying structural reforms, investor incentives, and policy alignment needed to grow volumes and assets under custody.

Barnaby Nelson, the ValueExchange | Tom Minney, African Capital Markets News | Pierre Celestin Rwabukumba, Rwanda Stock Exchange | Andre Nortje, Strate (Pty) Ltd

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Harnessing Post-Trade Data: Turning Operational Insights into Market Intelligence

11:20 - 11:45

Selloua Chakri, SCL Advisory Ltd

Private Markets, Alternative Assets & the Rise of Africa's Impact Investors

11:45 - 12:10

Discussing infrastructure financing, private equity trends, and the ESG-linked opportunities shaping Africa's future.

Gregory Naicker, Strate (Pty) Ltd

Closing Executive Roundtable "Charting the Future of African Capital Markets: Collaboration, Innovation & Integration"

12:10 - 13:00

Leaders from custodians and regulators, share forward-looking insights and regional priorities.

Rajesh Ramsundhar, Standard Bank | Emmanuel Mensah Thompson, SEC (Ghana) | Okey Umeano, Central Bank of Nigeria | Sifiso Ndala, RMB | Sabir Ballim, ABSA

Lunch & Country Roundtables

13:00 - 14:30

Rwanda – hosted by Rwanda Stock Exchange
Ghana – hosted by SEC (Ghana)
East Africa Focus – hosted by ABSA
Association of Global Custodians Activity Advocacy Update – hosted by Brian Eeles – AGC

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Close of TNF Africa 2026

14:30 - 14:30