

KENYA MAY 28TH-30TH 2012

Open Innovation Africa Summit²



Nokia, *infoDev* and Capgemini are welcoming 150 African thought leaders to participate in the second Open Innovation Africa Summit (OIAS) at **Safari Park Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya, Monday 28th to Wednesday 30th of May 2012.**

OIAS 2012 seeks to continue stimulating innovation debate in Africa and to pave a road for accelerated socio-economic transformation, which is inclusive across the population.

The 2012 Summit will build upon the experiences and steps made at the initial Summit in the following ways:

PROVIDE

Provide a platform to continue the high level debates among stakeholders on national or regional strategies that support strengthening of innovation ecosystems and emergence of African entrepreneurs and innovators.

IDENTIFY

Identify ways to improve services, which support innovators in setting and scaling up their businesses (finance, incubation, capacity building, etc.)

SHOWCASE

Showcase various practical aspects and outcomes of the innovation process in Africa.

ENCOURAGE

Encourage a rich exchange of knowledge and skills amongst participants.

CREATE

Create opportunities and tools for capacity building in the area of leadership for innovation and transformation.

Using Capgemini's engaging Accelerated Solutions Environment Methodology, the Summit's interactive format will allow the participants to be inspired by new ideas and stretching thoughts, and to use the power of group genius to build and deepen those ideas.

The overall theme for the summit is Leadership for innovation: During the session, a cross-cutting discussion on the leadership required to create inclusive Innovation Societies around the continent will take place, introduced by authority key note speakers in the field of leadership. The required skills and mindsets to lead people, build organisations and mobilise teams towards the vision of the innovation society will be addressed during the Summit.

The Summit's agenda will be built around the following five thematic areas:

Leadership for Innovation (Summit theme)

Stimulate discussion on the type and level of leadership required to drive innovation in societies: the required skills and mindsets to lead people, build organizations and mobilize teams towards the vision of the innovation society.

Technology/Innovation Financing

Analyse gaps in innovation financing and identify new approaches and methodologies for financing growth-oriented entry level SMEs: new types of angel and startup funds, venture capital and access to finance channels.

The Mobile Information Society

Examine mechanisms to speed up adoption of mobile tools that bridge digital and information divides by stimulating the local developer ecosystem: mLabs as developer training and incubation hubs, disruptive monetization models and required policy and regulatory reforms.

eTransformation

Engage in the debate on how ICTs are transforming the African landscape for social and economic development: With a focus on ICT use in sectors like Health, Education, Agriculture and Climate Change Adaptation, this theme will seek to identify successful projects that can be replicated and scaled up.

The Ecosystem for Innovation

Explore practices, structures and policies needed to stimulate and create the enabling environment for innovation: Open Innovation models, collaboration platforms and policy instruments to stimulate cross-sectoral research and innovation.

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