



Africa
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Africa Early Stage Investor Summit (#AESIS2023)

**Celebrating a decade of connecting
early stage investors in Africa**

Final Partner Report - December 2023

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2023 Theme: 10X-ing Early Stage Investing in Africa

Virtual Program

- 9 sessions hosted
- 27 Speakers involved
- 697 Attendees
- 586 playbacks
- 12 Partners involved

Local Meetups

- 36 Local Investor Meetups
- 66 host organisations
- 28 countries
- 1500 meetup attendees
- 94% 4* and above rating

Annual Summit

- 26 partners
- 95 speakers
- 3 partners co-hosted opening cocktail
- 2 partner series at summit
- 7 Investor Experiences
- 19 Ventures showcased
- GP-LP Office Hours
- 1 half day side Event - Ecosystem Side Event

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AESIS 2023 - Speakers & Sessions



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Lelapa / WAI / ACTA
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Emmanuel Adegboye

Head of Madica
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Eunice Wambui

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Fadilah Tchoumba

CEO
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Felix Kumirai

Senior Consultant
GGF AFRICA
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Speakers

- 95 speakers in total
- 46% female speakers

Sessions

- 10 Breakaway sessions
- 2 partner series
- 19 Partner Portfolio pitches
- 5 Funds-of-Funds part of Office Hours

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A visual summary of attending
Investors and funders.



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Partnerships

We are grateful to our amazing partners for making AESIS2023 possible!

- 26 partners
- 15 portfolio companies of partners pitching
- 14 partner-funded (or partially funded) Investor Meetups
- 7 investor experiences / themed dinners
- 7 partner-led sessions
- 6 partners made the Ecosystem Side Event a reality
- 3 partners co-hosting Opening Cocktail
- 2 partner-led virtual events
- 2 complimentary hub venues
- 1 activation - event (Tim x AESIS)



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Investor Meetups



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#AESIS2023 INVESTOR MEETUP STATS

36

Investor Meetups organized around the world.

1500+

Africa-focused investors in attendance.

66

Investor organizations have been hosting Investor Meetups in 28 different countries

RATING:

94%

Of attendees rated the meetups 4-stars and above.

97%

Of attendees are happy to recommend the meetups to other investors.

Want to become a host next year?

Contact the AESIS team now
to get your city on the list!

Collaborative Partnerships

A broad spectrum of local investor networks, angel investors, venture capital organisations, and international development agencies.



Diversity and inclusion

A rich tapestry of backgrounds, including women, individuals from underrepresented communities, and local entrepreneurs in lower tier markets.



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AESIS Overview Stats

#AESIS2023 Overview

350+

Attendees

95

Speakers

26

**Summit
Partners**

36

**Investor
Meetups**

25+

**Countries
represented**

46%

**Female representation
on panels**

9

**Investor
Events**

19

**Ventures
showcased**

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AESIS Team



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Summit Team



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AESIS Lead



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Partners & Events

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AESIS Social Media

FOUNDERS FACTORY AFRICA
30,203 followers
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Wrapping up the **Africa Early Stage Investor Summit**...

Great work, **Renda Africa**, **VunaPay**, and **Jungopharm**

REDA AFRICA
3,642 followers
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Grit, Passion and Drive in

It was a great time pitchin



Madica
1,341 followers
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Such a great time last week at the AESIS London happy hour meetup! It's always great to connect and build with other investors who are so passionate about Africa's startup ecosystem. As key sponsors of #AESIS2023, we're n



JICA NINJA Accelerator - Africa
1,894 followers
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AESIS 2023 – Recap!
The **Africa Early Stage Investor Summit** proved to be exhilarating & a true

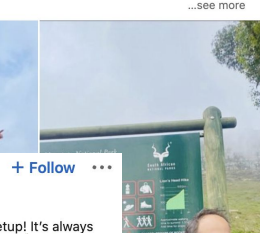
Scaling digital Agriculture Innovations through Start-ups (S...)
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To boost the exchange of ideas, knowledge, and points of view on how to improve food security and economic growth, the IRP SAI...see more

Africa Early Stage Investor Summit reposted this

Will Green • 1st
Growth Partner, Investor, Speaker, Company & tech ecosystems builder ...
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This is what I call "People Mountain Fit" 🏔️



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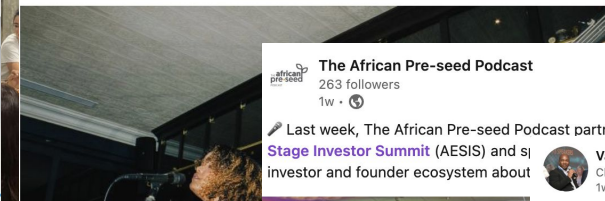
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ABAN's **Climate Smart Agriculture Angel Network** **Kamuanga's** presentation on "The state of Climate Smart Agriculture Investing in Africa" at the ongoing Climate Smart Agriculture Investo



Luke Naude • 1st
Accelerator Partnerships Lead | Sourcing Ventures and Building Produc...
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Last night **Dominic Schorr** and I organised a gathering of investors and founders – it was a Pre-Summit Cocktail for #AESIS2023. The energy was immense 🥰 ...see more



Catalytic Africa
2,662 followers
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Highlights of the Catalytic Africa Ecosystem side event that took place today, at **WomHub** in Cape Town, an engaging live session that was moderated by Catalytic Africa's Fund Manager, **Fadilah Tchoumba**

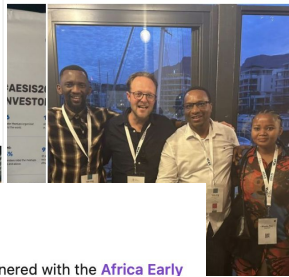
A sincere thank you for all the event sponsors and startup founders and investors for the valuable insights and presence. Let's stay connected for future collaborations! #AESIS2023

Jozi Angels **Lacoona Legal** **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)** **Africa Early Stage Investor Summit** **ABAN** **Founders Factory** **Africa** **Madica** **Jack Chennells** **Naadiya Moosajee**



PULASPACE
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Invaluable connections were successfully forged at the 10th Anniversary **Africa Early Stage Investor Summit** in Cape Town. A dynamic platform where relationships were fostered, paving the way for **PULASPACE** to play ...see more



The African Pre-seed Podcast
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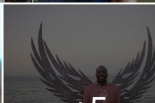
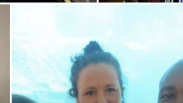
Last week, The African Pre-seed Podcast partnered with the **Africa Early Stage Investor Summit** (AESIS) and si investor and founder ecosystem about



Van-Lee Gunyere, MBA • 2nd
Chief Investment Officer @ Andza Capital | Seed | Series A | High-Gro...
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Last week I attended the 2023, an event that brought together startup ecosystem players from across Africa. I was on a panel discussing investing in emerging tech with **Emmanuel Adegboye**, **Sanna Bedi**, **Sewu-Steve Tawia** and **Andrew Darge**. The highlight of my experience was the Lion Head mountain hike, which was organized in collaboration with **Will Green**, it was a unique opportunity to network with others.

cc: **Audrey Verhaeghe** **Frank Aswani** **Zachariah George** **Brett Thompson** **Tasneem Karodia** **Gareth Bleazard**



Thank You for Making #AESIS2023 Possible!