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THE YOUNG CFO FORUM

Building the Next Generation of Financial Leaders

9am – 11:30am

9:00am	-	Arrival/Registration/networking coffee
9:30am	-	Stage Introductions – MC
9:35am	-	Welcome Remarks
9:40am	-	A Ted Talk by **Samuel Amanor**, Founder and CEO, BlueSpace, Africa **"Finance in a Digital Era: Leveraging AI, Data and Fintech for Financial Transformation "**
9:55am	-	A Ted Talk by **Bernard Owusu - Ansa**h, Manager, Governance, Risk and Compliance Services, KPMG in Ghana **"Sustainability and Corporate Governance: Integrating ESG and Ethical Finance Practice"**
10:10am	-	A conversation with **Dr. Ayo Adepoju**, Executive Director and Group CFO, Ecobank Transnational **"The Future CFO: Evolving Skills and Leadership Models"**
10:30am	-	A masterclass by IPMC University College **AI Tools for Financial Management**
11:30am	-	Closing and Networking

PROGRAMME

OPENING CEREMONY & PLENARY

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11:30pm	Arrival /Registration / Networking Coffee		
12:30pm	Stage Introductions	-	MC
12:35pm	Introductory Remarks	-	Executive Director, Hannah Awuku
12:40pm	Welcome Remarks	-	Conference Chair, Prof. Kofi Abotsi

THE CFO FORUM

12:50pm	**Financing Growth in Uncertain Economies** **Ibukun Oyedeji**, Group CFO, Access Bank Plc
1:00pm	**Managing cross-border African risk in corporate financial transactions** **Tsholofelo Molefe** - Group CFO, MTN
1:10pm	**Reimagining Corporate Finance: Aligning Liquidity, strategy and sustainable Growth** **Dr. Ayo Adepoju** - Executive Director and Group CFO, Ecobank Transnational

THE POLICY LEADERS FORUM

The Future of Corporate Money: Regulatory Frameworks, Trends and Opportunities

Speakers

1:20pm	**Dr. James Klutse** - CEO, Securities and Exchange Commission
1:30pm	**Mr. Anthony Sarpong** - Commissioner General, Ghana Revenue Authority
1:40pm	**Dr. Johnson Asiama** - Governor, Central Bank of Ghana

OPENING KEYNOTES

Speakers

1:50pm	**Navigating Tax landscapes for Financial Advantage and Risk Management** **Hon. Seth Terkper** - Presidential Advisor on Economy, Republic of Ghana and Chairperson of the Advisory Board CACFO
2:00pm	Remarks by - **H.E. Mohammed Nasheed**, Secretary-General, CVF-V20 Former President, Republic of Maldives
2:10pm	Opening Keynote - **Hon. Dr. Cassiel Ato Forson**, Minister for Finance, Republic of Ghana
2:20pm	Special Guest of Honor remarks - **H.E John Dramani Maham**, President of the Republic of Ghana

PANEL DISCUSSION

Building Enterprises for Africa's Trade Value Chains: Financing and Corporate Strategy

2:40PM

As Africa advances toward deeper regional integration through initiatives like the AfCFTA, the strength of its trade value chains depends on competitive, well-financed and strategicaaly positioned enterprises. This session explores how innovative financing mechanisms, trade facilitation instruments, and forward-looking corporate strategies can empower African businesses to scale, integrate, and add value across borders. Drawing insights from Eximbank's perspective and leading corporate strategists, the discussion will focus on aligning financial solutions with enterprise development, strengthening regional production linkages, and positioning African firms as key players in continental and global markets.

This session aims to explore how financial leaders, investors, and corporate strategists can collaborate to build enterprises that are competitive, resilient, and integrated into Africa's trade value chains. It will discuss how innovative financing mechanisms and corporate strategy frameworks can drive industrial growth, regional value addition, and sustainable competitiveness, while leveraging the AfCFTA.

Speakers

Theme setting: Hon. Sylvester Mensah, CEO, Ghana Eximbank

Panelists

- Dr. Fareed Arthur, Dr. Fareed Arthur, Executive Director, Intra Africa Trade Capacity Centre
- Emmanuel Teye Kenney, CEO Flokefama Company Limited
- Suzette Loubser, Director, Resrv

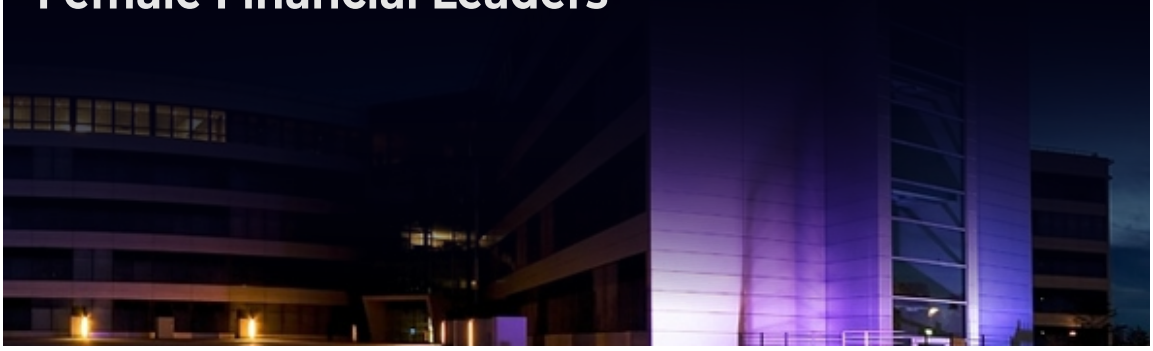
Moderator - Anita Erskine, Executive Director, Erskine Global Communications

PANEL DISCUSSION

The Female Finance Leaders Forum

3:10PM

Building Resilient Firms: Lessons from Female Financial Leaders



In a rapidly changing business environment, marked by economic volatility, digital disruptions, and evolving governance demands, the ability of firms to remain resilient is critical to long-term success. This session spotlights the experiences and strategies of accomplished women in finance who have steered organizations through uncertainty, transformation, and growth.
2:30pm
Drawing from real-world case studies, the conversations will explore how 2 of the most acommplished female financial leaders in Ghana are redefining corporate resilience through visionary leadership, fiscal discipline, innovation, and strategic risk management.

The session will also highlight how women leaders are navigating challenges such as capital access, regulatory pressures, and technological change while championing ethical and transparent financial practices.

Speakers

Theme setting: The liquidity Path of Nguvu Mining Limited
Angela Attieh, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Nguvu Mining Limited
A conversation with

- Mansa Nettey – CEO, Standard Chartered Bank
- Mrs. Abena Osei-Poku – MD Ecobank Ghana and Regional Executive, Anglophone West Africa,

Moderator - Bolanle Afolabi, Partner Accounting and CFO Advisory Services, KPMG Nigeria

3:40PM - 4:20PM **Lunch Break**

PANEL DISCUSSION

The Intersection of Digital Assets and Traditional Finance: A new Era of Corporate Money Management.

4:20PM

From cryptocurrencies and stablecoins to tokenized securities, the rapid rise of digital assets,is transforming the foundations of modern finance. As corporations increasingly explore blockchain-based payment systems, decentralized finance (DeFi), and digital asset investments, the line between traditional finance and emerging digital ecosystems continues to blur.

This session brings CFOs,industry experts and fintech innovators to unpack how digital assets are reshaping corporate treasury functions, liquidity management, and investment strategies. The discussion will explore the evolving regulatory frameworks, risk considerations, and strategic opportunities for businesses navigating this hybrid financial landscape.

The panel will delve into how to integrate digital assets responsibly into traditional financial operations,balancing innovation with compliance and financial stability. The conversation will also examine the role of central bank digital currencies (CBDCs), tokenized assets, and blockchain-based accounting systems in redefining corporate finance in Africa and beyond.

Speakers

Theme Setting: Andrew Akoto, Country Managing Partner, KPMG in Ghana
Panelist

- Chinomso Nwachuku, CFO, Interswitch Group
- Noella Spitz, Head of Currency, Head of Digital Currency, Resrv
- Franklin Tettey Attianah, Head of Corporate and Project Finance, CAL Bank
- Del Titus Bawuah, CEO & Chairman, Web 3 Group

Moderator - Prof Vera Fiador, Professor of Finance, University of Ghana Business School

PANEL DISCUSSION

The integration of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles into corporate finance has become not just a moral imperative, but a strategic necessity. This session explores how Chief Finance Officers and financial leaders can effectively align sustainability objectives with corporate financial performance to drive long-term value creation.

The panel will delve into the evolving landscape of sustainable finance, examining how ESG considerations influence capital allocation, risk management, and investor relations. The discussion will highlight practical approaches to embedding ESG metrics into financial strategy—balancing profitability with purpose, and compliance with competitiveness.

Speakers will also share insights on how African corporations can leverage sustainability-linked financing instruments, green bonds, and impact investment opportunities to unlock growth while meeting global sustainability standards and illustrate how finance leaders are redefining corporate success by integrating ESG performance into their balance sheets and strategic outlooks.

Speakers

Theme Setting: Carl Manlan– Development Practitioner and Social Impact Leader
Panelists:

- John Boateng Akuoko-Tawiah– Africa Head of Sustainable Finance Advisory, Associate Director, KPMG
- Pawan Agrawal– Credit Rating Expert, Care Edge
- Salifu Bah– Director of Finance, Petroleum Commission of The Gambia
- Goerge Baah– CFO, FNB, Ghana

Moderator - Reindolf Annor, Parter Accounting, KPMG Ghana

5:40PM	**Closing**

SPEAKERS

H.E. John Dramani Mahama
President of the Republic of Ghana

John Dramani Mahama is the sixth President of the Fourth Republic of Ghana, re-elected in December 2024 after previously serving from 2013 to 2017. A historian, communicator, and statesman, he has held every major political offices like MP, Minister, Vice President, and President. His leadership is marked by extensive infrastructure development, social equity, and women's empowerment, including appointing Ghana's first female Vice President.

As a former ECOWAS Chair and AU Trade Committee leader, he played a key role in advancing AfCFTA. An author and advocate for youth in agriculture and technology, President Mahama continues to champion inclusive growth and regional integration.

Mohammed Nasheed
Secretary-General

H.E. Mohammed Nasheed was appointed as the first Secretary General of the CVF in 2023 to head the Secretariat. He served as the Maldives' first democratically elected President from 2008 to 2012 and Speaker of the People's Majlis, the Maldives' parliament, from 2019 to November 2023.

In 2009, the same year he founded the CVF, he held an underwater cabinet meeting to call for stronger action on climate change and also pledged for the Maldives to become carbon neutral.

Hon. Cassiel Ato Baah Forson
Minister of Finance, Ghana

Hon. Dr. Cassiel Ato Baah Forson is the Minister for Finance of the Republic of Ghana. An economist, Chartered Accountant, and Oxford-trained tax professional, he brings over 20 years of expertise in fiscal policy, taxation, and financial management. He holds a Ph.D. in Finance and an MSc in Economics from KNUST, and an MSc in Taxation from the University of Oxford.

A Member of Parliament since 2009, Dr. Forson previously served as Deputy Minister for Finance (2013–2017) and led negotiations for Ghana's 2015 IMF Extended Credit Facility, as well as the enactment of the Public Financial Management Act, 2016 (Act 921)

SPEAKERS

Hon. Seth E. Terkper
Presidential Adviser on the Econzomy, Republic of Ghana

Hon. Seth E. Terkper is the Adviser on the Economy to the President of Ghana, working closely with key economic institutions including the Ministry of Finance and the Bank of Ghana. A former Minister for Finance (2013–2016) and Deputy Minister (2009–2012), he was instrumental in crafting Ghana's Home-Grown Policy and negotiating the 2015 IMF Extended Credit Facility.

His tenure saw major fiscal and institutional reforms, including the enactment of the Public Financial Management Act and establishment of the Ghana EXIM Bank and GIIF. A former IMF Senior Economist, Mr. Terkper holds an MPA from the Kennedy school of government, Harvard University and an MBA from Strayer University and is a Chartered Accountant.

Mr. Anthony Kwasi Sarpon
Commissioner-General, Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA)

Mr. Anthony Kwasi Sarpong assumed office as Commissioner-General of the Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) on January 21, 2025, ushering in a new phase of transformation and innovation in Ghana's tax administration.

A distinguished Chartered Accountant, Mr. Sarpong brings over 28 years of experience in audit, advisory, and financial management spanning financial services, industry, telecommunications, and technology. He began his career with KPMG in 1997 and steadily advanced to become Senior Partner in 2019, providing strategic oversight and guiding major client engagements.

He holds an Msc in Financial Risk Management from London Metropolitan University, a Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration from the University of Manchester, and a First-Class Honours degree in Accounting from the University of Ghana, alongside professional certifications in Taxation and Investment & Securities.

A member of ICAG, ICAN, and GARIA, Mr. Sarpong also contributes to several boards, including the University of Ghana Business School Advisory Board. Widely admired for his integrity, humility, and people-centered leadership, he brings to the GRA a renewed drive for excellence, efficiency, and public trust.

SPEAKERS

Dr. James Klutse Avedzi
Acting Director-General

Dr. James Klutse Avedzi is the Acting Director-General of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Ghana, and a seasoned finance and accounting professional with over two decades of experience in public financial management, policy, and leadership.

He previously served as Member of Parliament for Ketu North for 20 years, where he chaired both the Finance Committee (2009–2017) and the Public Accounts Committee (2017–2025), and was Deputy Minority Leader (2017–2023). His legislative work focused on strengthening fiscal discipline and financial transparency across public institutions.

A Chartered Accountant, Dr. Avedzi holds a Ph.D. in International and Political Finance from the University of Costa Rica and an MBA in Finance and Accounting from the University of Liverpool. He is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Taxation and the Chartered Institute of Financial and Investment Analysts (Ghana).

Earlier in his career, he served as Deputy Chief Accountant at the Ministry of Health, where he championed financial system reforms. Dr. Avedzi is widely respected for his commitment to community development and nation-building.

Hon. Sylvester Adinam Mensah
CEO, Ghana Eximbank

Hon. Mensah is currently a Senior Lecturer at the University of Professional Studies, Accra (UPSA), and an Adjunct Lecturer at the Nobel International Business School, where he is a faculty member of the Certified Strategy Professional (CSP) program.

Hon Sylvester Mensah holds Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Ghana Business School, and an MBA in Finance from the University of Leicester in the UK. He also holds a number of diplomas and certificates from various distinguished universities abroad.

With over two decades of experience in providing both practical and academic instruction in Corporate Strategy, Strategic Management, and Strategy Execution, he possesses the financial and managerial acumen to lead and transform Ghana EXIM Bank.

Prof. Kofi Abotsi
Dean, UPSA School of Law and Conference Chair CACFO

Professor Ernest Kofi Abotsi is the Dean of the UPSA Law School and an Associate Professor of Comparative Constitutional and International Law. A seasoned academic and lawyer, he previously served as Dean of the GIMPA Law School for six years and is currently Chairman of the Ghana Forum of the Africa Bar Association.

Professor Abotsi holds advanced degrees from Harvard Law School and the University of Milan, where he earned his doctorate. A sought-after constitutional expert, he has advised Ghana's key ministries and constitutional bodies, served on reform commissions, and lectured globally. He is also Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Chief Executives Network of Ghana.

SPEAKERS

Hannah Awuku
Executive Director, CACFO

Hannah Awuku is the Executive Director for the Conference of African Chief Finance Officers (CACFO) and the Forward Africa Leaders Symposium.

She brings a wealth of expertise in project management and developing policy initiatives. Her career spans high-impact roles, including Executive Secretary of the Africa Prosperity Network (APN) where she also led the launched of the Global Africa Forum in New York to champion diaspora investments as a pivotal funding source for Africa's growth. Prior to her work as the founding Executive Secretary of APN, Hannah worked as a Project Officer in charge of Donor Relations at the Institute for Democratic Governance (IDEG).

She also played a key role as the lead consultant for the 3i Africa Summit, a prominent global gathering focused on fintech innovation and digital transformation in Africa. This event, held in Accra, Ghana, brought together over 7,000 participants from 95 countries, featuring discussions on innovation, impact, and investment in the financial sector .

Hannah holds an MSc in Development Finance from the University of Ghana Business School, a Post Graduate Certificate in Business Development Management from the University of Cape Town, and a BA in Political Science and History from the University of Ghana.

Mr. Ayo Adepoju
Group Executive Director & Group Chief Finacial Officer, Ecobank Transnational Incorporated

Dr. Ayo Adepoju was appointed Group Executive Director in June 2025 and Group Chief Financial Officer of Ecobank in August 2019, bringing a wealth of experience in financial leadership, strategic planning, treasury management, investor relations and business performance management.

Prior to his current role, he served as Group Head of Business Performance and Analytics, where he played a pivotal role in shaping the Group's financial strategy and performance management. He was also Group Financial Controller, overseeing financial reporting and regulatory compliance. Before joining Ecobank, Ayo built a distinguished career at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) in London and Lagos as an Assurance Manager in the financial services practice. Ayo holds a First-Class Honours degree in Accounting from the University of Lagos, Nigeria, where he was recognized as the best graduating student in his faculty. He also holds an MBA from Warwick Business School, UK, and a Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership from Regent University, Virginia, USA. Additionally, he is an Alumnus of Harvard Business School. A distinguished finance professional, Ayo is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN), where he earned national overall best prize awards. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), UK, and an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN). He has further honed his expertise through executive education programs at London Business School, Wharton Business School, and Harvard Business School

SPEAKERS

Tsholofelo Mlefe
Executive Director: Group Chief Financial Officer

Tsholofelo Molefe has served as Group Chief Financial Officer of MTN Group since April 2021. A seasoned finance executive, she brings over two decades of experience in financial management, strategy, and corporate governance across leading South African institutions. Before joining MTN, she was Group CFO at Telkom SA, where she previously served as Deputy CFO, and earlier held senior roles at Eskom Holdings, First National Bank, and ABSA Group.

At MTN, Tsholofelo has driven disciplined capital allocation, reducing leverage from 2.2x to below 0.8x and achieving R2.7 billion in expense savings by 2022. She plays a key role in executing MTN's Ambition 2025 strategy, focused on structural transformation, portfolio optimization, and sustainable growth.

Mansa Nettey
Chief Executive, Standard Chartered Bank Ghana PLC

Mansa is a transformative leader with over 25 years of experience in financial services, currently serving as the CEO of Standard Chartered Bank Ghana PLC. She is the first woman to hold this position in the Bank's 129-year history in Ghana. She is passionate about driving growth opportunities across Africa.

She has played a pivotal role in the development and deepening of Ghana's financial markets, advancing the country's financial inclusion agenda, and serving in various advisory capacities.

With a distinguished career spanning Corporate Banking, Financial Markets, and consultancy, Mansa has excelled in promoting a people-centred, high-performance culture and is committed to mentoring the next generation of leaders. She is a former president of the Ghana Association of Banks (GAB) and serves on multiple boards and charities. Mansa was recently named the 2024 Marketing Woman of the Year by the Chartered Institute of Marketing Ghana (CIMG).

She has been a speaker on several platforms including the Singapore Fintech Festival, Oxford University's Africa Business Alliance, Africa Financial Industry Summit and the Ghana National Economic Dialogue.

SPEAKERS

Abena Osei-Poku
MD Ecobank Ghana and Regional Executive, Anglophone West Africa

Abena Osei-Poku is a trailblazing Pan-African business executive with over 25 years of leadership in banking and finance. Her career spans roles in Corporate and Investment Banking, Business Banking, and Risk Management across West and Central Africa.

She has held senior positions at Standard Chartered, Barclays (now Absa), and currently serves as Managing Director of Ecobank Ghana. A respected board leader, she chairs the Advisory Board of the College of Health Sciences at the University of Ghana and is a former Chair of the Ghana Stock Exchange Council. She holds an MBA from Manchester Business School and a BA in Economics and Statistics.

Angela Attieh
Founder and CEO, Nguvu Mining Limited

Angela Attieh is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Nguvu Mining Limited, a group of mining companies operating in West Africa including: Adamus Resources Limited, Northern Ashanti Mining Company Limited, Segala Mining Corporation, Samira Hill Gold Mine and Poura Resources Limited. She is responsible for balancing strategic vision with operational efficiency, ensuring that the company grows sustainably while maintaining strong relationships with stakeholders and adhering to regulatory requirements.

Her leadership is characterized by focusing on innovation, diversity and community engagement.Before becoming the CEO of Nguvu Mining Limited, she was the Executive Director of BCM Ghana Limited and BCM International Limited (BCM Group), both mining services companies which she was instrumental in growing from a very small business with little or no business in the counties of operation to a multinational business spanning over 7 countries and 3 continents. Angela has been a key figure in the industry for over 25 years, beginning her career with KPMG where she developed essential skills that laid her professional success.

She successfully managed and executed significant projects like the LouloContract in Mali (now belonging to Barrick) and the largest iron ore mining operation in West Africa, Tonkolili in Sierra Leone. Angela holds an MSc and an MBA from Manchester University and a BSc in Administration from University of Ghana respectively. She is also an Alumna of Harvard Business School. She is currently the 2nd Vice President of the Ghana Chamber of Mines and was recently recognized as the Female CEO of the year at the 8th Ghana CEO Summit and Excellence Awards (2023), Best Mining Company (Adamus Resources Limited) Paa Grant Medals for Business Excellence (2023) and various awards including:

Ghana Women's awards, Women's Choice Awards Africa, Corporate Leadership Excellence Awards and SWAG Awards. She is passionate about increasing women's representation in the mining industry and encourages more women to venture into what has traditionally been a male dominated field.

SPEAKERS

Andrew Akoto
Country Managing Partner, KPMG in Ghana

Andrew Osei Akoto has over 26 years experience and is the Partner in charge of the Risk and Compliance unit in Ghana. He has wide ranging experience in Audit, Accounting and Management Information Systems (MIS) related assignments and has spearheaded the design, installation and implementation of financial management software at various client sites.

Andy has extensive experience in project management and has led and managed several projects for our varied public and private sector clients in oil & gas, telecommunications, power, financial services, and manufacturing industries. He has consulted for a number of international organisations, led engagement teams to conduct management investigations and applied risk management techniques and tools to critical business systems and processes.

Dr. Fareed k. Arthur
Executive Director of Intra-Africa Trade Comapny

Dr. Fareed K. Arthur is the Executive Director of the Intra-Africa Trade Capacity Centre, driving efforts to deepen intra-African trade and advance the AfCFTA's implementation. With over 30 years of leadership across Africa and global development institutions including the World Bank, AU, NEPAD, GIZ, and the UN. He is recognized for his strategic influence in trade and institutional reform.

As Ghana's National AfCFTA Coordinator (2020–2025), he led the successful bid to host the AfCFTA Secretariat and pioneered the Guided Trade Initiative. A former AU Deputy Chief of Staff, Dr. Arthur holds a PhD in Economics and remains a leading voice on Africa's economic transformation.

Prof. Vera Fiador
Professor of Finance at theUniversity of Ghana Business School

Dr. Vera Fiador is an Associate Professor of Finance at the University of Ghana Business School, specializing in corporate governance, finance, gender diversity, and risk management.

She holds a PhD in Finance from the University of Cape Town and has consulted for institutions such as GIZ, IFC, SNV, and KAIPTC. Beyond academia, she serves as Director and Senior Consultant at Madeolo Consult, leading initiatives in business strategy, financial literacy, and SME development.

A member of the African Economic Research Consortium and a former Visiting Scholar at the IMF, Dr. Fiador is widely respected for her thought leadership in finance and governance.

SPEAKERS

Pawan Agrawal

Pawan Agrawal is a senior credit and risk management professional with nearly 30 years of leadership experience in credit ratings, regulatory engagement, and analytical excellence across global markets.

He currently serves as Advisor – Strategic Initiatives at CareEdge, where he supports the establishment of a sovereign and global credit rating agency based at GIFT City, India. Previously, he held several senior roles at CRISIL, including Chief Risk Officer and Chief Analytical Officer, where he enhanced analytical standards, chaired rating committees, and strengthened regulatory compliance.

Mr. Agrawal has also led corporate and infrastructure ratings for S&P Global Ratings in South and Southeast Asia and served on the board of the Caribbean Information and Credit Rating Services (CariCRIS) for over a decade. He was a member of the Research Advisory Committee of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

An expert in credit markets, enterprise risk, and policy advisory, Mr. Agrawal holds an MBA from Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar, and a degree in Engineering from Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur.

Mr. James Leither
President Falcon Management Corporation, USA

Mr. James Leitner serves as President of Falcon Management Corporation, a family office. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Yale in Economics with an emphasis on Russia and Eastern Europe. He also holds a Master's Degree from Columbia University specializing in International Finance and Russian Studies and a JD from Fordham University Law School.

Jim is on the Yale President's Council on International Activities and formerly served on the Yale Investment Committee and Yale Honorary Degree Committee. He sits on the Dean's Council of the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, Columbia University Global Leadership Council, Princeton University's Institute for International and Regional Studies Advisory Council, and the Dean's Planning Council and the Crowley Advisory Committee at Fordham University Law School.

Ibukunoluwa Oyedeji
Group Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Access Bank Plc.

Ibukunoluwa Oyedeji is the Group Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Access Bank Plc. She brings over 26 years of extensive experience spanning funds and asset management, credit analysis, treasury management, and securities trading. Prior to her current role, she served as the Chief Financial Officer of Ecobank Nigeria and was also the Country Head for the Securities, Wealth, and Asset Management business of the Ecobank Group. Her career includes notable positions at FBN Capital Asset Management, Guaranty Trust Bank Plc, Goldman Sachs International, HSBC Global Markets, and Morgan Stanley International.

Ibukun holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Ibadan and a master's degree (MSc) in International Securities and Investment Banking from the ICMA Centre, University of Reading, UK. She is a CFA Charter holder, a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (FCA), and an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers (CIS) of Nigeria.

SPEAKERS

Salifu Bah
Director of Finance, Petroleum Commission of The Gambia

Mr. Salifu Bah is the Director of Finance at the Petroleum Commission–Gambia, with a proven record of financial excellence and strategic leadership. His career spans leading institutions including GNPC, Ecobank, Access Bank, DT-Associates, and Deloitte, where he built expertise in corporate finance, taxation, budgeting, and risk management.

He is also the Co-founder and Membership & Public Relations Manager of the Finance Leadership Forum, which promotes professional growth through mentorship and knowledge sharing. Passionate about community development, Salifu actively supports youth empowerment initiatives. He holds an MSc in Finance and Investment from the London School of Business and Finance and is an ACCA member.

Del Titus Bawuah
Founder and CEO, Web 3 Africa Group

Del Titus Bawuah is the Founder and CEO of the Web 3 Africa Group, a pioneering conglomerate at the forefront of transforming Africa's digital landscape through blockchain technology, decentralized finance, and progressive policy frameworks. As the Global Chair of the Artshelp and United Nations Digital Climate Library, he champions the integration of Web3 solutions to advance climate action and preserve cultural heritage.

Del also serves as Co-Founder of Vertria, a global ecosystem where entrepreneurs, mentors, and innovators converge to build future-ready business leaders through hands-on learning, real-world challenges, and dynamic mentorship. Guided by a bold vision to empower Africa and its diaspora, Del weaves together technology, policy, and sustainability to drive inclusive economic transformation across the continent.

John Boateng Akuoko-Tawiah
Africa Head of Sustainable Finance Advisory, Associate Director, KPMG

John is the Africa Head of Sustainable Finance and Associate Director of ESG Services at KPMG, with over 14 years of experience in commercial banking, institutional reform, and development finance. He leads KPMG's ESG and Sustainable Finance Advisory across East, West, and Southern Africa, driving innovative finance mechanisms that advance national climate goals.

His expertise includes Green, Social, and Sustainability Bonds, gender-smart and biodiversity finance, and blended financing structures. John also advises financial regulators and intermediaries to strengthen climate finance ecosystems, enhance risk integration, and promote sustainable investment frameworks across the continent.

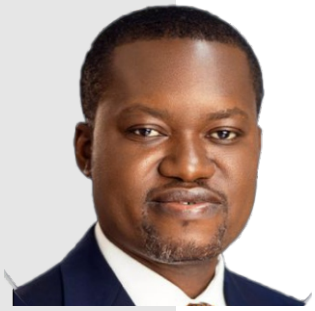
SPEAKERS

Chinomso Nwachuku
CFO, Interswtch Group

Chinomso, as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for Nigeria, has oversight over financial strategies and operations for our flagship operations in Nigeria, providing strong support to the Group CFO, having previously served as Group Financial Controller.

With 13+ years cumulative experience, she is a veteran Finance Manager with comprehensive experience in audit of financial statements in the manufacturing and telecommunications industries. Before joining Interswitch in June 2015, Chinomso had invested over 9 years in Audit Services in Big-4 firms, rising to Manager with Pricewaterhouse Coopers Nigeria.

Her expertise covers statutory and regulatory compliance, financial reporting, and accounting in accordance with GAAP, financial management and analysis, business analysis, and financial advisory. A Biochemistry graduate of the Imo State University and an Associate Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria Chinomso recently completed a course on the Emerging CFO program with the Stanford Graduate School of Business San Francisco and is currently completing a Global Executive MBA programme at Imperial College Business School in London.



Reindolf Annor
Partner Accounting, KPMG Ghana

Reindolf has experience in Finance Function Transformation, Business Process Improvement, Financial Management Systems Implementation, Accounting Outsourcing/Co-sourcing, Audit Readiness, Fixed Assets Management and Financial Reporting Advisory across different sectors.

He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountant Ghana, a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and holds a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification. In addition, Reindolf holds an MBA from the University of South Wales and a Bsc Administration (Accounting) from the University of Ghana. Reindolf is passionate about transforming finance functions and delivering tailored services to elevate Small to Mid-Size Enterprises.

Guarav Sharda
Country Director, IPMC University College, Ghana

Gaurav Sharda is the Country Director of IPMC University College, Ghana, with over 15 years of experience in IT industry certification programs and skill development. He leads initiatives bridging academia and industry, empowering youth with future-ready skills and driving innovation through AI and digital transformation across Africa.

SPEAKERS

Bolanle Afolabi
Partner Accounting and CEO Advisory Services, KPMG Nigeria

Bolanle has over fifteen (15) years in-depth and hands-on experience in accounting and financial reporting, financial controls and processes, financial analysis and change management. She has participated in several projects including finance function transformation, IFRS conversions, financial statement audits and reviews, critical examination of documentation of financial transactions towards the preparation of statements of affairs, documentation of accounting policies and procedures, SOX reviews and process audits for several clients in key sectors.

She has also been seconded to various clients in the key sectors, to provide leadership to the finance functions, which was instrumental to the transformation of the finance functions of these clients. She has strong leadership, problem solving, team building and project management skills.

Benjamin Offei-Addo

Benjamin Offei-Addo is a dynamic professional with over 13 years of experience in finance, audit, advisory, research, and executive training across Ghana and other African countries. His career spans diverse sectors including media, telecommunications, fintech, banking, energy, and international development, with a significant tenure at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) in Ghana and Liberia.

Also a seasoned media practitioner, Benjamin has hosted and moderated high-level discussions across finance, law, diplomacy, and public policy. A Chartered Accountant and accomplished communicator, he holds memberships with ACCA (UK) and ICAG, an MBA in Finance (University of Ghana), an LL.B. (GIMPA), and a B.A. in Economics (KNUST).

Anita Erskine
Executive Director, Erskine Global Communications

Anita Erskine, MCM, is an award-winning Media and Strategic Communications leader with over two decades of experience driving conversations that shape Africa's development and global influence. As Executive Director of Erskine Global Communications, she merges storytelling and strategy to amplify Africa's voice across international platforms.

She has hosted and moderated over 700 high-level events for institutions such as the UN, AU, World Bank, and AfCFTA, engaging world leaders on issues of climate action, innovation, gender equity, and leadership. Creator of Anita Erskine's Sheroes and The STEM Woman Project, Anita continues to champion communication as a catalyst for sustainable impact and inclusive growth.

SPEAKERS

Samuel Amanor

Samuel Amanor is a visionary leader and entrepreneur from Ghana, recognized for his profound impact on the fintech, trade, and global payments sectors across Africa. As the Founder and CEO of BlueSPACE Africa Technologies (GH & UAE), BlueSPACE Financial Cloud, and BlueSPACE Innovation Hub, Samuel has pioneered efforts to integrate advanced technological solutions with African markets, driving significant transformation across the continent. Prior to his ventures with BlueSPACE, Samuel also led EMC and Dell's businesses in emerging markets, driving digital transformation in West Africa as CEO for Ghana. This role further cemented his expertise and leadership in navigating complex technological landscapes. With over 18 years of experience, Samuel has built and led teams that have significantly advanced the landscape of African trade, payment systems, and fintech talent development.

His roles as Vice President of Funding & Partnerships at the Ghana Fintech and Payments Association, and his leadership in various tech associations, underscore his commitment to pioneering a pan-African financial ecosystem. As a managing system integration partner for global financial technology giants like FIS Global, Finastra, TreasuryHub, Kyriba, ECS Fin, OpenWay, Thought Machine, BPC, FintechOS, SKaleet, and Temenos in sub-Saharan Africa, Samuel's expertise guides banks, insurance companies, and central banks through digital transformation. Under his leadership, BlueSPACE FinancialCLOUD provides innovative fintech solutions that enhance operational efficiency, reduce costs, and expand market access for financial service providers across Africa.

Samuel also champions entrepreneurship through the Ghana Innovation Hub, which he co-founded, offering mentorship, tools, and funding to nurture early-stage companies. Samuel's dedication extends to his role in the Africa Prosperity Network Interoperability Committee and as a visionary founder of the Single Africa Payments Area (SAPA), where he plays a crucial role in unifying trade and payment systems across the continent. His efforts align with his broader vision of advancing the Africa Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) and his recent appointment as a global ambassador for the 3i Africa Summit, seeking to foster collaboration among policymakers, fintech innovators, and financial service providers to advance a unified African market. A passionate advocate for innovation, Samuel holds advisory positions focusing on AI, Agritech, and renewable energy. His educational background includes a degree in Computer Science from Wayne College, Detroit Michigan, and executive studies in Corporate Strategy & Entrepreneurship for Emerging Markets at Stanford Open University. Through his inspirational leadership and commitment, Samuel Amanor continues to drive transformative change in the fintech and global payments landscape, advocating for sustainable development and youth empowerment across Africa.

Teye Kwabena Kenney
Scientist | CEO, FLOKEFAMA Company Limited | Healthcare Advocate

Teye Kwabena Kenney is a visionary healthcare entrepreneur dedicated to transforming diagnostics across West Africa. As the Founder and CEO of FLOKEFAMA Company Limited, he has built one of the most trusted names in in-vitro diagnostics (IVD) and point-of-care testing, driven by a mission to ensure accuracy, access, and innovation. Under his leadership, FLOKEFAMA is recognised by the Ghana Investment Promotion Centre(GIPC) as the 1st in Healthcare 2024 (Ghana Club 100 Awards). The company is a key partner to Ghana's top-tier medical facilities, including Korle Bu, UGMC, and Cape Coast Teaching Hospitals.

An alumnus of KNUST and Stanford Graduate School of Business , Teye is a celebrated leader:

- CEO of the Year, Healthcare (9th Ghana CEO Summit)
- Best Healthcare Company (2024) – Ghana Club 100 Awards
- EMY Africa Man of the Year in Healthcare (2024)
- First-ever Honorary Member , Ghana Association of Medical Laboratory Scientists (GAMLS)

A dedicated philanthropist, Teye has led major projects, including the renovation of the Korle-Bu Blood Bank and significant donations of ventilators and incubators to major hospitals. He is guided by the creed

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