

FROM POTENTIAL TO PROSPERITY
ACTIVATING REGIONAL VALUE CHAINS

#ABF2025

The eighth edition of the Africa Business Forum will be held on the margins of the thirty-seventh ordinary session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union.

The goal of the Africa Business Forum is to promote an ongoing dialogue between the private and public sectors in Africa to accelerate collective

effort towards realizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union.

The 2025 edition of the Forum will focus on the development of regional value chains and special economic zones in the livestock, agri-industrial and pharmaceutical sectors across Africa.

The specific objectives of the Forum are:

- To showcase opportunities to invest in African regional value chains and special economic zones, with a view to attracting potential investors and enhancing awareness at the national, continental and global levels
- To establish consensus and a common understanding among all stakeholders on actionable solutions to overcome challenges in implementing regional value chain projects in Africa
- To create a platform for the exchange of information among traditional and non-traditional financiers, the private sector and governments regarding access to alternative sources of finance and the bankability of regional value chain projects in Africa
- To establish consensus on creating a digital platform to provide information to investors, governments and financiers on current trends and opportunities relating to African regional value chains and special economic zones
- Facilitate declarations of interest in investing in specific regional value chain and special economic zone projects

Who should attend?

- African leaders participating in the thirty-seventh ordinary session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union
- Representatives of the African Union Commission
- Representatives of private sector enterprises operating in the livestock, agri-industrial and pharmaceutical sectors
- Representatives of multilateral development banks, investors and venture capitalists interested in supporting initiatives in science, technology and innovation
- Policymakers and thought leaders
- Researchers and representatives of non-profit organizations
- Youth representatives and representatives of small and medium-sized enterprises
- Media representatives

All participants must register at the link below:
<https://indico.un.org/event/1015354/registrations/18660/>

Registration must be approved before the start of the Forum. Please note that participation in the Forum will be self-sponsored.

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9.00 a.m. to 6.15 p.m.
(East African Time, UTC+3),
followed by a reception



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