THE AFRICA CAPITAL WEEK 2026

MEDIA BRIEF

Background

Kenya Vision 2030, launched in 2008, serves as the country's national long-term development blueprint. The Vision aims to transform Kenya into a globally competitive and prosperous nation by 2030, specifically targeting the status of a newly industrialized, upper middle-income country that provides a high quality of life to all citizens within a clean and secure environment.

The Vision is built upon three foundational pillars that work together to achieve comprehensive national transformation. The Economic Pillar targets an average Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate of 10% per annum through eight productive sectors, including Agriculture and Livestock, Manufacturing, Tourism, Trade, Business Process Outsourcing and IT Enabled Services, Financial Services, Oil, Gas and Mineral Resources, and the Blue Economy. This pillar focuses on creating sustainable economic growth that benefits all Kenyans while positioning the country as a competitive player in the global marketplace.

The Social Pillar promotes just, cohesive, and equitable social development in a clean and secure environment. This pillar encompasses six key areas: Health; Population, Urbanization and Housing; Education and Training; Environment, Water, Sanitation and Regional Development; Gender, Youth and Vulnerable Groups; and Sports, Culture and the Arts. The pillar seeks to ensure that economic growth translates into improved living standards and social cohesion for all citizens.

The Political Pillar concentrates on two primary areas: Devolution and Governance, and the Rule of Law. It aims to create political structures and processes that support transparent governance, effective service delivery, and meaningful citizen participation in democratic processes.

These three pillars are reinforced by critical enablers that provide the foundation for successful implementation. These enablers include macroeconomic stability, infrastructural development, information and communication technology, science, technology, and innovation, land reforms, public sector reforms, labor and employment policies, national values and ethics, drought emergency management, and security, peacebuilding, and conflict resolution initiatives.

To ensure effective implementation and coordination, the Kenya Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat (VDS) was established in 2009 as a semi-autonomous government agency under the State Department for Economic Planning (SDEP). The VDS provides strategic leadership, coordination, and direction for achieving Vision 2030 goals and objectives. The SDEP oversees the broader mandate of formulating, coordinating, monitoring, and evaluating economic development plans, policies, and strategies that support the national development agenda.

The Kenya Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat (VDS) is mandated to coordinate, facilitate and monitor the implementation of Kenya's long-term development agenda by mobilising partnerships that accelerate investment into the country's priority flagship projects. In delivering this mandate, the Secretariat works with government institutions, development partners, investors and the private sector to position Kenya as a competitive investment destination while advancing sustainable economic growth.

It is within this mandate that the Kenya Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat is co-convening **Africa Capital Week (AfCW) 2026**. The forum provides a strategic platform to connect investment-ready public and private sector projects with domestic, regional and international capital, while advancing policy reforms that deepen Africa's capital markets and support the continent's long-term economic transformation.
This is in line with the Vision 2030 mandate to deepen Capital markets.

From Dialogue to Action

The idea for Africa Capital Week was born during the Kenya Vision 2030–USA Institutional Investors and Bilateral Trade Roundtable Discussions held on the side-lines of the 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York in September 2025. Those engagements brought together policymakers, institutional investors, development finance institutions and private sector leaders to examine the barriers limiting investment into Africa despite the continent's abundant opportunities.

A clear consensus emerged from those discussions: Africa's challenge is not a shortage of capital or investable opportunities. Rather, fragmented capital markets, inconsistent regulatory frameworks, limited market integration and weak mechanisms for connecting investors with bankable projects continue to constrain investment flows.

Participants agreed that Africa required a permanent, Pan-African platform that moves beyond dialogue to implementation—one that convenes policymakers, regulators, securities exchanges, investors and project sponsors to develop practical solutions, facilitate transactions and strengthen accountability.

Africa Capital Week 2026 is the realization of that commitment.

What is Africa Capital Week 2026?

Africa Capital Week (AfCW) 2026 is Africa's premier Pan-African capital markets, private equity and global investment forum, and the inaugural edition of a permanent continental platform dedicated to deepening Africa's capital markets.

Held under the theme: **"Deepening Capital Markets to Advance Africa's Economic Sovereignty,"** the forum has been designed as an action-oriented platform where every session seeks to generate measurable outcomes, policy commitments and investment opportunities that strengthen Africa's financial architecture.

More than a conference, Africa Capital Week is intended to catalyse investment transactions, policy reforms, strategic partnerships and knowledge exchange that contribute to Africa's economic sovereignty.

When and Where

Africa Capital Week 2026 will take place from **7–11 September 2026** at the **Argyle Grand Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.**

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

7–8 September 2026

High-Level Forum

Two days of keynote addresses, ministerial dialogues, executive panels and technical sessions focusing on:

- Capital market integration
- Regulatory harmonisation
- Institutional investment
- Private equity
- Infrastructure financing
- Market credibility
- Investment readiness
- Cross-border capital mobilisation

9–11 September 2026
Investment and Project Showcase
Delegates will participate in guided visits to Kenya Vision 2030 flagship projects and selected private sector investment sites across Kenya, providing first-hand exposure to investment-ready opportunities discussed during the forum.

Why Africa Capital Week?

Africa continues to experience significant financing gaps despite possessing substantial investment opportunities and growing pools of domestic and international capital.

Key constraints include:

- Fragmented securities exchanges
- Limited cross-border market integration
- Inconsistent regulatory frameworks
- Thin institutional investor participation
- Limited visibility of investment-ready projects
- Weak post-investment accountability mechanisms

Africa Capital Week has been established to address these challenges by creating a continental marketplace where policy, capital and projects converge to facilitate investment decisions and strengthen Africa's capital markets.

Four Strategic Pillars

Africa Capital Week is built around four strategic pillars:

Policy-Advancing harmonised regulatory frameworks that promote integrated African capital markets.

Pipeline-Showcasing investment-ready enterprises and strategic projects across Africa.

Capital-Connecting regional and international investors with viable investment opportunities.

Credibility-Strengthening governance, transparency and accountability to build investor confidence.

Who Will Attend?

The inaugural forum is expected to convene more than **500 delegates from over 20 African countries**, including:

- Government policymakers
- Securities exchange executives

- Capital market regulators
- Institutional investors
- Sovereign wealth funds
- Pension funds
- Private equity firms
- Development finance institutions
- Commercial banks
- Listed companies
- Academia and research institutions
- Development partners

Organising Partners

Africa Capital Week 2026 is convened through a strategic partnership comprising:

- Kenya Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat
- Capital Markets Authority (CMA)
- The National Treasury
- State Department for Economic Planning (SDEP)
- Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)
- African Securities Exchanges Association (ASEA)
- National Black Chamber of Commerce (NBCC)
- Kenya Association of Stockbrokers and Investment Banks (KASIB)
- other public and private sector partners.

Objectives

Africa Capital Week seeks to:

- Convene continental and global leaders in capital markets and investment.
- Advance policy dialogue on market integration and regulatory harmonisation.
- Showcase investment-ready public and private sector projects.
- Facilitate investment partnerships and capital mobilisation.
- Strengthen Africa's financial markets and economic competitiveness.
- Position Africa as a globally attractive investment destination.

Expected Outcomes

The forum is expected to deliver:

- **The Nairobi Declaration 2026**—a set of strategic commitments to be presented to H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto, CGH, President of the Republic of Kenya, in his capacity as the African Union Champion for Institutional Reforms.
- **The formal launch of Africa Capital Week** as Africa's permanent annual platform for capital markets development and investment collaboration.

- **The Africa Capital Week 2026 Report**, documenting the proceedings, commitments and implementation framework to ensure accountability and continuity.

Registration

Registration is now open at:
www.africacapitalweek.org

Participants may register under the following categories:

- Delegate
- Kenyan Group Delegates
- International Delegate
- Forum Partner
- Media

Following registration and payment (where applicable), delegates will receive confirmation and accreditation details.

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