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Business Summit 2026

EVENT PROGRAMME





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Arrivals and registration & welcome refreshments

08:15 – 09:00

Event Chair

Dr Debbie Weekes Bernard, Deputy Mayor, Communities and Social Justice.

09:10 - 09:15

Welcome speech

NatWest (Summit host) Søren Nikolajsen, Managing Director, Government and Industry Engagement, NatWest

09:15 - 09:25

Opening remarks

HMG, Name TBC

09:25 - 09:35

Keynote speech 1

Hon. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, Minister of Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Ghana,

09:35 - 09:45

Keynote speech 2

Sir Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London

09:45 - 10:15

Panel 1

London and Africa – the next chapter for growth

10:15 - 10:20

The shifting global growth landscape and Africa's rising economic role London's position as a global hub for African capital, business and talent. Opportunities for deeper London–Africa economic collaboration. Key priorities for strengthening the partnership over the next decade.

Moderator:

Nadeem Javaid MBE, Mayoral Director, Global Relations and Communities

Panellists:

Mo Abudu, CEO, EbonyLife

Runa Alam, Co-founder and Chair, Development Partners International (DPI)

Professor Adam Habib, Vice-Chancellor, SOAS

Spotlight slot 1

African company's journey setting up and expanding in London, Name TBC (L&P to identify speaker),

10:20 - 10:45

Comfort break



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Panel 2

The Capital Corridor: Making London-Africa Investment Work

11:30 - 11:35

What London offers to African companies seeking to scale internationally. How UK capital markets are opening to African listings and funds. The role of the UK-Africa Sandbox and other structured investment vehicles. Tackling barriers to investment — FX risk, valuation gaps, and capital visibility. Examples of African firms successfully raising or operating in London / How UK-based investors are deploying capital into African markets / Practical next steps to build repeatable investment pathways.

Moderator:

Janet Coyle CBE, Managing Director, Business Growth, London & Partners

Panellists:

Tom Attenborough, Head of International Markets, London Stock Exchange
Olukorede K.O Adenowo, CEO, FirstBank UK
Rahul Ahluwalia, CEO, OFI
Temi Popoola, GMD/CEO, Nigerian Exchange Group
Freda Isingoma, Octopus Ventures AIM Fund

Spotlight slot 2

London company's journey setting up and expanding in Africa, Yomi Tejumola, CEO & Founder, Algomarketing

11:35 - 12:20

Panel 3

Trade Bridges: Unlocking London-Africa Partnerships

12:20 - 12:25

Identifying the priority sectors for long-term London-Africa cooperation. The role of diaspora networks in enabling cross-border business. Technology and AI partnerships — from research links to startup scaling. Climate and energy transition projects connecting finance and delivery. Financial services and fintech — potential for joint regulatory frameworks. Urban development and infrastructure partnerships between city authorities. Cultural and creative collaborations leveraging diaspora networks. Outlining flagship "corridors" (e.g. London-Lagos, London-Nairobi) and their next steps.

Moderator:

Precious Oyelade - Ecosystem builder, Founder, POV

Panellists:

Eniola Aluki MBE, former professional footballer, lawyer, author, entrepreneur
Joe Kinvi, Borderless & HoaQ
Ujama Akpata, Founder, Cargoplug
Benjamin Fernandes, Founder, NALA

Spotlight slot 3 - Re-launch of UK-Africa Sandbox funding, Anthony Catt, Founder, Ventures 54 & London Africa Network,

12:25 - 12:30

Closing remarks

Howard Dawber OBE, Deputy Mayor, Business and Growth,

Networking fork buffet



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YOUR SPEAKERS



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Vice-Chancellor of SOAS
University of London



Benjamin Fernandes
Founder and CEO of NALA



Howard Dawber
Deputy Mayor for Business
and Chair of London and Partners



Joe Kinvi
Co-founder and CEO of Borderless



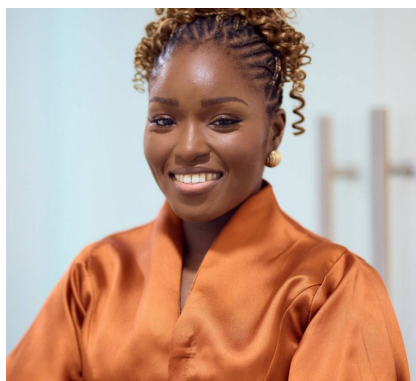
Mo Abudu
CEO/Founder, EbonyLife Group



Nadeem Javaid MBE
Mayoral Director for Global Relations
and Communities



K.O Adenowo
CEO of FirstBank UK Limited



Precious Oyelade
Founder of POV



YOUR SPEAKERS



Rahul Ahluwalia
CEO for Office for Investment: FS



Runa Alam
co-founder of Development Partners
International ("DPI")



Tom Attenborough
Head of International Primary Markets,
London Stock Exchange



Ujama Akpata
Co-founder of Jand2Gidi



Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard
Deputy Mayor for Communities and
Social Justice



Sir Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London
(awaiting speech for BSL)



Hon. Elizabeth Oforu-Adjare
Minister of Trade, Agribusiness
and Industry, Ghana
(awaiting official photo & speech BSL)



Freda Isingoma
Fund Manager, Octopus
AIM VCTs; Entrepreneur & Investor
(awaiting official photo)



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YOUR SPEAKERS



Temi Popoola
GMD/CEO, Nigerian Exchange Group
(awaiting official photo)



Eniola Aluko MBE
Former Professional Footballer,
Lawyer, Author & Entrepreneur
(awaiting official photo)



Anthony William Catt
Founder & Director, Ventures 54 &
London Africa Network
(awaiting official photo)



Søren Nikolajsen
Managing Director, Government and
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