



AFRICA CEO FORUM

ANNUAL SUMMIT

ABIDJAN
12-13 May 2025

Founder



Host Country



Co-Host



The largest annual gathering of the African private sector



+2800
participants



+1200
C-suite
executives



6 Presidents
4 Prime
Ministers



+100
partners



+300
speakers



+160
VIPs from the
private sector



+500
Government
participants



+750
women
leaders



+90
countries
represented



+300
journalists



75
Panels, debates
roundtables...



+2200
Summit app
users

An event acclaimed by its participants

89.7%

of participants
recommend
attending the
Africa CEO Forum

41.0%

have signed
deals during
the Forum

97.2%

of participants
plan to attend
ACF 2026



*The Africa CEO
Forum has
become the
equivalent of the
Davos for Africa.*

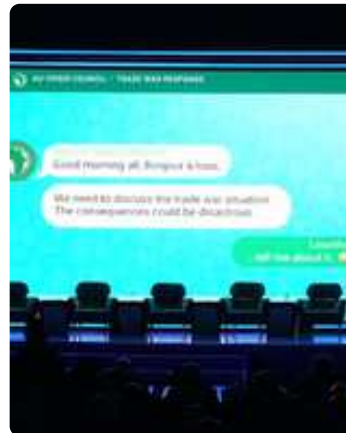
Ziyad Bundhun
CEO, AFG Capital



A taste of the Africa CEO Forum 2025



The Africa CEO Forum 2025 in pictures



Africa CEO Forum Awards



Winners of the Africa CEO Forum Awards 2025

CEO of the Year	Idrissa Nassa
Local Impact Champion	Danone
Pan-African Champion	Africa Re
Family Business of the Year	Rawbank
Gender Leader	Schneider Electric
Disrupters Club	Nala



An ambitious agenda



+300 speakers
75 sessions, including

- 1 Presidential Panel
- 7 Investment promotion sessions
- 14 Partner events
- 20 Closed-door discussions
- 25 High-level panels



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Opening Panel & Presidential Panel

The Annual Summit opened with a bang, featuring introductory remarks by President Ouattara, followed by a high-level CEO panel and a presidential panel headlined by President Ramaphosa, President Kagame, President Ghazouani, and Vice-President Koné.



Creative Industries

A topic that has grown in importance for Africa, the creative industries panel featured superstar Davido, marking one of the summit's undisputed highlights.



Built to last

Family businesses are at the core of Africa's economic fabric. This was highlighted in the most oversubscribed session of the Summit: a conversation between Acha Leke and Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede on how to build a lasting family business.



CEO Talk

Each year, the Africa CEO Forum brings together some of Africa's foremost CEOs to address the main theme of the summit. This year, Mustafa Rawji, Christian Stammkoetter and Gagan Gupta were in the spotlight.

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Disrupters Club

Gathering Africa's most innovative and disruptive startups, the 2025 Disrupters Club showcased the brand-new Disrupters Village, in partnership with Visa. A dedicated session and networking space offered visibility to the continent's future unicorns like Wave and Nala, as well as innovative incubators such as 54 Collective.



Invest In Sessions

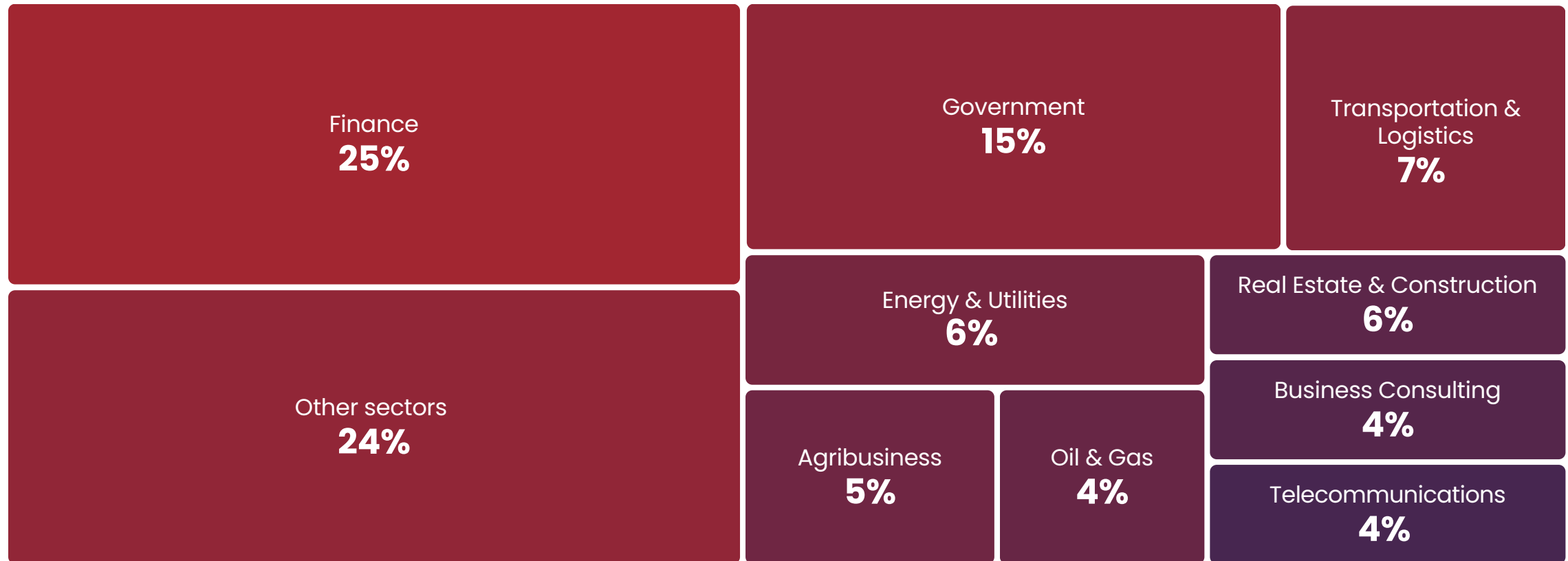
Six countries took advantage of the Africa CEO Forum's spotlight to showcase their local strengths to the continent's most influential investors and decision-makers. Côte d'Ivoire, South Africa, Guinea, Rwanda, Gabon, and Benin demonstrated impressive progress in competitiveness, transparency, and economic governance during these sessions.



Women Working for Change

As female empowerment becomes increasingly vital for Africa's future, the Annual Summit had the privilege to organise both a panel and a workshop to place African women at the forefront of the continent's development. High-level executives like Clare Akamanzi (NBA Africa), Delphine Traoré (SanlamAllianz), Diane Karusisi (Bank of Kigali), and Catherine Muraga (Microsoft) were among the many glass ceiling-breaking women attending the Annual Summit.

Who was at the Africa CEO Forum 2025?



The leading platform for public-private dialogue: more than 500 public decision-makers engaged with the private sector at ACF 2025



"As I walked in with President Ouattara, President Kagame, and others, just as I entered this room, I could smell money. And I welcome this opportunity to sit here and look at people who have money or control money."



**H.E. Alassane
OUATTARA**
President,
Republic of Côte
d'Ivoire



**H.E. Bassirou
Diomaye FAYE**
President,
Republic of
Senegal



**H.E. John
Dramani
MAHAMA**
President,
Republic of
Ghana



**H.E. Cyril
RAMAPHOSA**
President,
Republic of South
Africa



**H.E. Paul
KAGAME**
President,
Republic of
Rwanda



**H.E. Mohamed
Cheikh
EL GHAZOUANI**
President,
Islamic Republic
of Mauritania



Other Dignitaries



**H.E. Robert
BEUGRE MAMBE**
Prime Minister,
Republic of Côte
d'Ivoire



**H.E. KASSIM
MAJALIWA**
Prime Minister,
Republic of
Tanzania



**H.E. Amadou
OURY BAH**
Prime Minister,
Republic
of Guinea



**H.E. Joseph
Dion NGUTE**
Prime Minister,
Republic of
Cameroon



**H.E. Tiémoko
Meyliet KONE**
Vice-President,
Republic of Côte d'Ivoire



**H.E. Jumoke
ODUWOLE**
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Trade and
Investment Federal
Republic of Nigeria



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Minister of State for
Economic Coordination,
Republic of Angola



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Minister Delegate to the
Head of Government,
responsible for Investment,
Convergence, and
Evaluation of Public
Policies, Kingdom of
Morocco



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HADDADI**
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African Union
Commission



S.E. Wamkele MENE
Secretary-General,
AfCFTA



**Mr Mathias
CORMANN**
Secretary-General,
OECD



John HUMPHREY
His Majesty's Trade
Commissioner for
Africa United-
Kingdom



Amb. Troy FITRELL
Senior Bureau Official,
U.S. Department of State



Takehiko MATSUO
Vice-Minister for
International Affairs
Ministry of
Economy, Trade
and Industry,
Japan

#ACF25: the event attended by leading DFIs



"Africa's potential is immense, as is its diversity. To realize this potential, we must mobilize private capital towards a competitive and productive Africa."



Makhtar DIOP
Managing Director,
IFC



Ethiopis TAFARA
Regional Vice
President,
Africa, IFC



Sidi Ould-Tah
President,
AfDB



Françoise Lombard
CEO,
Proparco



Serge EKUE
President,
BOAD



Samaila ZUBAIRU
CEO,
AFC



Maria Hakansson
CEO,
Swedfund



Naana Fynn
Regional Director,
Norfund



Alain EBOBISSÉ
CEO,
Africa50



Rolland Siller
CEO,
DEG



Michael Jongeneel
CEO,
FMO



Charles Mudiwa
CEO,
DFCU



Joris Totte
CEO,
Bio-Invest



**Nkem
Onwuamaegbu**
Africa Regional
Head, MIGA



Chris Chijiutomi
MD & Head of
Africa, BII



Heike Harmgart
MD for Sub-Saharan
Africa, EBRD

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*"It's time to bring everything back to Africa.
Africa must stop seeking external validation"*



Davido
CEO,
Davido Music
Worldwide



Aigboje AIG-IMOUKHUEDE
Chairman, Access
Holdings and Coronation
Group



Gagan GUPTA
CEO,
Arise



Soren TOFT
CEO,
MSC



Philippe LABONNE
President,
AGL



Hardy PEMHIWA
President & CEO,
Cassava Technologies



Pierre BILLON
CEO,
Sifca Group



Aida DIARRA
Senior Vice President
and Head of Sub-
Saharan Africa,
VISA



Christian STAMKOETTER
President Asia, Africa
and Middle East,
Danone



Mohamed Hassan BENSALAH
CEO,
Holmarcom Group



Walid SHETA
President, Middle-
East & Africa
Schneider Electric



Delphine TRAORE
CEO GI,
SanlamAllianz



Clare AKAMANZI
CEO,
NBA Africa



Aboubaker OMAR HADII
Chairman,
Djibouti Ports & Free
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Dr. Lutz Hegemann
President, Global
Health & Swiss Country
Affairs, Sanofi



Christel HEYDEMANN
CEO,
Orange Group



Marco ARCELLI
CEO,
Acwa Power



Mathieu FRIEDBERG
CEO,
Ceva Logistics



Yvonne IKE
MD & Head of Sub-
Saharan Africa
Bank of America



Corneille KAREKEZI
CEO,
Africa Re



**Jean Philippe
TORRES**
Senior VP Africa,
Total Energies



Mustafa RAWJI
CEO,
Rawbank



**Roosevelt
OGBONNA**
CEO,
Access Bank



Edhah NAHDI
CEO,
Amsons Group



Clément CHINKANDA
Managing Director,
Old Mutual
Africa Regions



Tosin ENIOLORUNDA
Co-Founder & Group
CEO, Moniepoint



Guillaume DALAIS
Group Chief Executive,
Ciel Ltd

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"If you had to meet individually with all the people you encounter at the Africa CEO Forum, it would take years."



Mossadeck Bally
CEO,
Groupe Azalai Hotels



Thierry HEBRAUD
CEO,
MCB



Luca VIGNATI
Upstream Director,
ENI



Hien SIE
CEO,
Port Autonome d'Abidjan



Sionle YEO
CEO,
AFG Holding



Mohamed HETITI
CEO,
OCP Africa



Jean Kacou DIAGOU
Founder & President,
NSIA Group



Neville MATJIE
CEO,
Brand SA



Grégory CLERC
CEO,
Castel



Paul Harry AITHNARD
Regional CEO,
Ecobank



Catherine MURAGA
Managing Director,
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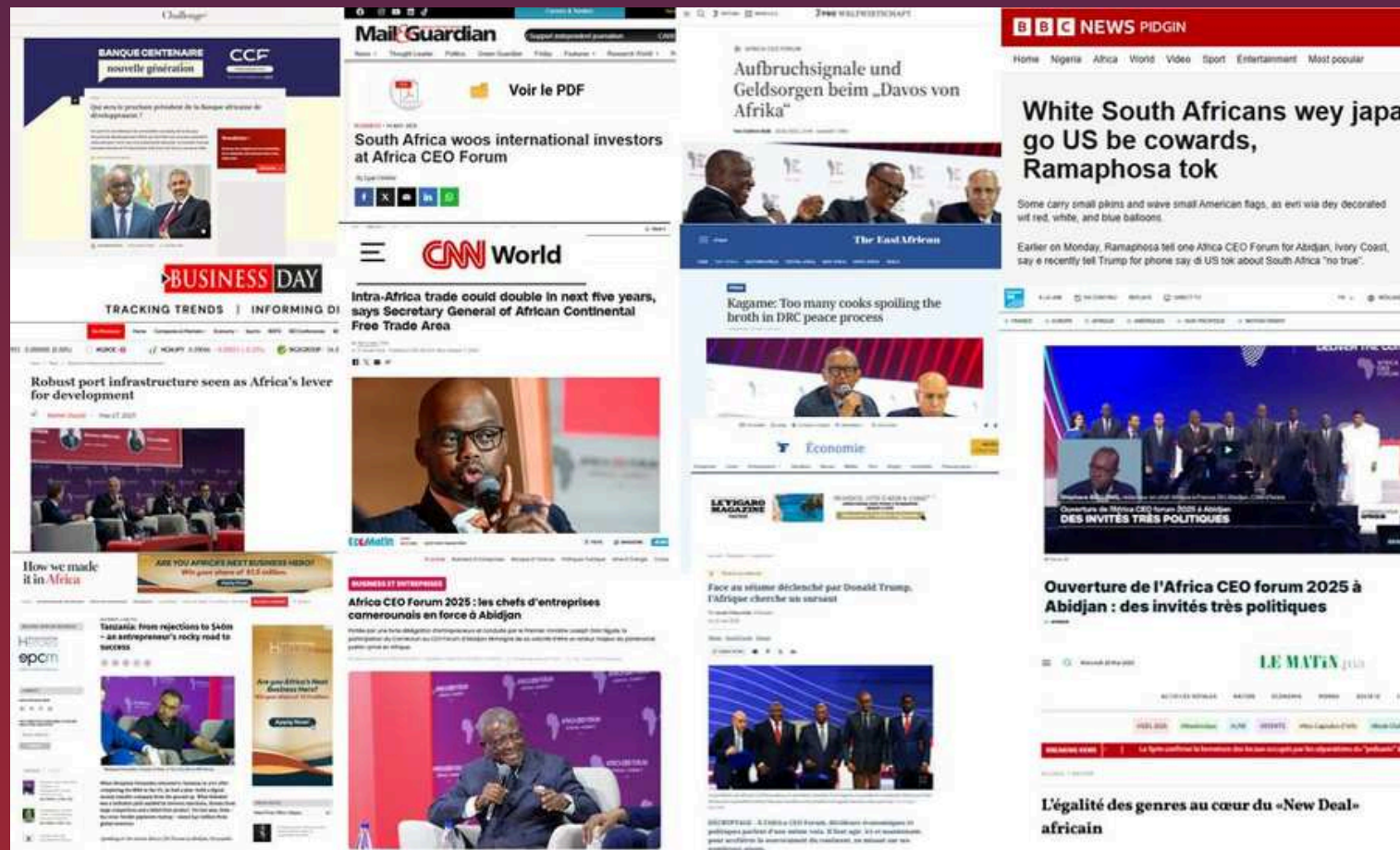
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Potential Reach



302
journalists



+90
media outlets



...and making waves across the internet

ONLINE REACH

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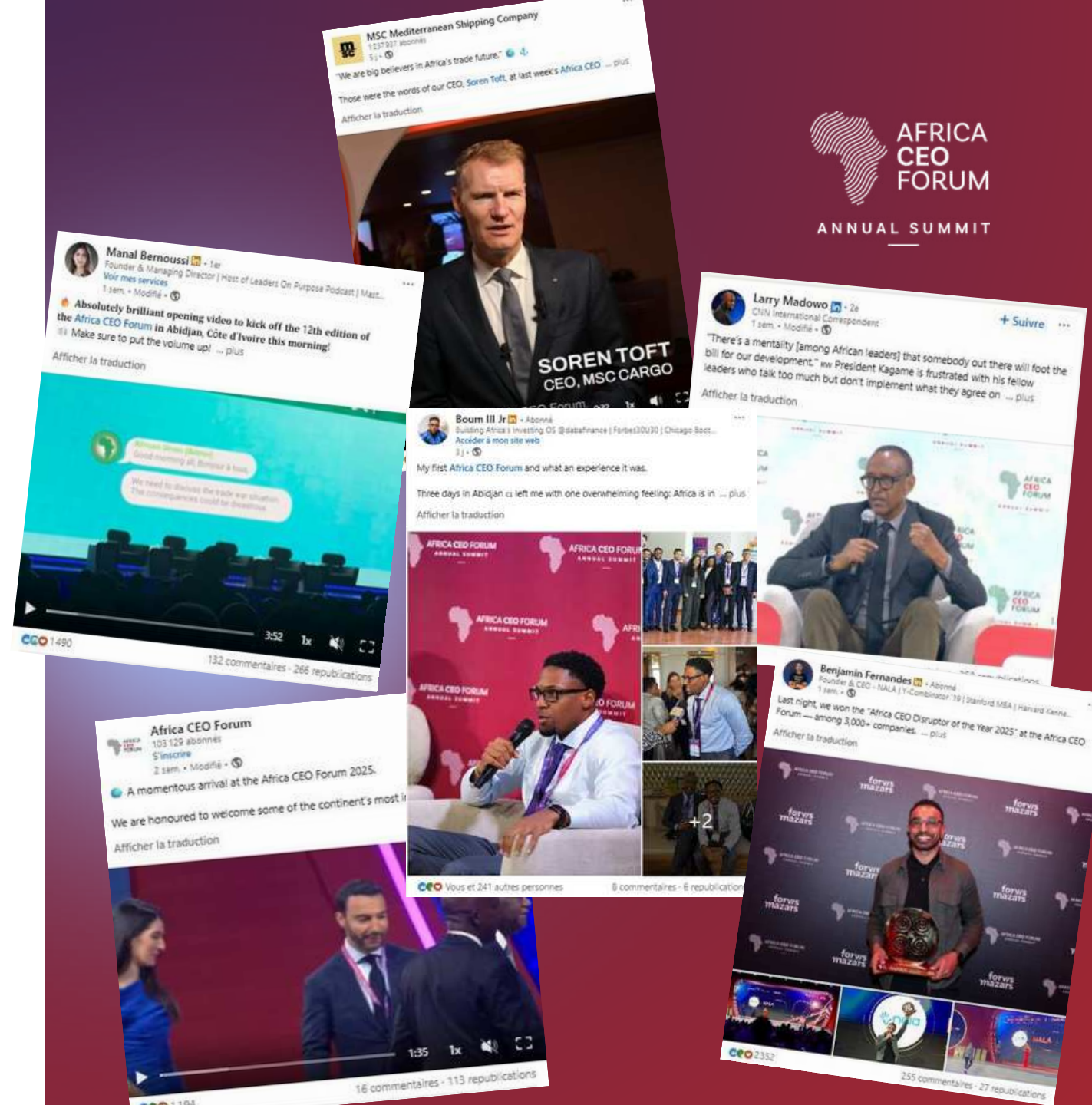
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+165K followers



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