



AFRICA CEO FORUM
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Highlights

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OVERVIEW

THE LARGEST ANNUAL GATHERING OF THE AFRICAN PRIVATE SECTOR



AFRICA CEO FORUM
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+2800
participants

+1200
C-suite executives

6 Presidents
3 Prime Ministers
& Vice-President

100
partners

+300
speakers

175
VIPs from the private
sector

+500
Government participants

+800
women leaders

+90
countries represented

+300
journalists

80
Panels, roundtables,
debates, ...

+2200
Summit app users

AN EVENT ACCLAIMED BY ITS PARTICIPANTS



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“The Africa CEO Forum plays a critical role in shaping the conversations and partnerships driving Africa's economic transformation.”

Dr James Mwangi

Group MD

Equity Group Holdings PLC



- Net Promoter Score (NPS) : **+56**
- **90.5%** of participants recommend participating in the Africa CEO Forum
- **8.7/10** rating by participants
- **53%** signed deals during the forum

A TASTE OF THE AFRICA CEO FORUM 2026



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THE AFRICA CEO FORUM 2026 IN PICTURES



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AGENDA

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+300 speakers
80 sessions, including:

- 1 Presidential Panel
- 2 Executive Dialogues
- 7 WebTV live sessions
- 8 Investment promotion sessions
- 15 Closed-door discussions
- 16 Partner events
- 20 High-level panels and debates

#ACF26: TOP STORIES UNFOLD



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Opening Panel & Presidential Panel

The summit opened with President Kagame, Abdul Samad Rabi'u and Makhtar Diop setting the terms: Africa must build at scale and on its own terms. The opening panel and presidential panel - featuring Presidents Tinubu and Oligui Nguema - asked what stands between shared ownership and its realisation.



Think Bigger

Africa has entered a new cycle of mega-projects. Angola sovereign wealth fund chairman Armando Manuel, Winning International's Sophie Lv and the World Bank's Valerie Levkov asked how transformative infrastructure multiplies local players and value chains across the sectors it unlocks.

Mineral-Power Nexus

Africa's extractive and energy sectors are increasingly being planned together. Botswana's Vice-President Ndaba Gaolathe joined a high-level discussion of industry executives asking how integrated project design can turn resource wealth into lasting value chains - not just export corridors.



The Scale Architects

Each year, the Africa CEO Forum brings together some of Africa's foremost business leaders to address the summit's central theme. This year, Schneider Electric's Jean-Pascal Tricoire, Equity Group's James Mwangi, Ecobank's Jeremy Awori and ARISE's Gagan Gupta were in the spotlight.



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The African Arena

Africa generates global sports audiences but retains little of the commercial upside. Two linked sessions brought together IFC's Makhtar Diop and IFC's Makhtar Diop and Masai Ujiri, Dallas Mavericks Team President and Giants of Africa co-founder, to make the case for African sport as an asset class.



Invest In Sessions

Eight countries took advantage of the Africa CEO Forum's spotlight to showcase their strengths to the continent's most influential investors. Angola, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Morocco, Rwanda, South Africa and Tanzania made the case for scale and value chain development across their economies.



The Disrupters Club

Africa's tech sector has hit an inflection point. The Disrupters Club examined consolidation as the new scaling strategy - and asked whether it can produce durable pan-African champions. A Pioneer Playbook roundtable brought first-wave founders together to share the hard-won lessons behind companies built to last.



Women Working for Change

This year's WFC sessions moved beyond access to finance to who owns and captures value. Closed Circuit examined why female founders self-select out of growth capital; Who Owns the Middle? widened the lens to market structure and participation at the centre of African value chains.

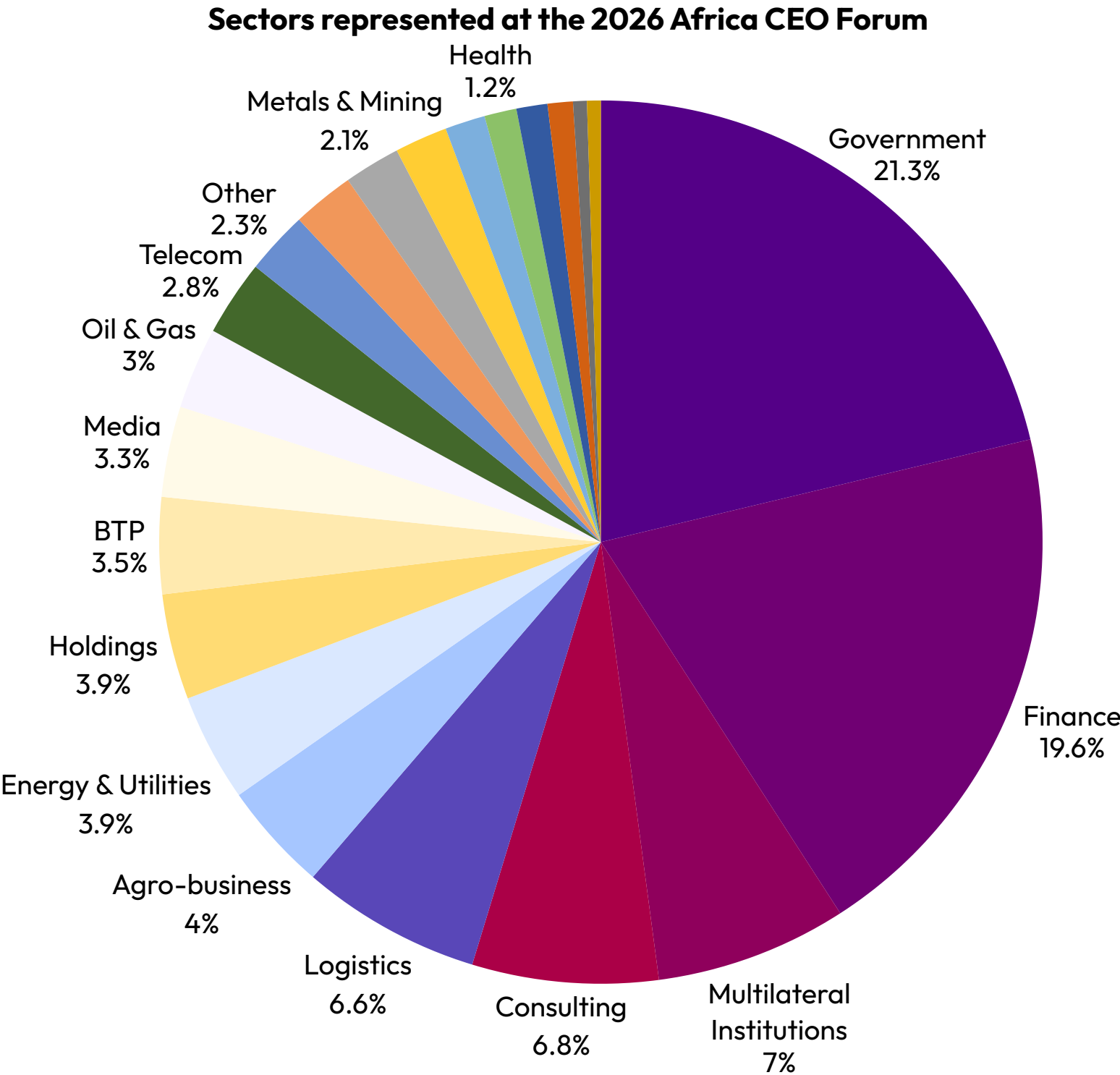
PARTICIPATION

WHO WAS AT THE AFRICA CEO FORUM 2026?



Our participants from a record-breaking 78 countries

Africa – North	4%
Africa – West	24%
Africa – Central	4%
Africa – East	32%
Africa – Southern	9%
Europe	17%
Asia	6%
North America	4%



#ACF26: THE EVENT ATTENDED BY LEADING DFIS



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Makhtar DIOP
Managing Director,
IFC



Ethiopis TAFARA
Regional Vice President,
Africa, IFC



SIDI OULD-TAH
President, AfDB



**Abdullah
ALMUSAIBEEH**
President, BADEA



FRANÇOISE LOMBARD
CEO, Proparco



Serge EKUE
President, BOAD



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Regional Director,
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Heike HARMGART
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CEO, DEG



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CEO, FMO



JORIS TOTTE
CEO, Bio-Invest



Kanayo AWANI
Executive Vice-President
Afreximbank



CHRIS CHIJUTOMI
MD & Head of Africa,
BII

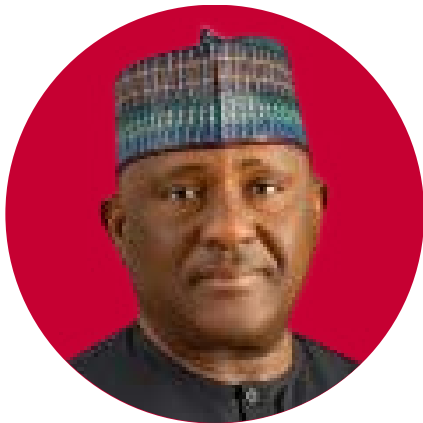


**H.E. ENG. FAISAL
ALQAHTANI**
Deputy CEO, Saudi Fund
for Development

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Founder & Chairman
BUA Group



Gagan GUPTA
CEO,
Arise



Philippe LABONNE
President,
AGL



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Regional Managing
Director, Africa & Europe
APM Terminals



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CEO
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Chief Executive Officer
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Ex.VP International
Operations
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Corneille KAREKEZI
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Svp Africa-upstream
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Hashem GHABASHI
President
ACWA Africa



Sophie LV
CEO
Winning Consortium



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Managing Director &
CEO
Lagos Free Zone



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STEENE**
Managing Director for
the Indian Subcontinent,
ME & Africa
Maersk



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



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CEO & managing
Director ME Africa
region
DP World FZE



Karim NOUJAIM
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Partner, Skykapital



Olalekan OGUNLEYE
Executive Vice President,
Gas, Power & New
Energy, NNPC Ltd.



Chukwuerika ACHUM
CEO
Vivajets FalconAero

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Chairwoman & CEO,
In Groupe



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President for Europe,
Turkey, Middle East and
Africa (EMEA), Danone



Max MULLER
Senior VP- Head of
Global Public Affairs
Bayer



Jeremy AWORI
Group Chief Executive
Officer
Ecobank



Adewale TINUBU
Group CEO
Oando PLC



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President & Group CEO,
Cassava Technologies



Papa Amadou SARR
Managing director,
Porteo Group



Aminata KANE
Group Country Manager
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Visa



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Standard Chartered



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RODRIGUES LELIS**
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Investimentos



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Director, Renaissance
Energy Company



Oladayo WILLIAMS
Managing director,
Tetracore Energy Group



Zemin LIU
President of Enterprise
Business, Huawei

A GROWING GATHERING OF PHILANTHROPIC ACTORS



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Gates Foundation



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Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation



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Senior Vice-President
Africa Regional Office
Rockefeller Foundation



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More than 500 Public Decision-Makers engaged with the Private Sector at ACF 2025



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President
Republic of Rwanda



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Federal Republic of Nigeria



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Oligui NGUEMA**
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Gabonese Republic



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DOUMBOUYA**
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Republic of Guinea



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Republic of Mozambique



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

“Africa needs to put its money where its mouth is”

H.E. Bola Ahmed TINUBU

PRIME MINISTERS AND VICE-PRESIDENT



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



**Rt Hon. Justin
NSENGIYUMVA**
Prime Minister
Republic of Rwanda



**H.E. Ndaba
GAOLATHE**
Vice-President
Republic of Botswana

40+ MINISTERS



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Ministro de Estado para a
Coordenação Económica,
Republic of Angola



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Minister of Industry,
Trade and Investment,
Federal Republic of
Nigeria



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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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Technologies, Tanzania



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Minister of Economy,
Finance and Debt, Gabon



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Coordinating Minister of
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MUSHIKIWABO**
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**Moussa
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Former Chairperson
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MAKING HEADLINES AROUND THE WORLD...



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+5100
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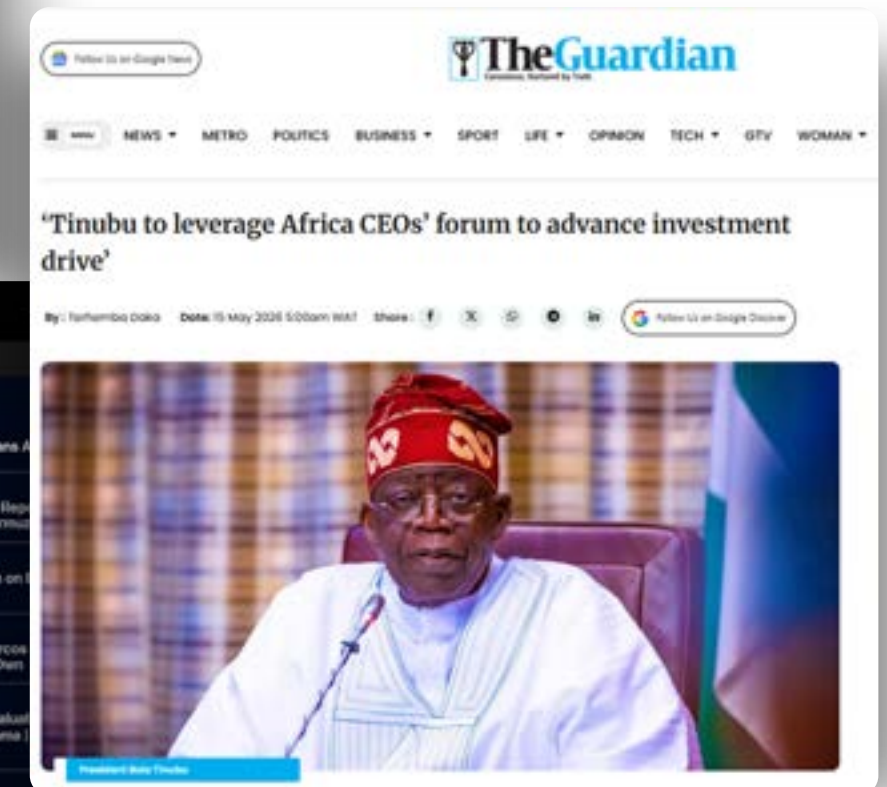
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+60
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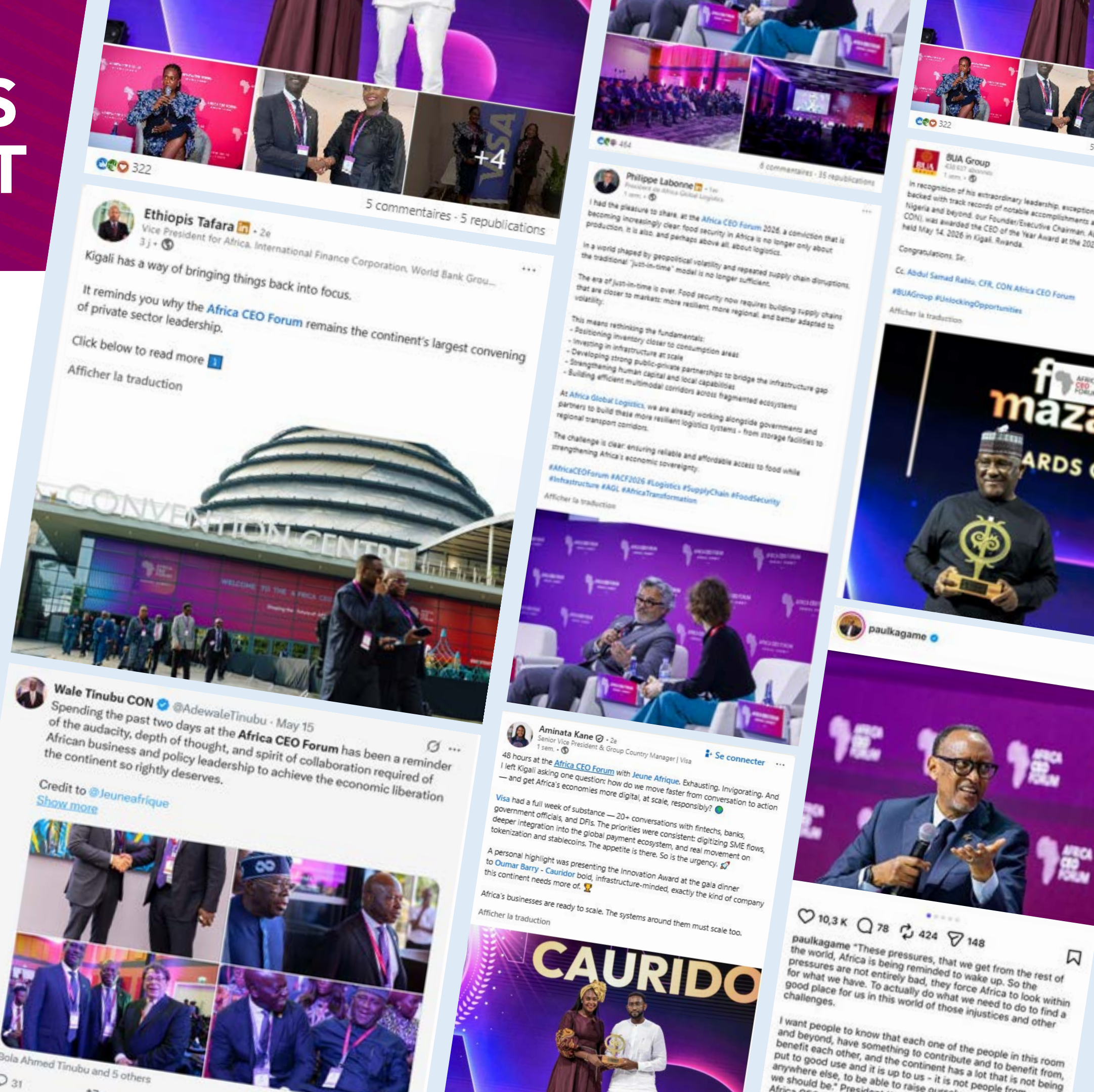
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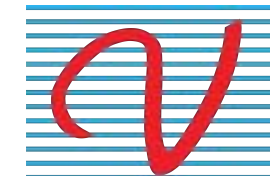


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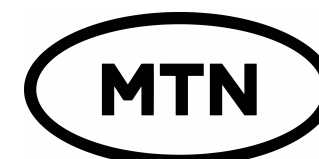


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