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Africa CEO Forum 2026 Set to Convene Leaders and Investors in Kigali

By STAFF Writer

KIGALI, Rwanda — The 2026 edition of the Africa CEO Forum will take place on May 14 and 15 at the Kigali Convention Centre, bringing together business leaders, investors, policymakers, and development finance institutions from across Africa and beyond.

Founded in 2012 by Jeune Afrique Media Group and co-hosted by the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the forum has grown into one of Africa's leading platforms for public-private dialogue, investment partnerships, and economic strategy discussions.

This year's edition will be held under the theme, "The scale imperative: Why Africa must embrace shared ownership," with discussions expected to focus on cross-border cooperation, shared investment models, and the development of continental-scale African enterprises capable of competing globally.

The summit is expected to attract around 2,000 participants from more than 70 countries, including CEOs, heads of state, ministers, development finance leaders, investors, and journalists. Organizers say the forum continues to expand in scale and influence, with the 2025 edition having recorded more than 2,800 participants from 90 countries.

Key discussions during the two-day event will center on financing infrastructure, industrialisation, mining, energy integration, digital sovereignty, institutional capital mobilisation, and cross-border trade systems.

Leaders are also expected to explore strategies for building stronger African industries through shared equity structures, regional cooperation, and risk-sharing mechanisms.

A major component of the forum will be the "Invest In" sessions, where investors and CEOs engage directly with government officials on sector opportunities, investment pipelines, and development priorities. The platform is designed not only for dialogue but also to facilitate investment agreements, business partnerships, and public-private collaborations aimed at accelerating long-term economic growth across the continent.

According to organizers, the forum has facilitated more than $1 billion in investment commitments over the last two editions through agreements involving governments, development finance institutions, and private sector actors.

The forum will follow a two-day structure combining plenary discussions, thematic panels, and structured business meetings aimed at advancing investment opportunities and strengthening partnerships between governments and the private sector.

Several African heads of state are expected to attend the 2026 edition, including President Paul Kagame of Rwanda, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu of Nigeria, President Brice Clotaire Oligui Nguema of Gabon, President Mohamed Ould Ghazouani of Mauritania, President Daniel Chapo of Mozambique, and President Mamadi Doumbouya of Guinea. Prime ministers, ministers, and senior government officials from across the continent are also expected to participate.

AT A GLANCE

2,000
Expected participants from 70+ countries

70+
Countries represented

25+
Heads of state and government

$1+ Billion
Investment commitments facilitated in last two editions

May 14–15, 2026
Kigali Convention Centre, Kigali, Rwanda

A leading platform for public-private dialogue, investment and economic transformation in Africa

KEY DISCUSSION AREAS

Financing Infrastructure
Building resilient and connected infrastructure across Africa

Industrialisation & Mining
Promoting value addition and sustainable resource development

Energy Integration
Expanding clean energy and regional energy solutions

Digital Sovereignty
Advancing Africa's digital future and technology leadership

Institutional Capital
Mobilising long-term capital for development

Cross-Border Trade
Strengthening trade systems and unlocking market opportunities

> *"The scale imperative calls for a new mindset—one built on shared ownership, partnership and a bold commitment to Africa's future.*
>
> – Africa CEO Forum 2026 Theme

ABOUT AFRICA CEO FORUM

Since its launch in Geneva in 2012, the Africa CEO Forum has expanded across multiple host cities, creating a powerful platform for business leaders, investors and policymakers to drive Africa's economic transformation.

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BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Rwanda's Capital Market Is Building Strong Foundations for Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Growth

By Dr. Manzi Rutayisire Antoine

Rwanda's development story is often associated with visible progress in infrastructure, tourism, housing, technology, and public services. Yet, another important transformation is taking place more quietly: the steady growth of the country's capital market. Although this progress may not always attract daily attention, it is becoming an important pillar of Rwanda's long-term economic development.

A view of Kigali Convention Centre and the city skyline. Rwanda's capital market is becoming a key driver of sustainable and inclusive economic growth.

Rwanda's capital market is growing with purpose. Its development is supported by strong institutions, sound regulation, improved financial infrastructure, and growing public awareness of saving and investment opportunities. Like many emerging markets, Rwanda's capital market is not being built through speed or spectacle, but through trust, discipline, institutional capacity, and confidence among investors, issuers, and the wider public.

Although the market is still young, its progress is visible. Rwanda has established a more structured capital market ecosystem, supported by a regulatory framework that promotes investor protection, transparency, market integrity, and orderly growth. The Capital Market Authority continues to provide oversight through licensing, supervision, investor protection, and market conduct, while the Rwanda Stock Exchange offers a formal platform for securities trading. Other market players also support custody, clearing, settlement, and advisory services.

At the centre of this progress is trust. Investors must trust the rules of the market, companies must trust the process of raising long-term capital, and the public must have confidence that the market is fair, transparent, and well supervised. This is why governance, disclosure, regulation, and investor protection remain essential to Rwanda's capital market journey.

The growth of the market is also changing how Rwandans think about saving and investment. Traditionally, many citizens and businesses have relied on banks, informal savings groups, land, or traditional business activities. Today, the capital market offers additional regulated investment opportunities, including shares, Treasury bonds, corporate bonds, and collective investment schemes. This creates a wider platform for households, companies, pension funds, insurers, and long-term investors to participate in national development.

Financial infrastructure has also improved. Through the Central Securities Depository and related settlement systems, Rwanda has strengthened the mechanisms that record ownership, process transactions, support clearing and settlement, and protect investors. These systems are essential for a stable, efficient, and credible market.

Government securities have played a major role in this development. Treasury bills support short-term liquidity management, while Treasury bonds provide long-term financing and help build the yield curve. This foundation can support the future expansion of corporate bonds, infrastructure bonds, and other long-term financing instruments needed for private sector growth and national development.

Technology offers another opportunity. Rwanda's digital transformation can help reduce costs, improve access, simplify investor onboarding, and make investment products more accessible to citizens and small enterprises. However, innovation must remain structured and supported by strong safeguards for investor protection and market integrity.

Regional integration is also important. Deeper cooperation within the East African Community can help Rwanda access a larger investment space, attract more investors, and support cross-border capital mobilisation.

Overall, Rwanda's capital market is becoming more organised, credible, and better positioned for future growth. Its progress is steady and deliberate. With continued focus on regulation, innovation, liquidity, retail participation, and regional integration, the market can become a stronger driver of investment, private sector growth, and inclusive national development.

> ***"Trust, transparency, and strong institutions are the foundation of a capital market that serves today's investors and tomorrow's generation."***

AT A GLANCE

Growing Ecosystem
Stronger institutions, sound regulation, and improved market infrastructure.

Investor Protection
Governance, disclosure and market integrity build trust and confidence.

More Opportunities
Shares, bonds, and collective schemes offer wider investment choices.

Strong Infrastructure
CSD and settlement systems support safe, efficient and credible markets.

Future Focus
Innovation, liquidity and regional integration will drive long-term growth.

KEY MARKET PLAYERS

- **Capital Market Authority (CMA)**
  Regulation, supervision and investor protection
- **Rwanda Stock Exchange (RSE)**
  Trading platform for securities
- **Central Securities Depository (CSD)**
  Securities custody and settlement
- **Licensed Intermediaries**
  Brokerage, advisory, fund management and more

THE BIGGER PICTURE

A deeper and more inclusive capital market supports private sector growth, job creation, innovation, and Rwanda's ambition to become a high-income, knowledge-based economy.

Building financial inclusion
More citizens can participate in the capital market through education, access and simple investment solutions.

Supporting businesses
Companies can raise long-term capital locally to expand, innovate and create quality jobs.

Driving national development
Long-term finance for infrastructure, industry and strategic sectors strengthens economic resilience.

Sustainable and inclusive growth
A strong capital market benefits investors, businesses and communities, today and for generations to come.

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Global Conservation Leader Charles Karangwa Departs IUCN After a Decade of Transformative Impact

By DUSABEMUNGU Ange de la Victoire

KIGALI, Rwanda – *Charles Karangwa, the globally recognized Global Head of Nature-Based Solutions (NbS) at the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), is stepping down from his role. In a recent announcement, Karangwa stated, "After nearly 10 years with IUCN, the time has come for me to move on for professional reasons, while continuing to remain engaged in different ways with this remarkable Union and its mission."*

Charles Karangwa, Global Head of Nature-Based Solutions (NbS) at the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

AT A GLANCE

- **Nearly 10 Years** with IUCN driving transformative impact
- Expanded portfolios from $2M to **>$85M**
- Managed **€126 Million** in donor funds
- Major initiatives shaped: AFR100 and Bonn Challenge
- Champion of Nature-based Solutions, climate resilience, and low-carbon development

VOICES OF APPRECIATION

"The 'Karangwa effect' is a blend of energy, commitment, diversity in approach, action - and... inspiration."
– Colleague

"You have built robust country programs, expanded regional opportunities, and advanced global frameworks in highly demanding contexts."
– Charles Oluchina,
IUCN Regional Programme Coordinator

"As an African, I can confidently say that many of us have been inspired by your excellence, dedication, and immense contribution to advancing conservation and NbS across the continent and globally."
– Saadia Bobtoya,
Conservation Professional

1 A DECADE OF TRANSFORMATION

Since taking office in 2019, Karangwa has steered the 88-member bloc through a period of unprecedented modernization and impact.

Over his expansive career spanning more than two decades, Karangwa has become known for his rare ability to bridge high-level strategy with operational delivery.

2 SCALING IMPACT AT UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS

At IUCN, he dramatically expanded regional and global portfolios from $2M to over $85M and successfully managed €126 million in donor funds.

His leadership helped shape major international initiatives like AFR100 and the Bonn Challenge, aligning national priorities with global funding mechanisms to drive low-carbon development and climate resilience.

3 SHAPING GLOBAL INITIATIVES

Karangwa played a pivotal role in AFR100 and the Bonn Challenge, aligning national priorities with global funding to drive low-carbon development and climate resilience.

A major pillar of this evolution was his work on the IUCN Global Standard for Nature-based Solutions.

4 CHAMPION OF NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS

He advanced the IUCN Global Standard for NbS, helping elevate the concept from emerging idea to a recognized framework for tackling climate change, biodiversity loss, land degradation, and human resilience.

Angela A., former Chair of the IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management, thanked him for his vision and their collaboration on updating this critical standard.

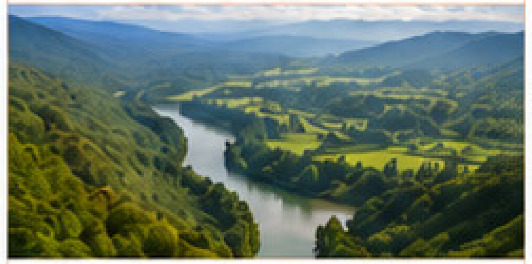
5 EMPOWERING PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

Beyond his global strategic influence, his operational impact has been deeply felt across Africa.

His work advanced inclusion, championed gender equality, youth engagement, and community-led solutions at the heart of conservation.

THE ROAD AHEAD

As the world faces accelerating environmental challenges, Charles Karangwa's legacy stands as a testament to what visionary leadership can achieve.



The work continues.
The impact endures.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF GREEN POLITICS IN EASTERN AFRICA

Regional Green Leaders Celebrate Unity, Environmental Justice and Political Growth at Kigali Summit

By TOP AFRICA NEWS MAGAZINE STAFF

Dr. Frank Habineza addresses members of the Eastern Africa Green Federation during the 25th anniversary gathering in Kigali.

KIGALI, Rwanda – Members of the Eastern Africa Green Federation (EAGF)—a coalition that includes Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Somalia, and Burundi—gathered in Kigali, Rwanda, on May 8–9, 2026, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the global federation of green political parties.

During this significant milestone, representatives emphasized the critical need for citizens across member countries to continue working together without discrimination.

A major achievement over the past 25 years has been the ability of member parties to unite their efforts, moving past national divisions to successfully collaborate and even secure positions in state institutions.

Charles Bbaale, the President of Uganda's Green Party, highlighted this powerful transformation, noting that while members once viewed each other primarily through the lens of their nationalities—such as Rwandan or Somali—they now operate as one unified family contributing to the broader goal of African unity.

Bbaale emphasized that the green parties are completely devoid of tribalism, focus heavily on fighting injustice, and strive to be collaborative partners with their governments rather than merely acting as adversarial politicians.

A representative from Kenya's Green Party pointed out that significant strides have been made in regional representation, most notably in Rwanda, where the party successfully secured seats in both the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate.

The journey has not been without challenges; for instance, the Kenyan party campaigned actively in their recent elections but did not win any seats, though they remain fiercely committed to continuing their political contest.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OVER 25 YEARS

STRONG REGIONAL COLLABORATION
Green parties across Eastern Africa have built solidarity, trust, and aligned strategies to advance shared environmental goals.

POLITICAL REPRESENTATION
Greens have achieved representation in national parliaments, with Rwanda leading the way through seats in the Chamber and Senate.

ANTI-TRIBAL, PRO-JUSTICE POLITICS
Committed to equality, fighting injustice and championing the rights of all citizens without tribal or ethnic discrimination.

INFLUENCING ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY
Greens have shaped national conversations and policies on climate change, biodiversity, and sustainable development.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT & FUTURE LEADERSHIP
Inspiring a new generation of green leaders across the region to drive the transition to a green and just future.

Dr. Frank Habineza, who leads the Global Greens, the EAGF, and Rwanda's Green Party, expressed immense pride in the movement's progress over the last 25 years.

According to Dr. Habineza, green political parties have grown considerably stronger as there has been a major shift in public understanding.

> *"Environmental politics concerns absolutely everyone."*
>
> – Dr. Frank Habineza

He highlighted that international agreements on climate change, signed by governments worldwide, along with the involvement of United Nations environmental programs, firmly reinforce that environmental protection is a universal responsibility.

25 YEARS OF GREEN POLITICS

A LEGACY OF UNITY, ACTION AND HOPE

5 MEMBER COUNTRIES
Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Somalia and Burundi working together for a greener, fairer and more just Africa.

A GLOBAL GREEN FAMILY
Part of the Global Greens Federation uniting green political parties worldwide.

POLITICAL PROGRESS
Greens have secured seats in Rwanda's Chamber of Deputies and Senate.

UNITY BEYOND BORDERS
Overcoming national, ethnic and tribal divisions to build one Green family.

FOCUS AREAS
Fighting injustice, environmental protection, climate resilience annd sustainable development.

LOOKING AHEAD
From influencing policy to seeking executive roles—Greens remain committed to national development and people-centred leadership.

Reflecting on the journey, he noted that the Rwandan party was officially founded in 2009, shortly after his attendance at the second General Assembly in Brazil in 2008.

As the EAGF reflects on a quarter-century of green politics, the focus remains on continued growth and active participation in national

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VOICE OF UNITY

> *"We are no longer defined by our nationalities. We are one Green family working for a united, just and sustainable Africa."*
>
> – Charles Bbaale, President, Uganda Green Party

ABOUT EASTERN AFRICA GREEN FEDERATION (EAGF)

The EAGF is a coalition of green political parties working together to promote environmental protection, social justice, good governance and sustainable development across Eastern Africa and within the global Green movement.

JOURNEY MILESTONES

- **2001** Global Greens Federation founded
- **2008** 2nd General Assembly in Brazil
- **2009** Rwanda Green Party officially founded
- **2018** Greens enter Rwandan Parliament
- **2026** 25th Anniversary Celebration in Kigali, Rwanda

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Groupe Duval Solidifies Long-Term Commitment to African Development at Africa Forward Summit

By DUSABEMUNGU Ange de la Victoire

NAIROBI—Groupe Duval, an independent, French family-owned group, is using the platform of the Africa Forward Summit in Nairobi to highlight its long-standing, sustainable engagement across the African continent. With a development trajectory focused on long-term economic growth and concrete local impact, the Group is currently active in 10 African countries.

Inzovu Mall Project being Constructed In Kigali (Photo)

The French Group operates across key economic and social sectors, including inclusive finance, real estate, commerce, training, and youth integration. Groupe Duval emphasizes its role in partnering with local actors and institutional bodies to create projects that generate jobs, value, and opportunities.

DRIVING FINANCIAL INCLUSION

A major pillar of Groupe Duval's strategy is Finafrica, an integrated microfinance and insurance platform that has become a key player in financial inclusion.

Finafrica is positioned as the only African group to offer this combined model, supporting over 1.3 million clients, including entrepreneurs, traders, farmers, and small businesses, while protecting them and their families against life's uncertainties.

The platform utilizes digital solutions and comprehensive services to professionalize the informal sector, develop high-impact sectors like agriculture, health, and education, and champion the economic empowerment of women, who currently account for 48% of the individuals financed by Finafrica.

Finafrica's development is supported by solid institutional partnerships, notably with Proparco, which holds 10% of its capital.

INVESTING IN SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

In real estate, Groupe Duval has invested over €400 million in Africa to date, focusing on structuring projects with significant urban and social dimensions.

The Group aims to transform major African metropolises by creating integrated environments that combine offices, retail, hotels, housing, leisure, and event infrastructure.

Key projects include:

- **Inzovu in Kigali, Rwanda:** Designed as a new regional economic and event hub.
- **Village Notre Père in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire:** An example of integrated mixed operations within the local urban fabric.
- **Espace Diobass in Senegal:** Contributing to the development of accessible, structured social housing for the territory.

This real estate strategy is also backed by leading international financial partners, including Proparco.

RETAIL AND SOCIAL IMPACT

The Group is also expanding its retail activities by creating and operating commercial spaces tailored to local market needs, including collaborations with Coopérative U and La Foir'Fouille.

Beyond its economic ventures, Fondation Duval represents the Group's societal commitment. Established in 2020 as part of the Group's commitment as a société à mission (mission-led company) and a member of the UN Global Compact, the foundation supports educational and professional initiatives to aid the social and economic integration of African youth.

Since its creation, Fondation Duval has trained 895 students, developing professional pathways adapted to local needs and markets.

AT A GLANCE

Long-Term Commitment
Active in 10 African countries with sustainable, inclusive and impactful projects.

Diverse Sectors
Inclusive finance, real estate, commerce, training, and youth integration.

Strong Partnerships
Collaborating with local actors and institutions to create jobs, value and opportunities.

Women Empowerment
48% of individuals financed by Finafrica are women.

Youth Development
895 students trained through Fondation Duval since 2020.

GROUPE DUVAL IN AFRICA: KEY FIGURES

- **10** African countries of operation
- **1,500** collaborators
- **1.3 million** clients supported
- **48%** of women financed via Finafrica
- **895** students trained via Fondation Duval programs
- **Over €400 million** invested in real estate

> *"Our commitment is rooted in building sustainable ecosystems that empower people, transform cities and drive inclusive growth across Africa.*
>
> – Groupe Duval

ABOUT GROUPE DUVAL

An independent, French family-owned group with over 40 years of experience in Africa, committed to long-term partnerships that create value, jobs and opportunities for future generations.

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Rwanda Joins Africa Forward Summit in Nairobi to Champion Innovation, Green Growth and Strategic Africa-France Cooperation

By Libos Ndayishimiye

Rwanda has joined the high-level Africa Forward Summit taking place in Nairobi, a major international gathering aimed at strengthening cooperation between Africa and France while advancing discussions on innovation, sustainable development, peace, investment, and economic transformation across the continent.

The summit, co-led by William Ruto and Emmanuel Macron, has brought together more than 4,000 participants, including over 25 heads of state and government, investors, business leaders, and technology innovators from across the world.

Representing Rwanda, President Paul Kagame is expected to chair a strategic discussion focused on the use of advanced technologies, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), in accelerating Africa's development and global competitiveness.

President Kagame is also scheduled to address African and French business leaders on green industrialization and the expansion of clean energy solutions as countries intensify efforts to build environmentally sustainable economies.

Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Olivier Nduhungirehe, said the summit is also discussing peace and security, as well as mechanisms to help African countries access financing needed to implement key development projects.

Leaders attending the summit are further engaging in conversations centered on economic growth, trade expansion, and investment opportunities designed to strengthen partnerships and unlock Africa's long-term prtential.

The summit is expected to conclude with a major declaration outlining the future direction of cooperation between Africa and France based on shared interests, innovation, and mutual prosperity.

> *"Africa and France share a vision of innovation, solidarity and sustainable prosperity. Together, we can build a future that is inclusive, green, and driven by the potential of our people.*
>
> – President Paul Kagame

ABOUT AFRICA FORWARD SUMMIT

The Africa Forward Summit is a flagship platform for Africa–France partnerships, convening leaders, investors, innovators, and institutions to co-create solutions for Africa's sustainable and inclusive development.

AFRICA FORWARD SUMMIT
AFRICA - FRANCE PARTNERSHIPS FOR INNOVATION AND GROWTH

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4,000+
Participants from across the world

25+
Heads of state and government

Africa–France
Strategic partnership for inclusive growth

Focus Areas
Innovation, AI, green growth, peace, investment, trade and economic transformation

SUMMIT THEMES

INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY
Leveraging AI and digital solutions to drive Africa's competitiveness.

GREEN GROWTH
Advancing clean energy and green industrialization for sustainable futures.

PEACE & SECURITY
Strengthening stability and cooperation across the continent.

INVESTMENT & FINANCE
Mobilizing resources and unlocking financing for development.

TRADE & ECONOMIC GROWTH
Expanding trade and partnerships for long-term prosperity.

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Louise Mushikiwabo Eyes Historic Third Term: Why the OIF is Rallying Behind Her Leadership

By DUSABEMUNGU Ange de la Victoire

KIGALI, Rwanda – As the International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF) prepares for its 2026 summit in Phnom Penh, the spotlight is firmly on incumbent Secretary-General Louise Mushikiwabo. Nominated by Rwanda for a historic third mandate, Mushikiwabo's candidacy is gaining momentum, framed by supporters as a necessary move to consolidate a decade of deep institutional reform and economic pivoting.

Since taking office in 2019, the former Rwandan Foreign Minister has steered the 88-member bloc through a period of intense modernization. Here is a look at the key pillars defining the case for her continued leadership.

Louise Mushikiwabo, Secretary-General of the International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF).

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2,000
Expected participants from 70+ countries

88
Member states

Key Themes
Investment, infrastructure, mining, energy, digital, trade, and more

Invest In Sessions
Direct engagement between investors, CEOs and government officials

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1 THE ARCHITECT OF INSTITUTIONAL REFORM

When Mushikiwabo first arrived at the OIF's Paris headquarters, she inherited an organization often criticized for being top-heavy and politically diffuse. Her tenure has been defined by "transformation." She successfully pushed for a more decentralized structure and increased financial autonomy, ensuring that the OIF's budget field projects rather than [illegible] administrative overhead. Supporters argue that a third terne governance gains and prevent a regression into old bureaucratic habits.

2 PUSHING THE "ECONOMIC FRANCOPHONIE"

Perhaps her most significant shift has been moving the OIF beyond its traditional role as a linguistic and cultural guardian. Under the banner of "Francophonie économique," Mushikiwabo has led high-level trade missions to countries like Benin, Rwanda, and Cambodia. These missions have not been. the mission to Cotonou resulted in commercial contracts valued at approximately €30 million. Her vision for 2026–2030 involves scaling the language into a [illegible] the tool for business and job creation across the Global South.

3 EDUCATION AND TEACHER MOBILITY

Recognizing that the French language's future lies in Africa, Mushikiwabo launched the "Teacher Mobility" program. This initiative has deployed hundreds of French-language educators to countries like Ghana, Rwanda, and Seychelles to bolster local instruction. By focusing on the quality of education, she has addressed a critical gap in the Francophone space, ensuring the language remains a competitive asset for youth in non-Francophone or multillingual environments.

4 EMPOWERMENT AND INCLUSIVITY

Mushikiwabo has been a vocal advocate for the economic inclusion of women and youth. She has integrated gender-responsive budgeting within the OIF and championed programs that support female entrepreneurship. During her second term, she emphazized that "equality is not just a value, but a driver of development [illegible] strongly with the organization's younger demographic.

5 DIPLOMATIC WEIGHT IN A FRAGMENTED WORLD

In an era of rising global tensions and several coups within the Francophone space (notably in West Africa), Mushikiwabo's diplomatic experience has been a stabilizing force. Her ability to navigate the complex relationship between Paris and African capitals—while maintaining a clear-eyed focus on the OIF's Charter—has earned her the respect of both the "North" and the "South".

THE PATH TO PHNOM PENH

The 2026 summit in Phnom Penh will be a defining moment for the OIF. While competition exists, many member states see Mushikiwabo as the leader best positioned to scale Africa's voice, strengthen partnerships, and deliver measurable results for the Francophone world.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Africa CEO Forum 2026 is expected to facilitate investment commitments and partnerships worth more than $1 billion over the last two editions.

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