

BOTSWANA ECONOMIC FORUM

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Botswana stands at a crossroads. Despite our legacy of stability and prudent governance, we find ourselves grappling with economic stagnation, rising debt, and missed opportunities in an era of rapid global transformation. This is not the time for incremental steps—it is a moment that demands radical thinking, decisive action, and intense participation from every sector to revive our economy. We must move beyond rhetoric and embrace aggressive economic diversification.

President Duma G. Boko
Republic of Botswana

THE ROAD TO VISION 2036

Botswana stands at a critical economic crossroads. Once buoyed by the stability and strength of its diamond industry, the country is now feeling the ripple effects of a global downturn in diamond demand—particularly in key markets like China and the United States. Prices are falling, production is slowing, and the impact is clear: a contraction in GDP, growing budget deficits, and increased pressure on public finances.

For decades, the call for economic diversification has echoed across policy and business circles. Today, that call is no longer optional—it is urgent. Botswana must accelerate its transformation into a dynamic, regional business hub, leveraging its investor-friendly policies, political stability, and strategic location.

Strategic choices made now will determine the nation's trajectory toward Vision 2036.

Programmed by the Progressive Institute, the Botswana Economic Forum 2025 will serve as a critical platform to confront these challenges head-on.

25+
Speakers

20+
Exhibiting Companies

200+
Delegates



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MOVING WITH THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

The Botswana Economic Forum, powered by the Progressive Institute, is the country's premier news-driven platform dedicated to global business, economic transformation, and investment dialogue.

The Forum brings together government leaders, international business executives, policymakers, economists, academics, development partners, and entrepreneurs to exchange ideas, forge strategic partnerships, and shape the direction of Botswana's economic future.

As the nation confronts a rapidly shifting global environment—characterized by technological disruption, climate change, evolving geopolitical dynamics, and reduced dependency on traditional sectors like diamonds—the Botswana Economic Forum plays a critical role. It provides a platform for reimagining national priorities and aligning the country's development strategy with its long-term vision: Vision 2036. By fostering dialogue and delivering actionable insights, the Forum is more than a gathering—it is a catalyst for Botswana's transition to a diversified, inclusive, and globally competitive economy.



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FORUM OBJECTIVES

ACCELERATE ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION

The Forum will explore strategies to diversify the economy through targeted investments in sectors such as agribusiness, tourism, renewable energy, manufacturing, digital technology, and financial services.



ATTRACT HIGH-VALUE INVESTMENT

By convening global investors, sovereign wealth funds, private equity leaders, and multinational executives, the Forum will showcase Botswana's strategic advantages—including sound macroeconomic policies, political stability, and favorable business climate.



BUILD STRATEGIC REGIONAL AND GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

As regional integration deepens through initiatives like the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), Botswana must position itself as a key player. The Forum will encourage dialogue on cross-border trade, harmonized regulatory frameworks, joint infrastructure investments, and regional value chains.



PROMOTE INNOVATION AND YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP

With over 60% of Botswana's population under the age of 30, youth empowerment is central to national progress. The Forum will feature dedicated tracks and workshops for startups, incubators, and youth-led enterprises.



REPOSITION BOTSWANA AS A REGIONAL ECONOMIC HUB

By hosting over 1,000 global leaders and influential stakeholders, the Forum provides a strategic moment to elevate Botswana's international visibility. The goal is to reposition Botswana as more than a mineral economy.



FOSTER PUBLIC-PRIVATE DIALOGUE

The Forum will serve as a platform for transparent and constructive engagement between Botswana's public sector and private sector stakeholders. Through panels, roundtables, and bilateral meetings, key economic challenges—such as regulatory barriers,



ADVANCE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Digital transformation will be a core focus of the Forum, examining how Botswana can harness technologies such as artificial intelligence, data analytics, fintech, and smart infrastructure to modernize its economy. Sessions will address gaps in digital infrastructure, cybersecurity, e-governance, and digital literacy.



SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT

The Forum will champion Botswana's green transition by promoting low-carbon development, circular economy practices, and responsible resource management—especially in mining, energy, and agriculture.



FOCUS AREAS



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1 GEOPOLITICS, GLOBALIZATION & TRADE

Major economies are redrawing the global trade and investment map through bold national visions and strategic policy shifts. We examine how these changes—especially in the context of regional security challenges and evolving U.S. foreign policy—are reshaping the global economic landscape. What role can Botswana play in navigating and leveraging these shifting dynamics?

2 BUSINESS & INVESTMENT OUTLOOK

In an era of uncertainty, top global investors and business leaders will share their strategies for achieving sustained growth. We explore how firms are overcoming inflation, market volatility, and supply chain disruptions—while identifying where the next big investment opportunities lie, particularly in Africa and Botswana.

3 MINING AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE

With diamonds at the heart of Botswana's economy, we host high-level conversations with mining executives and global partners about the future of mining. How can Botswana redefine its relationship with the diamond industry? What long-term strategies can strengthen partnerships and ensure mining continues to drive inclusive growth, even amid global demand shifts?

4 DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION & PUBLIC INNOVATION

Digital transformation is no longer optional—it's essential. But beyond the hype, how can technology deliver real value for the Botswana economy? We unpack how digital tools, AI, and data-driven governance can disrupt traditional sectors, enhance government service delivery, and catalyze a new culture of innovation and efficiency across the public and private sectors.

WHO SPEAKS



Hon Ndaba Gaolathe
Vice President of the Republic of Botswana



Hon Tiroeane Ntsima
Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship



Hon Ketlhalefile Motshegwa
Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs



Valérie Baraban
Ambassador of France to the Republic of Botswana and Special Representative to the SADC



Jeanette Chanda Makgolo
Commissioner General Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS)



Keith Jefferis
Managing Director Econsult Botswana



Kgosi Oscar Mosielele
Moshupa



Obonye Lembie Tlhalerwa
Co-Founder and Director Kwenantle Farmers



Dr. Farzam Kamalabadi
Botswana Presidential Envoy on International Relations and Economic Development



Moruntshi Kemorwale
Acting Chief Executive Officer Gambling Authority



Aupa Mongyatsi
Chief Executive Officer Botswana Stock Exchange



Ramachandran Ottapathu
Chief Executive Officer Choppies Group



Thapelo Moribame
Head of Market Development Botswana Stock Exchange



Oabona Kgengwenyane
Group Chief Executive Officer Innolead Consulting



Boikanyo Kgosi
Senior Consultant Progressive Institute



Tshenolo Omphithetse
Director of Employment Services, Ministry of Labour & Home Affairs



Matome Malema
Chief Executive Officer Minerals Development Company Botswana (MDCB)



His Worship Oarabile Mottaleng
The Mayor of Gaborone



Andrew Maatla Motsomi
Managing Director Debswana Diamond Company



Joel Duke Ramaphoi
Permanent Secretary Ministry of Trade & Entrepreneurship



Bokang Thitoyamore
Chief Executive Officer Naledi Mining Services



Naledi Madala
Senior Policy Advisor Ministry of Finance-Botswana



Seabelo Modibe
Managing Director Total Music Group



Bonolo Moletsane
Chief Operations Officer Mikai Consulting



Edwin Elias
Chief Executive Officer Morupule Coal Mine



Keitumetse Setlang
Chief Executive Officer Botswana Tourism Organisation



Neo Nwako
Chairman Business Botswana



Naseem Lahri
Managing Director Lucara Botswana



Mpho Makobo
Consultant & Project Lead Progressive Institute



Mphoentle Kgositau
Chief Executive Officer Thrive 360



Mmoloki Mmolotsi
Chief Executive Officer Progressive Institute



Willard Machado
Chief Operations Officer Progressive Institute

AGENDA

Day 1 – Tuesday, 18 November 2025

TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSON
07:00 – 08:00	Check-In, SHE Moment & Prayer	All
08:00 – 08:15	Welcome Remarks and Introduction of Guests	Mmoloki Mmolotsi Chief Executive Officer Progressive Institute
08:15 – 08:45	Regulated Gambling: Unlocking a Strategic Pathway to Economic Diversification in Botswana	Moruntshi Kemorwale Chief Executive Officer(A) Gambling Authority
08:45 – 09:15	Infrastructure, Trade Corridors and Connectivity: Unlocking Botswana's Comparative Advantage	Hon. Tireoane Ntsima Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship
09:15 – 09:45	Keynote Address - The Road to 2036: Transforming the Botswana Economy As the nation confronts a rapidly shifting global environment characterized by technological disruption, climate change, evolving geopolitical dynamics, and reduced dependency on traditional sectors like diamonds. In this session, The President highlights Botswana's economic transformation plan.	Advocate Duma Gideon Boko President Of The Republic Of Botswana
09:45 – 10:30	Exhibition stall Visit by Keynote Speaker and Senior Officials	All
10:30 – 11:45	Investment Frontiers in Africa: Insights for Strategic Economic Diversification	Keith Jefferis Managing Director Econsult Botswana
11:45 – 12:15	In Conversation with Dr. Farzam Kamalabadi. Botswana on the Global Stage: Strategic Trade, Investment and Regional Integration	Dr. Farzam Kamalabadi Chairman of Future Trends & Botswana Presidential Envoy on International Relations & Economic Development

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12:15 – 13:00	The Geoeconomics of Growth: Botswana's Economic Outlook In an increasingly complex and fast-changing global economy, nations must adapt to new dynamics of trade, investment, and competition. This session will bring together global economic experts, policymakers, and business leaders to examine Botswana's position within the shifting geoeconomic landscape — and to explore how the country can turn global challenges into opportunities for sustainable, long-term growth.	Naledi Madala Senior Policy Advisor Ministry of Finance Keith Jefferis Managing Director Econsult Botswana Dr. Farzam Kamalabadi Botswana Presidential Envoy on International Relations & Economic Development Joel Duke Ramaphoi Permanent Secretary Ministry of Trade & Entrepreneurship Aupa Monyatsi Chief Executive Officer Botswana Stock Exchange
13:00 – 14:00	Networking Lunch	All
14:00 – 14:30	Financial Markets: Balancing Risks and Rewards Market volatility has become the defining feature of today's global financial landscape. In this session, Mr. Oupa Monyatsi shares strategic insights on how financial institutions can navigate uncertainty, manage risk, and identify opportunities in a rapidly changing economic environment.	Aupa Monyatsi Chief Executive Officer Botswana Stock Exchange
14:30 – 15:00	Navigating Global Disruption: Strategies for Botswana's Resilient Growth 	Valérie Baraban Ambassador of France to the Republic of Botswana and Special Representative to the SADC Howard Van Vranken Ambassador of the United States of America

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15:00 – 16:00	Roundtable: Mining in a Changing World: Strategies for Resilience and Growth Geopolitical tensions, market volatility, and rapid technological disruption are reshaping the mining industry. This session brings together leading mining executives to discuss how to navigate risk, seize emerging opportunities, and sustain growth through bold leadership, innovation, and agility in an unpredictable global environment.	Moderator Boikanyo Kgosi Senior Consultant Progressive Institute Panelist Matome Malema Chief Executive Officer Minerals Development Company Botswana (MDCB) Bokang Thitoyamore Chief Executive Officer Naledi Mining Services Andrew Maatla Motsomi Managing Director Debswana Diamond Company Naseem Lahri Managing Director Lucara Botswana Edwin Elias Chief Executive Officer Morupule Coal Mine
16:00 – 17:00	Economic Diversification: A Multi-Sectoral Approach to New Growth Opportunities As Botswana advances its economic diversification agenda beyond mining, new strategies are creating pathways for resilience and sustainable growth. This session will highlight emerging sectors, investment prospects, and innovative initiatives that are driving the nation's future, even in the face of global market volatility.	Ramachandran Ottapathu Chief Executive Officer Choppies Group Keitumetse Setlang Chief Executive Officer Botswana Tourism Organization Neo Nwako Chairman Business Botswana Seabelo Modibe Managing Director Total Music Group Obonye Lembie Tihalerwa Co-Founder and Director Kwenantle Farmers
17:00	End of Day 1	

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Day 2 – Wednesday, 19 November 2025

TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSON
08:00 – 08:30	The Creative Economy: Unlocking Botswana's Cultural and Economic Potential	Seabelo Modibe Managing Director Total Music Group
08:30 – 09:00	Collecting for Progress: Revenue Mobilization as a pillar for sustainable economic transformation	Jeanette Chanda Makgolo Commissioner General Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS)
09:00 – 10:00	Economic Transformation: New Models for Local Government Economic Independence and Rural Prosperity	Hon. Ketlhalefile Motshegwa Minister of Local Government & Traditional Affairs Kgosi Oscar Mosielele Moshupa His Worship, Oarabile Motlaleng The Mayor of Gaborone Thapelo Moribame Head of Market Development Botswana Stock Exchange
10:00 – 10:30	Networking Breakfast	All
10:30 – 11:30	Harnessing Human Capital for Economic Diversification – Exporting Talent and Beyond	Tshenolo Omphitlhetse Director of Employment Services, Ministry of Labour & Home Affairs
11:30 – 12:00	Rethinking Economic Impact and Development in the AI Era	Oabona Kgwengwenyana Managing Director Innolead Consulting
12:00 – 13:00	In conversation with Hon Ndaba Gaolathe, Vice President of the Republic of Botswana & Minister of Finance	Hon. Ndaba Gaolathe Vice President of the Republic of Botswana & Minister of Finance
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch & Networking	All
14:00	End of Programme	All
18:00 – 22:00	Networking Session	All

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE FORUM

Beyond individual benefits, attending this forum contributes to a larger mission: elevating Botswana's global profile as a stable, investment-ready economy. By participating, you help showcase the country's political stability, investor-friendly policies, and untapped potential in sectors like logistics, tech, and manufacturing. As Botswana integrates deeper into SADC and AfCFTA, early engagement here positions your organization at the forefront of regional trade and investment opportunities.



A Critical Platform for Botswana's Economic Progress

The Botswana Economic Forum 2025 builds on the momentum of the High-Level Business Engagement Forum, where industry leaders previously convened to shape actionable strategies for the economy. This edition takes the dialogue further, translating insights into policy recommendations for implementation by key stakeholders. This forum comes at a pivotal time—our economy demands deeper discussions on the challenges we face as a country. It's an opportunity to refine solutions and drive tangible progress.

Aobakwe Aupa Monyatsi
Botswana Stock Exchange Limited



25+

Speakers

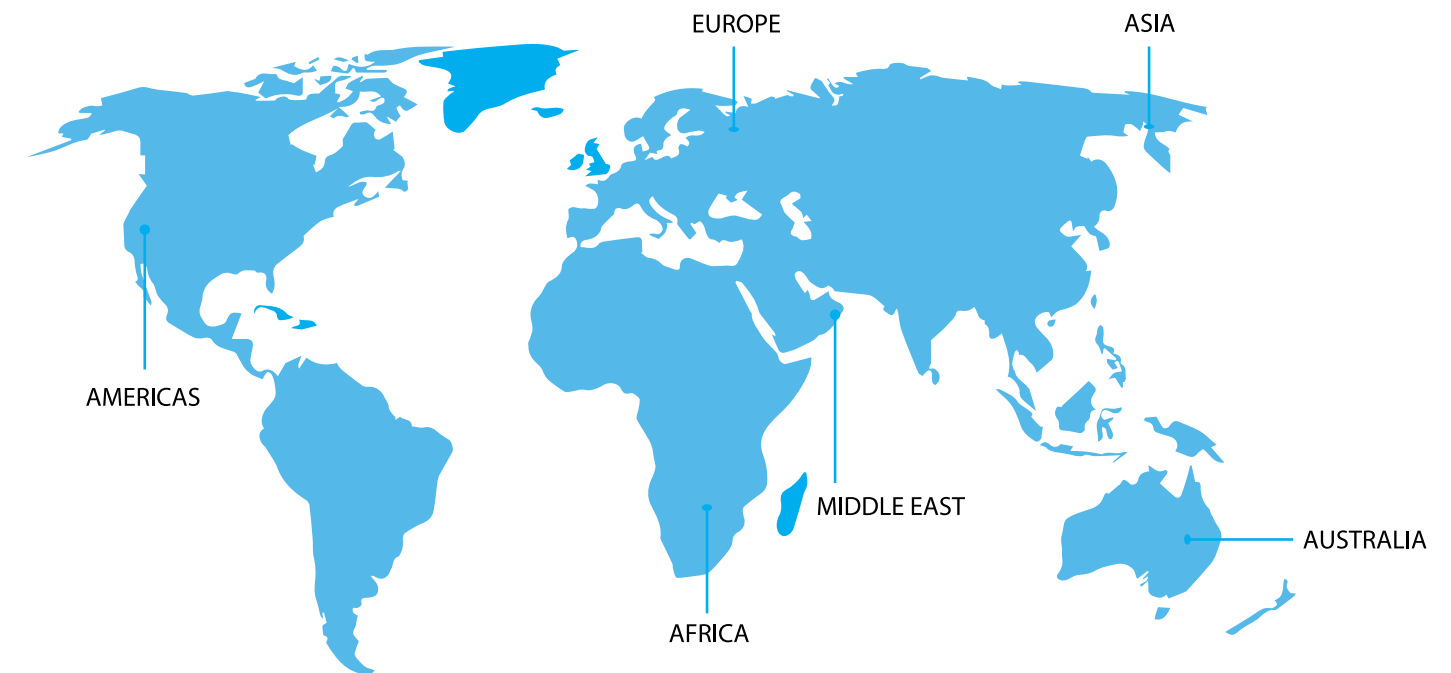
- Heads Of State & Government
- Influential Ministers & Multilateral Institutions
- Government Officials And Policymakers
- Domestic And International Investors
- Global Ceos From Multi-Sector Businesses
- Market-Moving Global Investors
- Entrepreneurs, Innovators, Academics And Media and Civil Society Organizations
- Experts & Influencers From Academia, Philanthropy, Media, Arts, Culture & Sports

200+

Leaders in attendance

- Global Ceos, C-Level Executives, Board Members & Senior Executive Decision Makers
- Startup Ceos, Tech Executives & Leaders of Next-Generation Disruptive Businesses
- Investment Bankers, Private Equity Executives, Venture Capitalists & Major Money Managers
- International & National Policy makers & Government Representatives

A GLOBAL PLATFORM ENABLING BUSINESS AND BRAND RECOGNITION



Unlock Exclusive Investment & Amp; Business Opportunities

For investors and entrepreneurs, the forum is a goldmine of high-potential deals and partnerships. Botswana is actively seeking private-sector collaboration in mining, renewable energy, agribusiness, fintech, and infrastructure—all sectors with strong growth prospects.



Strategic Influence on Botswana's Economic Future

The Botswana Economic Forum 2025 is more than a conference—it's a decision-making hub where key stakeholders shape the nation's economic trajectory. With Botswana actively transitioning from diamond dependency to a diversified, innovation-driven economy.



Network with Industry Leaders

The forum attracts a high-caliber audience—CEOs, government officials, DFIs, and industry experts—all under one roof. Structured networking events, VIP dinners, and sector-specific roundtables ensure meaningful connections that go beyond business cards.



Learn from Global Thought Leaders & Amp; Industry Pioneers

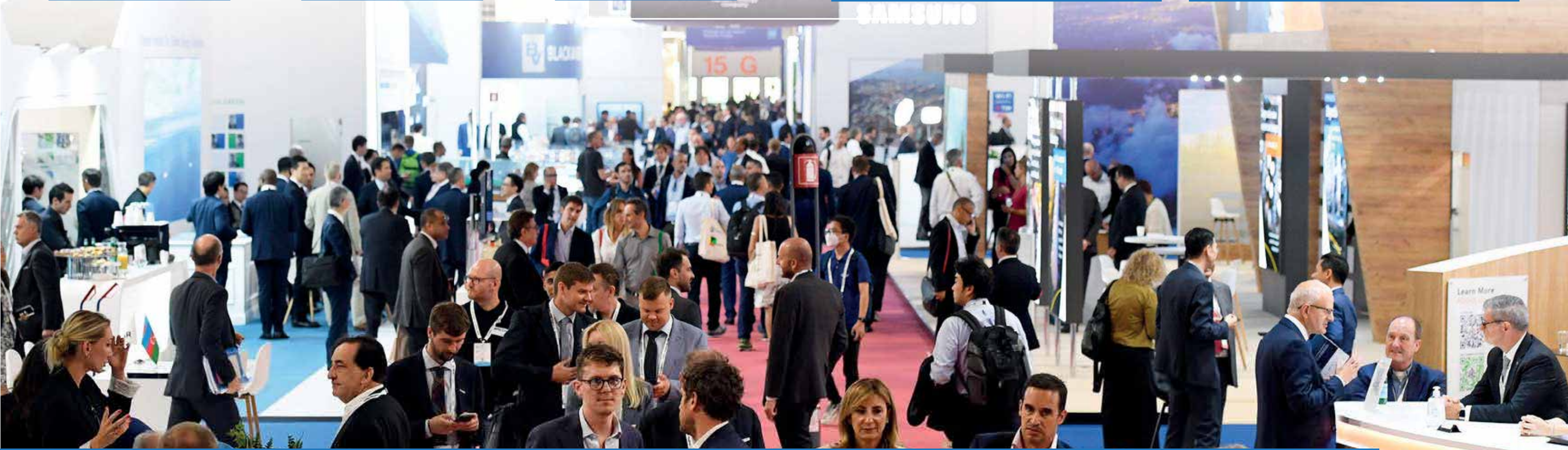
The speaker lineup includes 25+ influential voices, from Fortune 500 CEOs and mining executives to top economists and tech disruptors. These experts will share insights on navigating geopolitical shifts, supply chain resilience, and digital innovation—critical knowledge for businesses operating in Africa and beyond.

DELEGATE PACKAGES

1 Delegate	5 Delegates	10 Delegates
P12,500	P60,000	P100,000

EXHIBITION PACKAGES

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