

Speakers announced for Mobile 360 Series - Africa

The GSMA announced the first speakers for the 2015 Mobile 360 Series - Africa conference, including executives from organisations such as Huawei, the Internet Society, MTN and Telenor...



The GSMA also announced that MTN will again be the Platinum Sponsor for the event, which will take place 7-9 October at the African Pride Crystal Towers Hotel and Spa in Cape Town and will comprise thought-provoking keynote addresses, fireside chats, pitch sessions and panel discussions. In addition to the main conference, Mobile 360 - Africa will incorporate additional programmes that highlight the initiatives and activities undertaken by the GSMA Mobile for Development programme, as well workshops focusing on key policy and regulatory issues for the region.

With the overall event theme of "Accelerating Social and Economic Empowerment", each session will tackle a different aspect of the empowerment story. Keynotes and sessions will delve into subjects such as "The Power to Connect: Providing Access for All", "The Power to Discover: Local Content and Digital Literacy", "The Power to Borrow, Save and Spend: Building the Mobile Financial Ecosystem", "The Power to Innovate: Growing Start-Up Ecosystems and Cultivating Entrepreneurship" and much more.

Speakers

- · Jon Fredrik Baksaas, President and CEO, Telenor Group and Chairman, GSMA
- Dawit Bekele, Regional Bureau Director Africa, The Internet Society
- Dr. Vanu Bose, CEO, Vanu, Inc.
- · Eric Chinje, CEO, African Media Initiative
- Sifiso Dabengwa, Executive Director, Group President and CEO, MTN Group
- Dr. Wang Jianzhou, Chairman, China Association for Public Companies and former Executive Chairman, China Mobile
- Adam Lane, Director of Sustainability Programs, Huawei
- Dr. Jimmy Shindi, CEO of Econet Services, Zimbabwe
- Ayo Stuffman, CEO, VAS2Nets

For the full conference agenda, visit www.mobile360series.com/africa/#agenda.

Jumpstart your business

Jumpstart is a new event at Mobile 360 - Africa that will bring together the mobile industry with entrepreneurs and start-ups from across sub-Saharan Africa. The event will combine a keynote session and an energetic pitch stage with an informal networking reception. The Start-Up Pitch Platform will feature six to eight exciting, early-stage entrepreneurs and each will give a brief five-minute pitch to a panel of operators and to the audience. The 'Call for Pitch Submissions' is now open to all start-ups interested in pitching at this new event offering.

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