

## Record number of officials attending Innovation Africa 2015

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Education and ICT Ministers from a record-breaking 30 countries in Africa will be in attendance at this year's Innovation Africa Summit.



Innovation Africa 2015, taking place in Kampala, Uganda, at the Speke Resort Munyonyo from 30 September to 2 October, will be the fifth in the series of Education and Technology summits staged annually in different African countries.

Event organisers, AfricanBrains, announced today that among countries that had confirmed attendance were: Angola, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

"Both industry and government are looking forward with anticipation to <u>Innovation Africa 2015</u> because it gives leading industry players up-close opportunities to share the most up-to-date industry developments in education and ICT with more than 200 government officials in over 400 focused pre-arranged meetings," said Patrick Emmanuel Muinda, Ministry of Education Assistant Commissioner, Communication & Information Management.

The summit will be a hive of activity as 200 government officials comprising of ministers, secretaries of state, deputy ministers, permanent secretaries and director generals are joined by board level members from some of the world's leading education & tech companies including HP, Intel, IBM, Microsoft, Oracle, Pearson, Canon, Samsung amongst others. As well as engaging with government officials, many of these leading international operators will be looking at investment opportunities in Uganda.

"Over the years Innovation Africa has proved to be Africa's leading annual high-level education and ICT forum. Our goal as organisers is to attract increasing investment into education and technology in Africa through building meaningful, widely beneficial public-private partnerships," said John Glassey, AfricanBrains Chief Executive Officer.

The previous Innovation Africa summits took place in Zimbabwe, South Africa, Botswana and last year in Rwanda.

This year's summit is held under the patronage of the Government of Uganda led by host Minister Hon. Dr Jessica Alupo, Minister of Education, Science, Technology & Sports. The Ministry will be hosting meetings throughout the summit with industry investors who can bring new technologies, skills and added value to Uganda's education sector.

"We are delighted that Innovation Africa is being held in Uganda this year. Our experience of working with the Ugandan Government has been highly impressive and we are most encouraged by the efficiency and dedication of the National Organising Committee," Glassey said.

For more information please visit <a href="https://www.innovation-africa.com/2015">www.innovation-africa.com/2015</a>.

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