



♦ **5 YEARS**
OF IMPACT

DELEGATE & DESTINATION PACK

Practical information for **delegates, speakers** and **partners** attending the **fifth Africa HealthTech Summit**, in **Kigali, Rwanda**.



DATE: 30 SEP – 2 OCT 2026

VENUE: KIGALI CONVENTION CENTRE

TIME ZONE: CAT • GMT+2

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DELEGATE QUICK GUIDE

EVERYTHING, AT A GLANCE.

The essentials for AHTS 2026 on a single page.
Full detail follows in the sections ahead.

DATES

30 SEP - 2 OCT 2026

ARRIVALS

28 SEPT - 29 SEPT

TIME ZONE

CAT • GMT+2

VENUE

KIGALI CONVENTION CENTRE

BADGE COLLECTION

29 SEPT, FROM 4:00 PM

AIRPORT

KIGALI INTL (KGL) • 10KM

REGISTRATION & LINKS

▪ REGISTER

healthtechsummit.africa/pass 🔔

▪ WEBSITE

healthtechsummit.africa 🔔

▪ SOCIAL

[@africahealthtechsummit](https://twitter.com/africahealthtechsummit)

▪ HASHTAGS

[#AHTS2026](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AHTS2026) • [#AHTSA5](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AHTSA5)

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912 AMBULANCE

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01. ABOUT AFRICA HEALTHTECH SUMMIT 2026

Africa's premier digital health convening

We are delighted to welcome you to Kigali for **AHTS 2026**. This pack brings together everything you need to arrive ready, move confidently and make the most of your time in Rwanda - from the programme and your badge to the destination itself.

The Africa HealthTech Summit (AHTS) is the continent's premier convening platform for health innovation and digital transformation. Organised by **DALA Africa** in partnership with **Africa CDC**, Rwanda's Ministry of Health and a network of continental and global institutions, AHTS brings together governments, innovators, investors, policymakers, academia and development partners around a single goal: **scaling intelligent, inclusive health systems across Africa**.

AHTS 2026 marks the summit's fifth year - **"5 Years of Impact."** Since its first Kigali edition, the summit has grown from a regional gathering into Africa's annual leadership platform on health technology, held alongside major continental moments such as Mobile World Congress Kigali. **The 2025 edition, themed "Connected Care: Scaling Innovation Towards UHC,"** set the stage for 2026's theme: **Wellness for All, Powered by Intelligent Health Systems**.



WHAT AHTS 2026 WILL DO

- Showcase scalable digital health and health-tech innovations built for African health systems
- Strengthen the investment pipeline linking innovators, governments and development partners
- Deepen cross-border collaboration on AI for health, market access and regulatory harmonisation
- Convene Ministers of Health and continental policymakers to shape intelligent, interoperable health systems
- Advance Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in line with Africa CDC's public health order agenda

THE WEEK, AT A GLANCE



28 SEPT

Arrivals • check-in • preparation



29 SEPT

**Pre-Summit activities •
badge collection from 4 PM**



30 SEP – 02 OCT

**Main summit days •
Opening on 30 Sep from 8:30 AM**



03 OCT

Site visits and departures

WHY ATTEND AHTS@5

A milestone edition.

AHTS 2026 is the fifth Africa HealthTech Summit – a moment to take stock of **five years of progress** and to set the agenda for what comes next. Delegates join the leaders shaping intelligent health systems across the continent, build partnerships across sectors and borders, and gain early access to the innovations, investments and policy conversations defining African health technology.

THE THEME, EVOLVING

2025

**Connected Care: Scaling
Innovation Towards UHC**



2026 • AHTS@5

**Wellness for All: Powered by
Intelligent Health Systems**

WHO WILL BE IN THE ROOM

Ministers & policymakers

Health system leaders

Innovators & startups

Investors & financiers

Development partners

Technology organisations

Academia & researchers

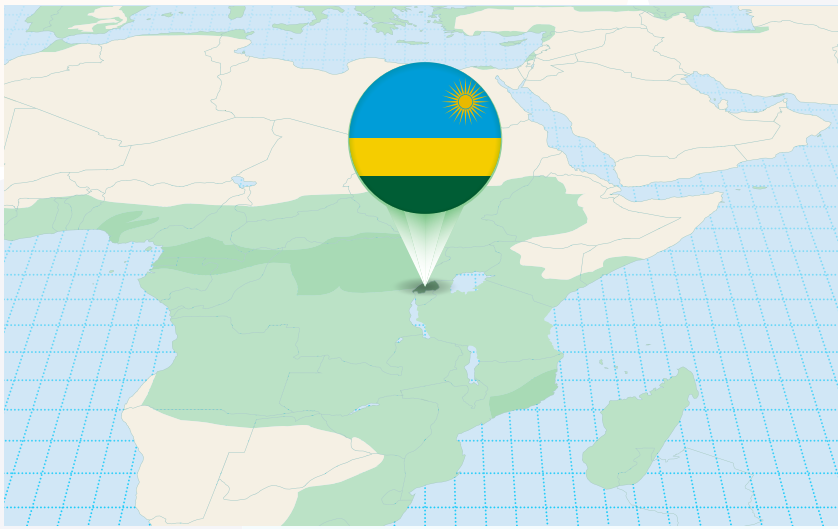
Diaspora leaders



02. HOST DESTINATION — RWANDA

Rwanda – country overview.

Rwanda is a small, landlocked **East African republic** that has become one of the continent's most closely watched development stories - turning stability, cleanliness and digital ambition into its calling card.



POPULATION

14.9M • Kigali 2.1M

SIZE

26,338 KM² • 541/KM²

CAPITAL

Kigali – Host city

BORDERS

Kenya, Uganda,
Tanzania, Burundi, DRC

LANGUAGES

Kinyarwanda, English,
French, Kiswahili

POLITICAL

Multiparty republic,
**64% women in
parliament**

CLIMATE

Temperate highland
1,500m, mild days,
cool evenings

CURRENCY

Rwandan Franc,
\$1 = RWF 1,460

TIME ZONE

CAT • GMT+2,
no DST

TAX

18% VAT

ELECTRICITY

230V, types C/J,
bring an adapter

TERTIARY EDUCATION

University of Rwanda,
CMU Africa, ALU,
Kigali Innovation City

Economy & business overview

9.4%

GDP growth,
2026 est.

\$14.8B

Economy size
(IMF est.)

\$1,198

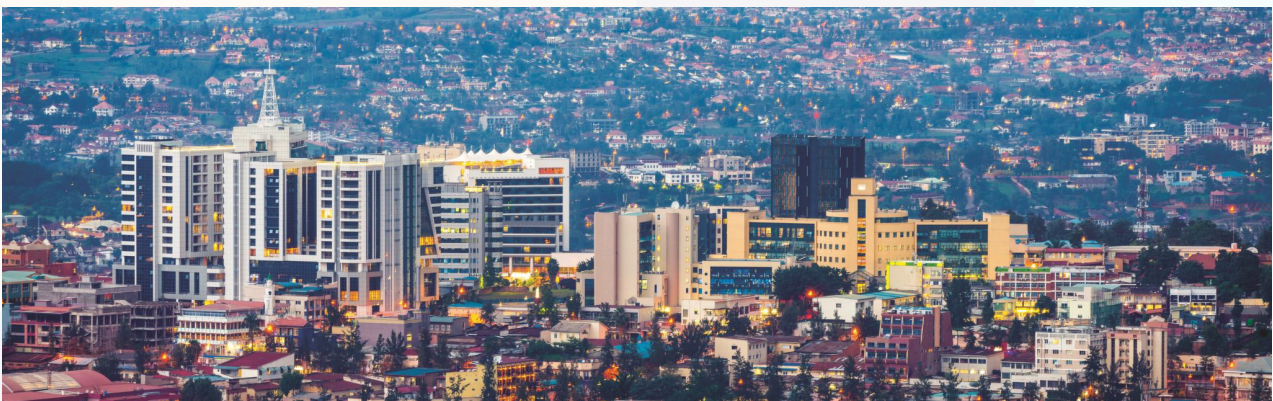
GDP per capita -
+6.2%

44.3%

Services share
of economy

Rwanda's economy grew an estimated **9.4% in 2026**, ahead of its own **7% target**. The economy is now split roughly across agriculture (**27.1%**), industry (**21.5%**) and services (**44.3%**), reflecting a steady shift toward a services- and knowledge-led economy.

That shift is deliberate. Rwanda's **Vision 2050** targets Upper-Middle-Income status by **2035** and High-Income status by 2050, built on a knowledge-based economy of innovation, technology and human capital. ICT's contribution to GDP is targeted to rise from roughly **3%** to **15%**, and Kigali Innovation City alone is projected to attract over **\$2 billion** in investment and support around **50,000** skilled jobs. **Vision 2050** also names Kigali the country's future logistics, aviation and innovation hub, with MICE tourism – the segment AHTS sits within – targeted to generate **\$224 million** in annual **revenue by 2029**.



A GENUINELY MODERN HOST CITY

For delegates this means reliable fibre and mobile connectivity, an award-recognised convention centre, a compact and walkable business district, and a government that treats hosting international summits as core economic strategy rather than a sideline.

WHY THIS MATTERS FOR DELEGATES

Site visits on **3 October** let you see this ecosystem first-hand – ask your delegate contact (Section 11) about a Zipline centre, Kigali Innovation City or a Digital Health Command Centre demo.



03. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Visa, safety & local essentials.

VISA & ENTRY

Visa on arrival available to citizens of all countries

Most nationalities: up to **\$50** single-entry / **\$70** multiple

AU, Commonwealth & Francophonie states: **free 30-day visa**

East African Community states: **free entry up to 6 months**

Selected nationalities: **free 90-day visa on arrival**

Passport valid **6+ months** with one blank page

migration.gov.rw/visa 

VALUE FOR MONEY

Reference prices at **\$1 = RWF 1,460**. Confirm on arrival.

Taxi - starting fare	\$3-4
Taxi - typical in-city trip	\$3-10
Airport transfer taxi	\$10-25
Mid-range dinner for two	\$33-48
Fast-food combo meal	\$5.60
Coffee (cappuccino/espresso)	\$1-5

Kigali hosts AHTS because Rwanda has spent a decade building the health-technology infrastructure the summit exists to showcase. The developments below illustrate why.

SAFETY & CUSTOMS

Rwanda consistently **rank**s as the **safest country in Africa** and **among the safest in the world for walking alone at night**. **Kigali is widely regarded as Africa's cleanest capital – the first country to ban non-biodegradable plastic bags (2008)**. **Note Umuganda, mandatory community service on the last Saturday of each month**, when most shops and transport pause until midday.

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

Delegate checklist.

A quick pre-departure check. **Recheck official visa and entry guidance before you fly.**

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

- Passport valid for at least **6 months (one blank page)**
- Visa or eTA if required – check **migration.gov.rw**
- Return or onward ticket
- Printed & digital copies of key documents

SUMMIT

- Registration confirmation letter
- Badge collection plan – **29 Sept, 4:00 PM**
- Business attire for sessions
- Business cards for networking

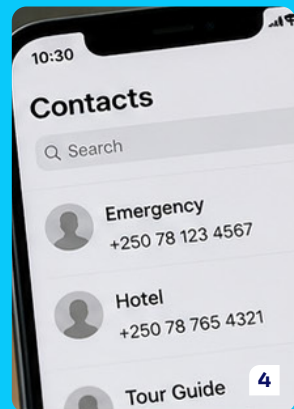
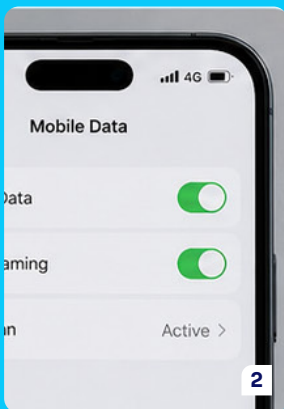
HEALTH & PRACTICAL

- Travel insurance (**recommended**) 1
- Type C/J power adapter 2
- Light rain layer & a warm evening layer 3
- Comfortable walking shoes 4



MONEY & CONNECTIVITY

- Rwandan Francs or card for incidentals 1
- Mobile data or eSIM plan 2
- Airport transfer or shuttle plan 3
- Key contacts saved to your phone 4



04. TRAVEL INFORMATION

Flights & connections to Kigali.

Attendees arrange their own flights. Kigali International Airport (KGL) sits roughly 10km from the city centre and Convention Centre. RwandAir operates from its Kigali hub to about 20 destinations; Kenya Airways and Ethiopian Airlines connect via Nairobi and Addis Ababa.

ORIGIN	APPROX. FLIGHT TIME	TYPICAL ROUTING
London (Heathrow)	10 HOURS	RwandAir, direct
Brussels	11 HOURS	RwandAir, direct
Dubai	6H20	RwandAir, direct
Doha	DIRECT	RwandAir / Qatar Airways
Mumbai	8-10H	RwandAir, One stop
Addis Ababa	2H30	Ethiopian / RwandAir, direct
Nairobi	1H40	Kenya Airways / RwandAir, direct
Entebbe / Kampala	1H05	RwandAir and others, direct
Johannesburg	3H50	RwandAir, direct
Lagos	5H20	RwandAir, direct
New York / Washington	18-22H	Via Brussels, Amsterdam, Doha or Addis

SUGGESTED AIRLINES:



Keep your ticket and confirmation letter accessible while travelling.

05. CONVENTION VENUE

Kigali Convention Centre

Instantly recognisable by its illuminated dome - **inspired by the traditional Rwandan king's palace** - KCC is the flagship of Rwanda's MICE strategy and has hosted **African Union summits, WEF regional meetings** and **previous editions of AHTS**.



5,000+

Total
Capacity



32,200M

Net
Floor Area



2,600

Auditorium
Seats



18

Meeting
Rooms



6,062M

Exhibition
Space



292

Radisson Blu
Rooms



650

Free Parking
Spaces



10KM

From Airport
(20-25 Min)

GETTING AROUND



SHUTTLE SERVICES

KCC → select hotels at designated times.
Confirm your pickup before the summit.



LOCAL TRANSPORT

Metered taxis and ride-hailing
are widely available.



NETWORKING VENUES

Kigali Serena Hotel ▪ Norrsken Kigali ▪
The Blue Room Kigali ▪ partner venues



MEETING ROOMS

Bookable at a fee via
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06. ACCOMMODATION

Partner hotels & delegate rates.

AHTS 2026 has negotiated discounted single-room rates. Rooms are limited - book early, and confirm rate terms, cancellation policy and shuttle coverage before paying.



Radisson Blu Hotel & Convention Centre

\$200

Book via AHTS team ✨



Kigali Marriott Hotel

\$250

Book here ✨



Kigali Serena Hotel

\$150

Book here ✨



Four Points by Sheraton Kigali

\$150

Book here ✨



Mövenpick Hotel Kigali

\$165

Book here ✨



Zaria Court Kigali

\$120

Book here ✨



Lemigo Hotel

\$125

Book here ✨



Ubumwe Grande Hotel

\$210

Code AHTS2026 ✨



Play Hotel

\$70

Code AHTS2026 • 3 nights, 1 free ✨

07. REGISTRATION & ACCREDITATION

Registration & accreditation.

Your badge is your access to all summit sessions and networking areas. Please complete each step below and keep your badge visible throughout the summit.

REGISTER ONLINE

Speakers and moderators receive a dedicated link.

1

SAVE CONFIRMATION

Keep your personalised letter; check spam folders.

2

COLLECT YOUR BADGE

From 29 Sept, 4:00 PM, at KCC.

3

WEAR IT. SCAN IT.

Room-entry scanning is mandatory.

4

Confirmation help ▪ amos@dalagroup.africa

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

29 SEPT

Pre-Summit Programme

Access to Markets (A2M) Summit + AI for Health & Wellness in Africa Workshop

30 SEP - 2 OCT

3-day main programme

Access to Markets (A2M) Summit + AI for Health & Wellness in Africa Workshop

**30 SEPT
8:30 AM**

Opening Ceremony

9:00-11:00 ▪ Auditorium, Kigali Convention Centre

08. SOCIAL & CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

Side events & delegate downtime.

Confirmed networking venues are Kigali Serena Hotel, Norrsken Kigali and The Blue Room Kigali, alongside partner venues to be announced. The suggestions below are illustrative, not confirmed AHTS programming.



INTORE & DRUMMING WELCOME

Rwanda's Intore dance troupes and Ingoma drummers are a striking, high-energy way to open an evening reception - a centuries-old tradition of ceremonial welcome, often paired with storytelling and praise poetry.



RWANDAN COFFEE & TEA

Rwanda's volcanic highlands produce some of Africa's most awarded specialty coffee and tea. A guided cupping session or a visit to a cooperative-run café near the Convention Centre makes an easy, well-loved networking format between sessions.



IMIGONGO ART & CRAFT

Imigongo - Rwanda's distinctive geometric relief art - alongside agaseke basketry and other crafts offers a compact cultural showcase and gift-shopping opportunity near the venue or at the Kigali Genocide Memorial's craft cooperative.



LAKE KIVU SUNDOWNER

For a smaller VIP or partner gathering, a short transfer to Lake Kivu's shoreline (2-3 hours from Kigali, or a short domestic flight to Rubavu/Gisenyi) offers a relaxed sundowner overlooking one of Africa's Great Lakes.

Day tours & regional extensions.

Site visits are scheduled for 3 October. Delegates extending their stay have some of Africa's most distinctive experiences within reach of Kigali.



KIGALI GENOCIDE MEMORIAL

A profound and essential visit for understanding modern Rwanda - documenting the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi and the resting place of more than 250,000 victims. Allow at least half a day.



VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

Rwanda's flagship attraction, ≥2-3 hours northwest of Kigali. Trek through montane rainforest to spend a permitted hour with a habituated mountain gorilla family - also home to golden monkeys and the Dian Fossey legacy.



LAKE KIVU

One of Africa's Great Lakes, ≥2-3 hours by road (or a short flight to Rubavu). Boat cruises visit Napoleon, Peace and Monkey islands; lakeshore towns offer kayaking, swimming and relaxed dining.



NYUNGWE FOREST NATIONAL PARK

One of Africa's oldest rainforests, in Rwanda's southwest. Home to chimpanzees and 12 other primate species, plus a canopy walkway high above the forest floor - a full-day or overnight excursion.



KIGALI CITY TOUR

A half-day tour covering Kigali's rolling hillside neighbourhoods, the Inema Arts Centre, Kimironko Market and the city's emerging café and design scene - good for delegates with limited extra time.

REGIONAL EXTENSIONS

UGANDA

Bwindi gorillas & Queen Elizabeth NP (**Entebbe 1h**)

KENYA

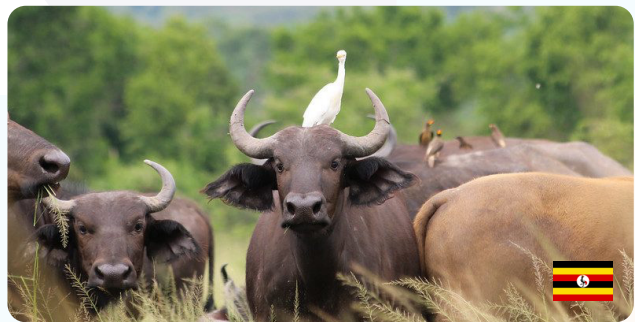
Maasai Mara & Nairobi (**1h40 flight**)

TANZANIA

Serengeti & Kilimanjaro (via Nairobi/Addis)

DR CONGO

Virunga NP, across the western border



10. CONFERENCE SUPPORT & CONTACTS

Your summit support team.

Please direct your query to the most relevant contact below. If you do not receive a response within two hours, kindly contact another member of the team.



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11. CHANNELS & UPDATES

Stay connected.

Live updates, programme news and the conversations shaping intelligent health systems.

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LINKEDIN

[Africa HealthTech Summit](#) 📌

INSTAGRAM

[@africahealthtechsummit](#) 📌

YOUTUBE

[@AHTSummit](#) 📌

X (TWITTER)

[@AfricaHTSummit](#) 📌

We look forward to **welcoming you to Kigali for AHTS 2026** - where leaders from across the continent and the world gather to advance intelligent, inclusive health systems. **Murakaza neza.**

Wellness for All ■ Powered by Intelligent Health Systems

PROGRAMME EXPERIENCE

