

AFRICA'S MOST INFLUENTIAL **LEADERSHIP** AND **ENTREPRENEURSHIP** SUMMIT

► **DATE**

11TH-13TH AUG, 2026

► **DEPARTURE GATE**

LAGOS, NIGERIA



5,000+

In-Person Attendees

25,000+

Virtual Audience

PREFACE

Across generations and continents, progress has always been shaped by individuals bold enough to dream beyond limitations and courageous enough to act on those dreams. Africa stands at a defining moment in history, one where its greatest resource is no longer beneath its soil, but within its people. The continent's future will be determined by the quality of leadership we raise, the values we instill, and the opportunities we create for young minds to thrive.

The Achievers Summit was conceived as more than a conference. It is a movement. A platform intentionally designed to convene visionary young leaders, innovators, policymakers, creatives, entrepreneurs, and institutions committed to redefining Africa's narrative on the global stage. Each edition of the Summit is anchored on the belief that leadership is not an accident of position, but a product of preparation, character, competence, and service.

The 2026 Achievers Summit, themed **"The Global Emerging Leader: Redefining the African Narrative,"** holds special significance. It coincides with International Youth Day, a global moment that recognizes the power, potential, and responsibility of young people as drivers of sustainable development.



PREFACE

This year's Summit also marks a personal milestone, my 23rd birthday, symbolizing a generational call to action: that leadership is not reserved for tomorrow, but demanded today. Through keynote addresses, plenary conversations, exhibitions, policy dialogues, and the 100 Under 40 Young Achievers Awards, the Summit will celebrate excellence, spotlight innovation, and inspire a new generation to think globally while acting locally. It will also foster meaningful collaborations across the public and private sectors, strengthening the ecosystem required for youth-led transformation.

At the heart of this initiative is Emmanuel Agida International (EAI), a leadership and corporate solutions institution committed to shaping minds, building nations, and equipping individuals and organizations with the capacity to lead, grow, and create impact. Through EAI's programs, consultancy, and global partnerships, the Achievers Summit serves as a living expression of our vision to raise globally competitive African leaders.

This prospectus outlines not only the structure and scope of the Summit, but also the philosophy that underpins it. It is an invitation, to believe in Africa's potential, to invest in its people, and to join a collective journey toward a future defined by excellence, innovation, and responsible leadership.

I welcome you to be part of this defining moment.

Emmanuel Agida
Convener, Achievers Summit
President, Emmanuel Agida International

ABOUT THE SUMMIT

The Achievers Summit is an International Leadership and Entrepreneurship Conference designed to inspire, equip, and elevate the next generation of Africans. It serves as a strategic platform for young innovators, policymakers, professionals, industry experts, development partners, and influential leaders from across Nigeria, Africa, and the global community to engage with the ideas, opportunities, and insights that will define their generation.

Previous editions of the Summit have convened over 2,000 young leaders in partnership with leading institutions across Nigeria. The 2026 edition represents a significant scale-up: projected to bring together 5,000 physical participants and 25,000 virtually connected individuals, including entrepreneurs, creatives, policymakers, and innovators from across the continent.

2026 THEME

“The Global Emerging Leader: Redefining the African Narrative”

This theme reflects a bold and deliberate commitment to shaping a generation of African leaders who are confident, visionary, globally competitive, and ready to influence systems at scale. The 2026 edition carries special significance, as it aligns with the 23rd birthday of the Convener on 12th August - International Youth Day, global celebration of the voices, potential, and possibilities of young people worldwide.

SUMMIT FORMAT

KEYNOTE SESSIONS

High-impact addresses from Africa's foremost thought leaders, policymakers, and global innovators.

PLENARY SESSIONS

Inclusive, facilitated conversations shaping the continent's leadership, governance, and economic agenda.

WORKSHOPS

Practical, skills-focused sessions on entrepreneurship, innovation, technology, and leadership excellence.

FIRESIDE CHAT

A conversational session with industry leaders and influencers, sharing insights and experiences that fosters industry growth and understanding.

EXHIBITION ARENA

A vibrant showcase space for brands, startups, and development institutions to engage thousands.

DEAL ROOMS & INVESTOR ROUNDTABLE

A closed-door environment facilitating deal-making, investor pitches, and strategic partnership conversations.

SUMMIT INITIATIVES

The 2026 Achievers Summit is anchored by **three flagship initiatives**, each designed to generate lasting impact beyond the event itself.

GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT



**OFFICIAL
ATTEMPT**

In commemoration of International Youth Day, EA International is coordinating a scheduled Guinness World Record attempt built around two powerful campaigns: **'Africa Youth Rising'** and **'Youth Go Digital'**. The attempt will take place on the second day of the Summit, 12th August 2026, and will comprise two simultaneous record categories:

1. Largest Human Representation of a URL by 500 People
2. Largest Human Representation of a Text by 500 People

SUMMIT INITIATIVES

100UNDER40 AWARDS

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The 100 Under 40 Award is a flagship continental recognition platform established by EA International to **identify, celebrate, and amplify the stories of outstanding young Africans under the age of 40** who are making significant, measurable, and sustainable impact across their fields.

The Award is designed not only to celebrate success, but to redefine the African narrative by spotlighting excellence, ethical leadership, innovation, resilience, and service across Africa and the African diaspora.

The awards ceremony will be held on 12th August at the Achievers Summit, with the Gala Night and Award Dinner on 13th August at Oriental Hotel, Lagos.

SUMMIT INITIATIVES

EAI FOODBANK CSR DRIVE



As part of its corporate social responsibility commitment, EA International will embark on a Foodbank Drive in commemoration of the Convener's 23rd birthday and International Youth Day.

The drive will **feed 100 families in the Makoko community, Lagos** - grounding the Summit's leadership conversations in the reality of grassroots impact.

AUDIENCE PROFILE

5,000+

In-Person Attendees

25,000+

Virtual Audience

50+

World-Class Speakers

10+

Countries Represented

The audience composition spans entrepreneurs and founders, corporate executives and senior professionals, investors and development partners, policymakers and government representatives, students, youth leaders, and members of the creative and innovation economy. An **estimated 20% of in-person attendees are active investors** - making this one of the most investment-dense youth leadership gatherings on the continent.

THREE
DAYS



FOUR
STAGES

SIX
TRACKS

ONE
MOVEMENT

THREE DAYS. FOUR STAGES. SIX TRACKS. ONE MOVEMENT.

DAY 1 - AUG 11

Main Summit Event *Opens 8:00 AM.*

Four Stages, Six Tracks	Plenary Session	Pitch Showcase
Live Performance	Keynotes	2027 Summit Unveiling

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DAY 2 - AUG 12

Summit + Awards + GWR *Opens 8:30 AM.*

Three keynotes +Q&A	Seminar Sessions	100Under40 Awards
Guinness World Records Attempt (700 Participants)		Day closes 7:00 PM

THREE DAYS. FOUR STAGES. SIX TRACKS. ONE MOVEMENT.

DAY 3 - AUG 13

Investors & Gala Night

Deal Room & Investor
Roundtable: 12-3 PM | Red Carpet 4 PM

Gala & Awards Night from 7 PM.

FOUR STAGES

MAIN STAGE

Primary Keynotes & Fireside Chat

BREAKOUT STAGE 1

Track 01: Technology, AI & Innovation · Track
03: Creative Economy, Design & Culture

BREAKOUT STAGE 2

Track 04: Governance, Policy & Civic
Engagement · Track 06: Leadership, Education
& Future of Work

BREAKOUT STAGE 3

Track 02: Media, Content & Storytelling ·
Track 05: Business, Finance &
Entrepreneurship

SIX CONTENT TRACKS

Track 01
Technology, AI & Innovation

Track 02
Media, Content & Digital Storytelling

Track 03
Creative Economy, Design & Culture

Track 04
Governance, Policy & Civic Engagement

Track 05
Business, Finance & Entrepreneurship

Track 06
Leadership, Education & Future of Work

SESSION TYPE GUIDE

Keynote	Panel Discussion	Fireside Chat
Workshop	Awards Program	GWR Attempt
Deal Room	Investor Roundtable	Pitch Showcase



TRACK 01

TECHNOLOGY, AI & INNOVATION

Africa is not a passive recipient of global technology - **it is an active builder of it.** This track convenes founders, engineers, product leaders and investors building the AI tools, fintech platforms and digital infrastructure that will power the continent's next economy.

SESSION TOPICS

The AI Revolution in Africa: Opportunities, Threats & the Governance Gap

Fintech, Blockchain & the Future of African Financial Infrastructure

AI Tools for Entrepreneurs: From Prompt to Product

Tech Ecosystems in West Africa: Who's Winning & What It Takes to Compete

Data Sovereignty, Cybersecurity & Digital Rights in Africa

TRACK 02

MEDIA, CONTENT & DIGITAL STORYTELLING

The stories Africa tells about itself will **shape how the world — and Africans themselves — see the continent.** This track is built for journalists, content creators, podcasters, filmmakers and media entrepreneurs redefining African narratives for a global digital audience.

SESSION TOPICS

From Blogger to Broadcaster: The Rise of the African Digital Creator

Monetising the African Story: IP Rights, Licensing & Global Distribution

African Media in the AI Age: Opportunity, Threat or Transformation?

The Creator Economy as Development Infrastructure: Jobs, GDP & Soft Power

Podcasting, Video & Newsletters: Building Sustainable African Media Businesses

TRACK 03

CREATIVE ECONOMY, DESIGN & CULTURE

Africa's cultural output — its music, film, fashion, comedy and visual art — is commanding global attention and generating real economic value. **This track is the business side of creativity:** how Africa's cultural industries are structured, funded, scaled and protected.

SESSION TOPICS

Afrobeats, Fashion & Film: How African Culture Became a Global Export

Design Thinking for African Solutions: Building Products That Fit Culture

Fashion, Music & Sport as Economic Infrastructure: The Numbers Behind the Culture

African Fashion on the Global Stage: Branding, Exports & Creative Identity

The Film & Music Ecosystem: Infrastructure, Investment & the Streaming Era

TRACK 04

GOVERNANCE, POLICY & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Good governance is not an aspiration — it is a prerequisite. This track convenes elected officials, policymakers, civil society leaders and public intellectuals to design better institutions, more accountable systems and a more engaged citizenry across Africa.

SESSION TOPICS

Youth, Democracy & the Future of African Governance

The Diaspora's Role in National Development: Remittances, Policy & Presence

Civic Technology & Citizen Participation: Can Apps Fix Governance?

Fighting Corruption: Systems, Incentives & the Culture of Accountability

Public Policy Design for Inclusive Growth: A Practitioner's Workshop

TRACK 05

BUSINESS, FINANCE & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

From the founder at zero to the investor managing a portfolio — **this track spans the full commercial spectrum.** Practical, frank and commercially honest, it covers the decisions, capital strategies and operational realities that determine whether African enterprises survive, scale or lead.

SESSION TOPICS

Raising Capital in Challenging Markets: The African Founder's Playbook

Women in Business: Power, Access & Ambition in Modern Africa

Pan-African Trade & the AfCFTA Opportunity: A Practical Business Briefing

Corporate Governance & Board Leadership: Structuring Organisations for Longevity

Scaling African Enterprises Across Borders: Currency Risk, Culture & Capital

TRACK 06

LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION & THE FUTURE OF WORK

Extraordinary impact begins with an extraordinary inner life — and it is sustained by the right skills and understanding of how work is changing. This track serves leaders, educators and lifelong learners building the human capital and institutional knowledge Africa's ambitions demand.

SESSION TOPICS

High-Performance Habits: The Architecture of Sustainable Success

Building Influence: Personal Branding in the Age of Digital Saturation

Purpose, Calling & the Anatomy of a Meaningful Career

Emotional Intelligence & Executive Presence: Leading in High-Stakes Environments

The Future of Work in Africa: Automation, Skills Gaps & the Education Imperative

DIGITAL CATALOGUE – BACKGROUND & EVOLUTION OF THE SUMMIT

The Achievers Summit has grown steadily into a respected leadership platform with *measurable impact*:

FIRST EDITION

Hosted in partnership with the University of Lagos, convening over 700 young leaders, dubbed as the National Youth Leadership Development Symposium.



DIGITAL CATALOGUE – BACKGROUND & EVOLUTION OF THE SUMMIT

SECOND EDITION

Hosted in partnership with Lagos State University, with 1,000+ participants dubbed as the West Africa Youth Summit.

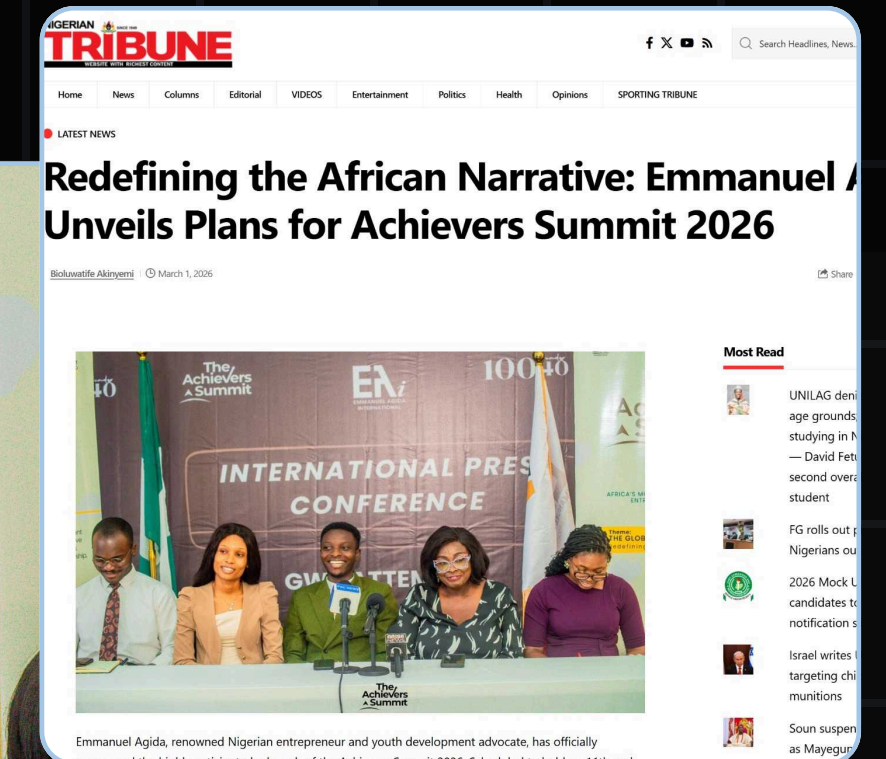
Each edition expanded in scope, quality of speakers, institutional relevance, and participant outcomes.



DIGITAL CATALOGUE – BACKGROUND & EVOLUTION OF THE SUMMIT

PRESS CONFERENCE

The summit held its International Press conference on Friday, 27th February in Ikeja, Lagos. The well attended event featured prominent national media such as *Arise TV*, *TVC*, *Tribune Newspaper* and the *Guardian*.



ABOUT THE CONVENER

Emmanuel Agida is a Nigerian entrepreneur, faith leader, and governance reformer whose work spans capacity development, institutional strengthening, business innovation, and socio-economic transformation across Africa and the global stage.

He is the Founder and President of Emmanuel Agida International (EAI), a leadership and corporate solutions firm dedicated to building globally competitive leaders, strengthening institutions, and delivering innovative, high-impact solutions to individuals and organisations across diverse sectors.

He currently serves as Chairman of the Centre for Governance, Economy and Development and Executive Director of the International Institute for Governance and Economy — both platforms at the forefront of policy dialogue, leadership education, and sustainable economic development across the African continent.

Emmanuel Agida is an accomplished author with several books to his credit, addressing themes of leadership, governance, and the African development agenda.



ABOUT THE CONVENER

In 2019, he founded the Emmanuel Agida Foundation, the philanthropic and social impact arm of the EAI ecosystem. Through targeted scholarships, humanitarian relief to displaced families, and robust youth empowerment initiatives, the Foundation has directly impacted over 3,000 young Africans and families — particularly women, children, and underserved communities. As an economic enthusiast and development advocate, Emmanuel's philosophy is anchored on the conviction that 'economic freedom is not a privilege to be inherited, but a destiny to be engineered — and that the transformation of any nation begins not with its resources, but with the quality of its people'. He believes that when minds are shaped with purpose and nations are built with principle, prosperity becomes not an aspiration but an inevitability. This belief drives every institution he leads, every initiative he champions, and every life his work touches.

In 2021, Emmanuel Agida served as Special Assistant to the Osun State Government, making history as the youngest political officeholder in Nigeria at the age of 17 — a milestone that cemented his reputation as a generational voice in African governance and public service.

Emmanuel Agida is an active member of several distinguished national and international professional bodies, including the World Economic Forum (WEF), Switzerland; the Chartered Institute of Public Relations and Politics, Ghana, where he holds an Honorary Doctoral Fellowship; and Amnesty International, London. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Benin.