

# Welcome to Your Delegate Pack

# Thank you for joining us for this year's event in Nairobi.

We're excited to welcome you to what promises to be an inspiring and memorable experience. This Delegate Pack contains all the information you need to make your journey smooth, your stay comfortable, and your participation rewarding from start to finish.

From visa and travel guidance to accommodation details, venue highlights, and health & safety measures, you'll find practical tips to help you plan your trip. You'll also receive details on our interactive conference app, allowing you to connect with fellow delegates, access the programme in real-time, and make the most of every session and networking opportunity.



# Themes

### The 2025 AVPA Conference will explore:



#### **Future-Proofing Africa**

Building resilient systems and institutions capable of withstanding future shocks.



#### **Catalytic Capital**

Unlocking innovative financing mechanisms, including blended finance and catalytic investments.



#### Private Sector Engagement for Impact

Mobilising leadership, resources, and innovation to advance inclusive growth.

Cross-cutting topics will include technology for good, preparing Africa's workforce for the future, and gender-smart investing. Sector-specific sessions will focus on agriculture, education, climate finance, energy systems, and health. The tentative programme is available here and will be updated regularly until November, and will link to the <u>Conference website</u>.

# **Tentative Program**

## **Sunday Nov 2**

**4:30 pm - 6:00 pm**Early Registrations

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Welcoming Cocktail (Invitation Only)

# Monday Nov 3

7:30 am - 8:30 am Registrations, exhibitions, and networking	8:30 am - 9:20 am Welcome remarks	9:30 am – 9:50 am Keynote Address 1 Keynote Address 2	9:50 am – 10:30 am  Opening Plenary: Local Money Big Moves: Rethinking the Real Role of Capital In Africa	
Breakout Sessions				
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Panel: Blending for Scale: Successful Models, Lessons Learned, and the Future of Blended Finance in Africa	Panel: Scaling mental health investments in Africa	Workshop: Performance-Based Financing – Defining Outcomes, Activities, and Impact	Masterclass: Using Interactive Data for Mobilizing Capital Towards Impact in Africa: Al-Powered Social Investment in Action
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Panel: From Local Pools to Continental Growth: Investing Africa's Pension Wealth in Africa	Panel: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation session	Workshop: Emerging Practices and Innovations in Impact Measurement and Management (IMM)	MacArthur Foundation Masterclass: Catalytic Capital
Catalytic Conversations				
4:15 pm - 5:15 pm	Catalytic conversation: Whose Lens Is It Anyway? Rethinking Investment Through Gender, Refugee, and Child-Centered Perspectives	Catalytic conversation: Powering Partnerships: Philanthropy as a catalyst for Sustainable Ecosystems	Catalytic conversation: From Ground to Grid: Key Insights for Innovative finance for Africa's Green Growth SGBs	Catalytic conversation: The Power of Aligning Forces: Collaboratives in action
Side Sessions				
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Side session 1	Side session 2		

# **Tentative Program**

				Tuesday Nov 4
8:00am - 8:30 am Registrations, exhibitions, and networking	9:20 am – 9:30 am Keynote address	9:30 am - 10:30 am Opening Plenary: The Business of Impact: Why the Private Sector Can't Sit This One Out		
Breakout Sessions				
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Panel: Natural Capital, Real Value: Mainstreaming Nature into African Finance	Panel: Learning to Lead: Financing Education at the Youth Opportunity Frontier	Workshop	Masterclass: Using Interactive Data for Mobilizing Capital Towards Impact in Africa: Al-Powered Social Investment in Action
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Panel: The Impact Network Effect	Panel: Investing with a Legacy Lens: HNWIs and the Family Office Evolution	Workshop	Masterclass: Impact Investing in action
Catalytic Conversations				
4:15 pm - 5:15 pm	Catalytic conversation: AVPA Deal Share	Catalytic conversation: Impact-Aligned Investment Models, including equity, debt, and hybrid instruments tailored for social enterprises and SMEs.	Catalytic conversation: Redesigning Capital Support for Africa's Innovators and Entrepreneurs: Turning fragmented capital into a seamless continuum that accelerates sustainable impact at scale	Catalytic conversation: Watt's Next? Redefining Energy in an African Context
Side Sessions				
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Side session 1	Side session 2		

# **Tentative Program**

#### Wednesday Nov 5

7am - 12pm

Exclusive roundtable:
Bringing it home:
The case for pension fund domiciliation in Africa

9:00 am - 10:30 am

Member-led session (East Africa, West Africa, Southern Africa Members) 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Exclusive CEO and Investor Roundtable on Nature Investment Opportunities in Africa: Hosted by African Natural Capital Alliance × AVPA × Building Bridges

**Impact in Action Sessions** 

11:30 am Onwards

Field Excursion 1

Field Excursion 2

Field Excursion 3

Field Excursion 4

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Panel: The Impact Network

Effect

**Panel:** Investing with a Legacy Lens: HNWIs and the Family Office Evolution

Workshop

**Masterclass:** Impact Investing in action

6:00 pm - Late

Impact Disco - Closing celebration with music, networking, and entertainment.

# The Whova Conference App



To enhance your conference experience, registered and paid delegates receive access to <u>Whova</u>, our interactive event app. Whova allows you to browse the agenda (get real-time updates if sessions change), set your personalised schedule, and connect with fellow participants before you even arrive in Nairobi.

Through the app, you can arrange meetings through direct messages, join group chats based on topics or regions, join topic-specific discussion threads, participate in live polls and Q&As, access presentation materials after sessions, use the Community Board to post introductions, share opportunities, or ask questions, learn about sponsors and partners, and connect with them directly, and download session slides, handouts, or other shared resources. You'll also have the opportunity to continue using the platform for 3 months after the event to connect with new contacts, revisit resources, and follow up on opportunities.

Download the app early to start networking and make the most of your time at the conference. If you have not received an invitation to download the app, contact Erick Macharia at <a href="mailto:emacharia@avpa.africa">emacharia@avpa.africa</a>



# **Visa & Entry Requirements**

Before you embark on your journey, please ensure that you meet Kenya's entry requirements. Most visitors require an **Electronic Travel Authorization** (eTA), with exemptions for select countries. No visas are issued on arrival, so all delegates must secure their eTA before departure. You can check your eligibility and submit your application via the official Kenya eTA portal <u>HERE</u>.

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#### **Visa Invitation Letter**

For delegates who require a visa invitation letter, AVPA offers a streamlined process. Simply complete our <u>VISA Letter Request Form</u>, and our team will promptly send your personalised letter via email to support your application.



# Flights & Transfers

To make travel arrangements as convenient as possible, AVPA has partnered with **Kenya Airways** and **Qatar Airways** as official airline partners.



Kenya Airways is delighted to offer 2025 AVPA conference delegates an exclusive discount of up to 10% on flights. Use this <u>LINK</u> to book your flight ticket.

Offer details | Apply promo code: AVPA25

Sales Period: Running until 13th November 2025 Travel Period: 26th October - 13th November 2025



AVPA Conference 2025 attendees shall benefit from up to 10% discounts, loyalty bonus Avios and exceptional experience from the World Best Airline 2025. Please use any of the following links to book your flight.

Direct Link - AVPA Conference | Qatar Airways; Qatar Flyer - LINK



### **AVPA Conference Official Transport Partner**

For smooth transfers and local excursions, our official transport partner, Absolute Adventure Safaris, offers safe, insured, GPS-tracked vehicles driven by professional drivers. Their team is available 24/7 to handle airport pick-ups, conference transport, and even post-event safaris across East Africa. To arrange transfers, contact Michael Njoroge at <u>michael@absoluteadventuresafaris.com</u>



### Accomodation

Our official conference hotel is the **Trademark Hotel**, conveniently located within the Village Market complex — just steps from the conference venue. Delegates enjoy a special rate of **USD 190 per night** (single occupancy, bed & breakfast, inclusive of taxes) for stays between **1–11 November 2025**. Rooms can be booked directly via this <u>LINK</u>. For assistance, contact <u>esther@tribehotelsgroup.com</u>

The Trademark's modern design, exceptional service, and direct access to Village Market's shopping, dining, and leisure offerings make it the ideal base for your Nairobi stay.





### **Event Location**

The 2025 AVPA Conference will take place at <u>Trademark Hotel</u>, Village Market, Gigiri, Nairobi, Kenya—a prime location 26 km from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, 20 km from Wilson Airport, and near the US Embassy and UN Headquarters.

Village Market is a world-class shopping and lifestyle destination with over 250 outlets, 45+ local and international brands, and amenities including hotels (Trademark and Tribe), a hospital, a gym, entertainment, and financial services. Its design blends indoor and outdoor experiences with style and luxury, making it a cosmopolitan hub.

The venue is adjacent to Karura Forest Reserve, one of the world's largest urban forests, offering eco-friendly leisure such as walking, jogging, and nature experiences, and standing as a model of environmental conservation through corporate and philanthropic support.



### **Onsite Health & Safety**

Your well-being is a top priority. The **Village Medical Centre**, operated by **MP Shah Hospital**, is located within the Village Market complex and is open daily from **8:00 AM to 8:00 PM** (more details here). The facility is staffed by qualified medical professionals, with ambulance services on standby.

Throughout the event, AVPA will implement robust health and safety measures, including enhanced sanitation, ventilation, and emergency preparedness. Should any health concerns arise, our on-site medical team will coordinate promptly with hotel safety personnel and excursion leaders.



### **Dress Code & Weather**

Main conference sessions will be held indoors, where **business casual** attire is recommended. Outdoor "Impact-in-Action" sessions call for **comfortable walking shoes and breathable fabrics**. For the **Impact Disco**, come prepared to showcase your style with AfroChic flair.

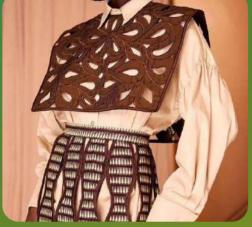
Nairobi in November enjoys pleasant temperatures between **15°C** and **25°C**, with occasional light showers. A light jacket or raincoat is advised.















## **Practical Nairobi Tips**



**Connectivity:** Local SIM cards from providers such as Safaricom and Airtel are widely available at the airport and shopping centres. Safaricom generally offers the strongest coverage in Nairobi. Most hotels and cafes offer free Wi-Fi.



Payments & Currency: The currency is the Kenyan Shilling (KES). ATMs, banks, and currency exchange services are readily available in Village Market. Major credit cards are widely accepted. Mobile payment via M-Pesa is extremely common in Kenya and can be set up for international visitors through local SIM registration.



**Safety:** Nairobi is generally safe in well-trafficked areas, especially in the Village Market and hotel zone. As in any major city, keep valuables secure, avoid isolated areas at night, and use registered taxis or ride-hailing apps.



**Culture & Etiquette:** Kenyans value warmth and courtesy; a handshake and smile go a long way. Dress modestly when outside of business events and always ask before photographing people.



**Leisure:** Extend your stay to explore Kenya's incredible natural beauty. Options include day trips to Nairobi National Park, excursions to the Great Rift Valley, or multi-day safaris to the Maasai Mara, Amboseli, or coastal destinations like Diani Beach. Reach out to our partner Absolute.

# Closing Note

The 2025 AVPA Conference is more than a gathering — it is a catalyst for action. Here in Nairobi, at the heart of one of Africa's most dynamic cities, you will join peers and partners who share a commitment to shaping a sustainable, inclusive, and prosperous future for the continent.

Everything you need — from seamless travel arrangements and exceptional accommodation to world-class facilities and a thriving networking community — is already in place. All that remains is for you to bring your ideas, your energy, and your vision. Please reach out to **Conference@avpa.africa** for any questions or clarifications that you may need ahead of time. We look forward to welcoming you in November and to making history together.





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