



DataFest Africa • 25

📅 Wednesday 15th Oct 2025 ⌚ 9:00am - 3:00pm

📍 Aga Khan University, Nairobi

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EVENT PROGRAM	SESSION	TIME	VENUE	RESPONSIBLE	DETAILS/THEMES
	Welcome & Check-In	9:00am-9:20am	Kassamali A. Somji Auditorium	Benson Githaiga , (M) Innovation & Community Manager, AKU	Attendees arrive, Check in and begin networking
	Ice Breakers	9:20am-9:30am	Kassamali A. Somji Auditorium	Benson Githaiga , (M) Innovation & Community Manager, AKU	Welcoming to the event and icebreaker activities
	Commencement and opening Remarks	9:30am-9:45am	Kassamali A. Somji Auditorium	Nancy Booker , Dean of Graduate School of Media & Communications, AKU	Opening Remarks
	Opening Remarks	9:45am-10:00am	Kassamali A. Somji Auditorium	Philip Ayazika , Director of Programs, Pollicy	Opening Remarks
	Lightning Talk 1	10:00am-10:15am	Kassamali A. Somji Auditorium	Jack Ngare , Technical Lead, Google	Scaling Tech for Africa's Future – How can engineering and innovation build systems that grow with Africa's needs?
	Lightning Talk 2	10:15am-10:30am	Kassamali A. Somji Auditorium	Antony Marugu , Data Scientist, Signvrse	What does human-centered design for accessibility teach us about reclaiming data futures?
	Panel Discussion	10:30am-11:30am	Kassamali A. Somji Auditorium	Augustine Karani , (M) Communications and Advocacy Specialist, United Nations Susan Gatura , (P) Founder, Phoenix Analytics	Community-Centered Data Infrastructure: Building grassroot data hubs and infrastructures that serve people, not just corporations or governments

			Annette Opiyo, (P) Human and Digital Rights Officer, Nubian Rights Forum Andrew Karanja, (P) Data Scientist, ICON Data and Learning Labs Africa Dennis Kevogo, (P) AI Strategist and Co-Founder, Prescott Data Beatrice Wambui, (P) Coordinator, Africa Water Ambassadors	
Tea Break	11:30am- 12:00pm	Ground Floor Space		Refreshments and Networking
Lightning Talk 3	12:00pm- 12:15pm	Kassamali A. Somji Auditorium	Alfred Ongere, Founder and CEO, Ai Kenya	Pixels and Perception: Traditional Kenyan attire through a distorted lens
Community Dialogue 1	12:15pm- 1:00pm	Kassamali A. Somji Auditorium	Barbara Osiro, Business Manager and Lead, Social Impact, Qhala. Sajni Malde - Senior Data Scientist, World Data Lab	What will it take for Africa to shift from consumer to producer of AI and data solutions?
Community Dialogue 2	1:00pm- 1:40pm	Ground Floor Space	Brian Malika, Founder, One More Percent	Big Tech vs Maasai Community: Business Ethics in Tech Transactions
Lunch Break Tech Garden and Creative Spaces and Networking	2:00pm- 3:00pm	Exhibition Hall	See below	Refreshments & Networking Visionary ideas and showcases of practical tools shaping Africa's tech and data futures

Exhibition Space Activities

1. Phoenix Analytics Exhibition Table -
2. AI Agents and Excel Dashboards by Phoenix Analytics Community members
3. Photo Booth - Join us and capture your experience at Datafest Africa 2025 - Nairobi.
4. Aga Khan University Centre for Innovation in Medical Education (CIME) Exhibition table -
 - a. Med AI Agent
5. Afritales and Artistry art exhibition: Where arts meets social impact.
6. Kweli: A citizen feedback & accountability platform designed to make governance more transparent and inclusive especially for communities that are often left out -
7. UZIMA-DS Exhibition Table: Advanced AI/ML-based methods to serve as early warning systems
8. Qhala:
 - a. In-house legal LLM <https://hakii.ai/>
 - b. The data relevant findings of Africa AI Literacy initiative -
9. Annet Kavata Water Project: AKU President's Challenge for Climate Solutions student awardee
10. World Data Lab - <https://africayouthjobs.io/>