

Preliminary Program of the International Conference FITA2026

Financing Investment and Trade in Africa

April 28–29, 2026 – Radisson Blu & Convention Center, Tunis, Tunisia

2026 Theme: “African Value Chains: Developing Strategic Levers for the Transformation of the Continent”

General Context

Africa is currently at a decisive turning point in its economic development.

Despite exceptional natural resource wealth, a dynamic demographic structure, and one of the highest growth potentials in the world, the continent remains heavily dependent on the export of raw or minimally processed commodities.

This situation limits:

- ▶ Local value creation
- ▶ Industrialization
- ▶ Opportunities for skilled employment
- ▶ Regional economic integration

In this context, the development of integrated African value chains represents a major strategic lever for transforming the continent’s economies.

This notably involves:

- ✓ Promoting the local processing of resources
- ✓ Strengthening African industrial capacities
- ✓ Improving production and transport infrastructure
- ✓ Stimulating intra-African trade, particularly within the framework of the **AfCFTA**

Following the theme of the previous edition — **“Driving Africa’s Transformation”** — **FITA2026** takes a new step by placing value chains at the heart of economic transformation, regional integration, and productive sovereignty.

Over the course of two days, public decision-makers, investors, business leaders, international financial institutions, experts, and technical partners will gather to identify the key levers required to structure and finance these strategic value chains.

Official Opening Ceremony

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 – OYA Hall

🕒 **08:00 – 09:00** Reception and registration of participants

🕒 **09:00 – 10:00 Official Opening Ceremony**

High-level interventions:

- ▶ Representatives of the Tunisian Government
- ▶ Tunisia Africa Business Council (TABCC)

- **FITA2026 Awards Ceremony**
- **FITA2026 Policy Papers Competition Award Ceremony**

🕒 **10:00 – 11:00** Keynote Session

Addresses by international personalities

- ▶ African and international partner institutions
- ▶ Representatives of the Guest of Honour countries

Strategic perspectives on:

- ▶ Africa's economic outlook
- ▶ The role of value chains in Africa's economic transformation

Main Panels

OYA Hall

Tuesday, April 28

🕒 **11:00 – 12:30 Panel 1 – Ministerial Panel:** Infrastructure development in Africa: foundations of continental value chains

🕒 **14:00 – 15:30 Panel 2 – Ministerial Panel:** African value chains: industrialization strategies and regional integration

🕒 **16:00 – 17:30 Panel 3:** Financing the development of African value chains: banks, investment funds and development institutions

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

🕒 **09:00 – 10:30 Panel 4:** Strengthening economic connectivity between Africa and the rest of the world: diaspora networks as strategic levers for investment and market expansion

🕒 **10:30 – 11:00 Partnership Agreements Signing Ceremony Between TABCO and its partners**

🕒 **11:00 – 12:30 Panel 5:** African energy corridors: drivers of energy transition and regional integration

🕒 **14:00 – 15:30 Panel 6:** Logistics, transport and connectivity: accelerating intra-African trade within the framework of the AfCFTA

🕒 **16:00 – 17:30 Panel 7:** Artificial intelligence and emerging technologies: a strategic lever for Africa's economic transformation

Parallel Panels

SALAMBO Hall

Tuesday, April 28

🕒 **11:00 – 12:30 Panel 1 – ATIC:** The role and functioning of specialized investment funds in Africa

🕒 **14:00 – 15:30 Panel 2 – FHS:** Strategic Legal Design serving African value chains

🕒 **16:00 – 17:30 Panel 3 – China** The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI): opportunities for cooperation and investment in Africa (Organized with **REANDA**)

Wednesday, April 29

🕒 **09:00 – 10:30 Panel 4 – Tunisia Investment Authority (TIA):** Tunisia: investment opportunities and strategic projects

🕒 **11:00 – 12:30 Panel 5 – IRZ:** Investment law in Africa: legal challenges and operational solutions

🕒 **14:00 – 15:30 Panel 6 – Africa Progressive Women:** Women's leadership and entrepreneurship: accelerating women's participation in African value chains

🕒 **16:00 – 17:30 Panel 7 – ANETI:** The role of employment agencies and training policies in the development of value chains

Side Events

EDHIAFA Hall

Tuesday, April 28

- 🕒 **11:00 – 12:30: Side Event 1 – Canada (Guest of Honour):** Canada – Tunisia – Africa economic triangulation: investment and partnership opportunities
- 🕒 **14:00 – 15:30: Side Event 2 – Guinea (African Guest of Honour):** Presentation of the strategic **Simandou Project** and its industrial opportunities
- 🕒 **16:00 – 17:30: Side Event 3 – Democratic Republic of Congo – ANAPI:** Kinshasa urban expansion project: **Kia Mona Project**

Wednesday, April 29

- 🕒 **09:00 – 10:30 Side Event 4 – Benin:** Presentation of the investment environment
- 🕒 **11:00 – 12:30 Side Event 5 – Burkina Faso:** Investment opportunities and priority projects
- 🕒 **14:00 – 15:30 Side Event 6 – FNF Green Tech & Clean Tech:** Green technologies and climate solutions for Africa
- 🕒 **16:00 – 17:30 Side Event 7 – Nigeria (Gombe State):** Investment opportunities in Gombe State

Workshops

LIME Hall

Tuesday, April 28

- 🕒 **11:00 – 12:30 Workshop 1 – Zetatech :** Innovative energy solutions for Africa
- 🕒 **14:00 – 15:30 Workshop 2 – Accelerate Africa :** Investing in African startups: scaling innovation across the continent
- 🕒 **16:00 – 17:30 Workshop 3 :** From People’s Trust to Economic Trust

Wednesday, April 29

- 🕒 **09:00 – 10:30 Workshop 4 – CCTM & EDBM:** Investment opportunities in Madagascar
- 🕒 **11:00 – 12:30 Workshop 5 – IETO:** India – Tunisia – Africa economic triangulation
- 🕒 **14:00 – 15:30 Workshop 6 – FTTH:** Textile industry and African value chains
- 🕒 **16:00 – 17:30 Workshop 7** Sustainable tourism and cultural industries: new drivers for development

B2B Meetings

Carthage Hall

Tuesday, April 28

- 🕒 **14:00 – 18:00**
B2B & B2G Meetings

Wednesday, April 29

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Deal Room

Amilcar Hall

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- 🕒 **14:00 – 17:30**
Meetings between project promoters and funding institutions

Wednesday, April 29

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Meetings between project promoters and investors

Closing Session

OYA Hall

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

🕒 18:00 – 18:30

- ✓ Summary of discussions
- ✓ Presentation of strategic recommendations
- ✓ Outlook for **FITA2027**

Cultural and Tourism Day (Optional)

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Program for international participants: Visit of the **Bardo Museum**, Discovery of the **Medina of Tunis** and Visit of **Sidi Bou Saïd**

Join us in shaping the economic future of Africa together.

Registration: www.fita2026.com