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2024 REPORT

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01. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Over the past few years, we have consistently demonstrated the immense potential of Bitcoin as a solution to Africa's persistent economic challenges. In a continent grappling with currency volatility, inflation, and exclusion from traditional financial systems, Bitcoin offers a lifeline, ensuring financial inclusion, stability, and economic opportunities. The Africa Bitcoin Conference has become the leading platform for showcasing how Bitcoin's decentralized architecture, borderless nature, and low transaction costs empower Africans to access banking services, facilitate cross-border trade, and secure their financial futures independently of traditional financial institutions.

Since its inception in 2022, the Africa Bitcoin Conference has established itself as a significant event in Africa's financial landscape. The conference has brought together stakeholders, visionaries, and Bitcoin enthusiasts to explore and harness the potential of Bitcoin to drive economic growth and foster financial inclusion across the continent. While the first two editions in Accra, Ghana, laid a strong foundation, the 2024 conference in Nairobi, Kenya, marked a significant milestone, achieving unprecedented levels of participation and impact.

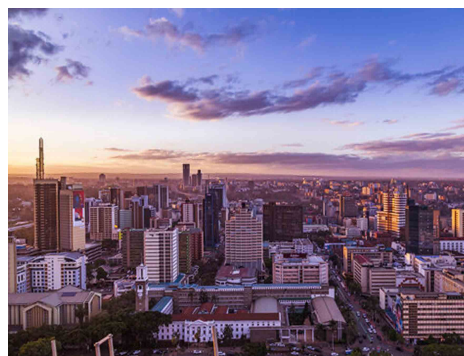
The ripple effects of the conference have been profound, accelerating the growth of Africa's Bitcoin ecosystem. In just two years, the number of Bitcoin-related projects, products, and companies on the continent has surged from fewer than 30 in 2022 to over 120 by 2024. These initiatives span critical sectors such as mining, retail, education, media, events, community building, and nonprofits, impacting more than 30 countries across Africa.

Beyond showcasing innovation, the conference has emerged as a vital incubator for partnerships and collaborations, enabling numerous projects to secure crucial funding and strategic alliances through its dynamic network. This remarkable growth shows how important the Africa Bitcoin Conference has been in building a strong Bitcoin community that is improving financial access and creating new opportunities across the continent.

This impact report provides a comprehensive assessment of the 2024 Africa Bitcoin Conference and its associated initiatives. It highlights the activities and outcomes that have propelled Africa's Bitcoin ecosystem forward, fostering innovation, inclusivity, and resilience in the year under review.

02. HOST COUNTRY & VENUE

The conference was hosted in Nairobi, Kenya at the JW Marriott Hotel.



03. AFRICA BITCOIN CONFERENCE IMPACT NUMBERS

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Years of Operation

3 years (2022-2025)

2000+

Attendees

Over 2,000 attendees

40/120

Bitcoin Projects

Growth from less than 40 projects in 2022 to over 120 by 2024

50+

Funding for Projects

Over 50 projects secured funding through connections made at ABC

80+

Young Developers Sponsored

80+ young developers funded to attend and showcase their skills

200+

Participants Sponsored

Over 200 participants funded across the continent to attend the conference

3000+

Student Training Programs

Over 3,000 students in secondary schools and technical colleges educated on bitcoin

12+
2000+

Africa Bitcoin Day

Celebrated in over 12 countries,
with 2,000+ participants since 2022

30+

Startups Empowered

Over 30 African projects secured funding or
support after attending the conference

40%

Women Representation

40% of speakers and attendees are women

20+

Workshops and Masterclasses

Over 20 hands-on learning sessions and
masterclasses annually

50+

Exhibitors

50+ exhibitors showcasing innovation

70+

Speakers

70+ speakers from diverse backgrounds
annually

\$50K+

Hackathon

\$50,000 awarded to winners through the
ABC Hackathon sponsored by Block & TBD

04. PARTICIPATION

Since the inaugural edition in 2022, which welcomed 400 participants, the conference has seen remarkable growth, attracting 800 attendees in 2024 and solidifying its status as Africa's largest Bitcoin-focused event.

Attendees ranged from developers, entrepreneurs, policymakers, academics, and Bitcoin enthusiasts from over 30 countries.



05. SPEAKERS

Speakers from diverse sectors included developers, entrepreneurs, advocates, academics, and media personalities who delivered impactful presentations, participated in panel discussions and facilitated workshops.

The 2024 conference also attracted diverse international participants and speakers which helped enrich discussions and networking opportunities, presenting a chance to gain global perspectives on Bitcoin adoption challenges and opportunities.



PRESENTATION
Name:
Magatte Wade
Topic:
**Prospera Africa
and Bitcoin**



FIRE SIDE CHAT
Names:
**Jack Dorsey
& Ojoma Ochai**
Topic:
**The Future of
Bitcoin: Jack
Dorsey on Open
Source & NOSTR**



WORKSHOP
Name:
Alex Li (HRF)
Topic:
**Bitcoin for NGOs:
Unlocking Financial
Freedom and
Global Impact**

PANEL DISCUSSION

Names:
**Fadi El Salameen,
Meron Estafanos
& Hadiya**

Topic:
**Bitcoin for Peace and
Freedom: Stories
from Palestine, Israel,
and Somalia**



WORKSHOP

Name:
**Britney
Taamu-Miyashiro**

Topic:
**Immersive Bitcoin
Education:
Integrating LARP for
Engaging Learning
Experiences**



PANEL DISCUSSION

Names:
**Farida Nabourema,
Freddie New &
Roger Huang**

Topic:
**Decoding CBDCs:
Implications for
Privacy, Control, and
Financial Surveillance**



PANEL DISCUSSION

Names:
Tobi Toheeb Ojuolape, Lamar Wilson, Abubakar Nur Khalil

Topic:
Cultivating a Thriving Bitcoin Developer Community: Strategies for Success



WORKSHOP

Names:
Econoalchemist, Rod Roudi, Skot

Topic:
Open Source Hardware and Solo mining



PRESENTATION

Name:
Kgothatso Ngako

Topic:
Permissionless is an Understatement: Building on Bitcoin for Billions





PANEL DISCUSSION

Names:

Nemo Semret, Philip Walton, Siyanbola yassar

Topic:

Bitcoin Mining in Africa: Challenges, Opportunities, and Innovation for Sustainable Growth



PRESENTATION

Name: **Femi Longe**

Topic:

What does Bitcoin mean in Africa?

06. KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The conference featured key impact stories showcasing how Bitcoin has transformed lives and businesses across the continent.

HACKATHON

Block, Inc, the global technology company with a focus on financial services announced the winners of the highly anticipated TBD Hackathon, at the conference. The competition was designed to foster innovation, creativity, and technological advancements in payments across Africa.

Participants in the hackathon tackled crucial challenges, including limited access to banking, high transaction fees, and inefficient cross-border payments. Each team made up of 1-2 developers, used the tbDEX SDK to build their payment applications within a sandbox environment.

The grand prize winner, Emmanuel Kufre, developed Blink, a decentralized wallet application designed to streamline payment processing for freelancers. He was awarded \$15,000 in BTC for his innovation. Other notable winners included tbDEX Go and Igbigi, which secured \$10,000 and \$5,000 in BTC, respectively.



ABC SOCIAL IMPACT AWARD

The inaugural ABC Social Impact Award was announced, celebrating individuals and organisations leveraging Bitcoin for social good. This award is not just about innovation in finance; it is about using Bitcoin as a tool for creating a positive, lasting impact in areas such as Financial Inclusion, Education & Awareness, Economic Empowerment, Humanitarian Efforts and Social Justice & Freedom.

After public nominations, an expert panel selected 10 projects as finalists for the award. In addition to the prize monies, all nominees received money raised from the voting process to support their works across the continent. After public voting, three projects emerged as winners and were awarded on the main stage at the conference.



WINNER

**BITCOIN DUA
1.5 MILLION SATOSHIS**



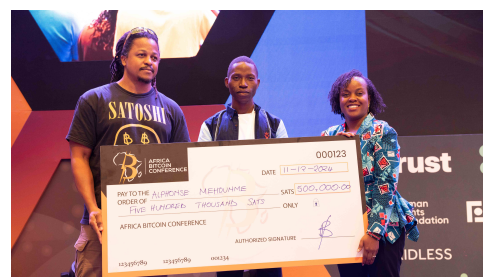
1ST RUNNER UP

**BITCOIN FOR FAIRNESS
1 MILLION SATOSHIS**



2ND RUNNER UP

**ALPHONSE MEHOUNME
500,000 SATOSHIS**



EXHIBITIONS

The conference offered opportunities to both sponsors and other bitcoin companies to exhibit their products



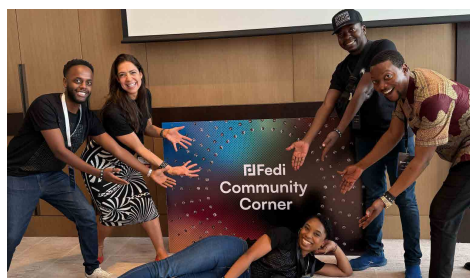
NETWORKING EVENTS

The conference provided the ground for a lot of networking activities. These events allowed bitcoiners to connect and have meaningful discussions.



FEDI LOUNGE

In partnership with Fedi, we created a dedicated lounge which created an environment for conference participants to relax, recharge, and connect in a more informal setting. This public lounge provided an engaging environment for playful interactions, casual conversations, and spontaneous connections among attendees, fostering a relaxed atmosphere for networking



BTRUST ANNOUNCES GRANT RECIPIENTS

Btrust announced recipients of the Q1 funding for 2025. This grant program sets the stage for engineers to contribute meaningfully, build credibility, and find direction through sustained contributions to open-source projects without worrying about livelihood.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES ANNOUNCEMENTS

The conference featured various presentations and workshops that presented opportunities bitcoiners can access to improve their works across the continent and beyond. Key among them was HRF, Open Sats and Btrust.

KENYA FIRE BRIGADES ASSOCIATION BECOMES FIRST AFRICAN LABOR UNION TO HOLD BITCOIN

The Kenya National Fire Brigades Association (KENFIBA) has made history as the first labor union in Kenya and across Africa to adopt Bitcoin.

This milestone was achieved through a “Get Off Zero” donation facilitated by Proof of Workforce, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping unions and workers integrate Bitcoin into their financial systems.

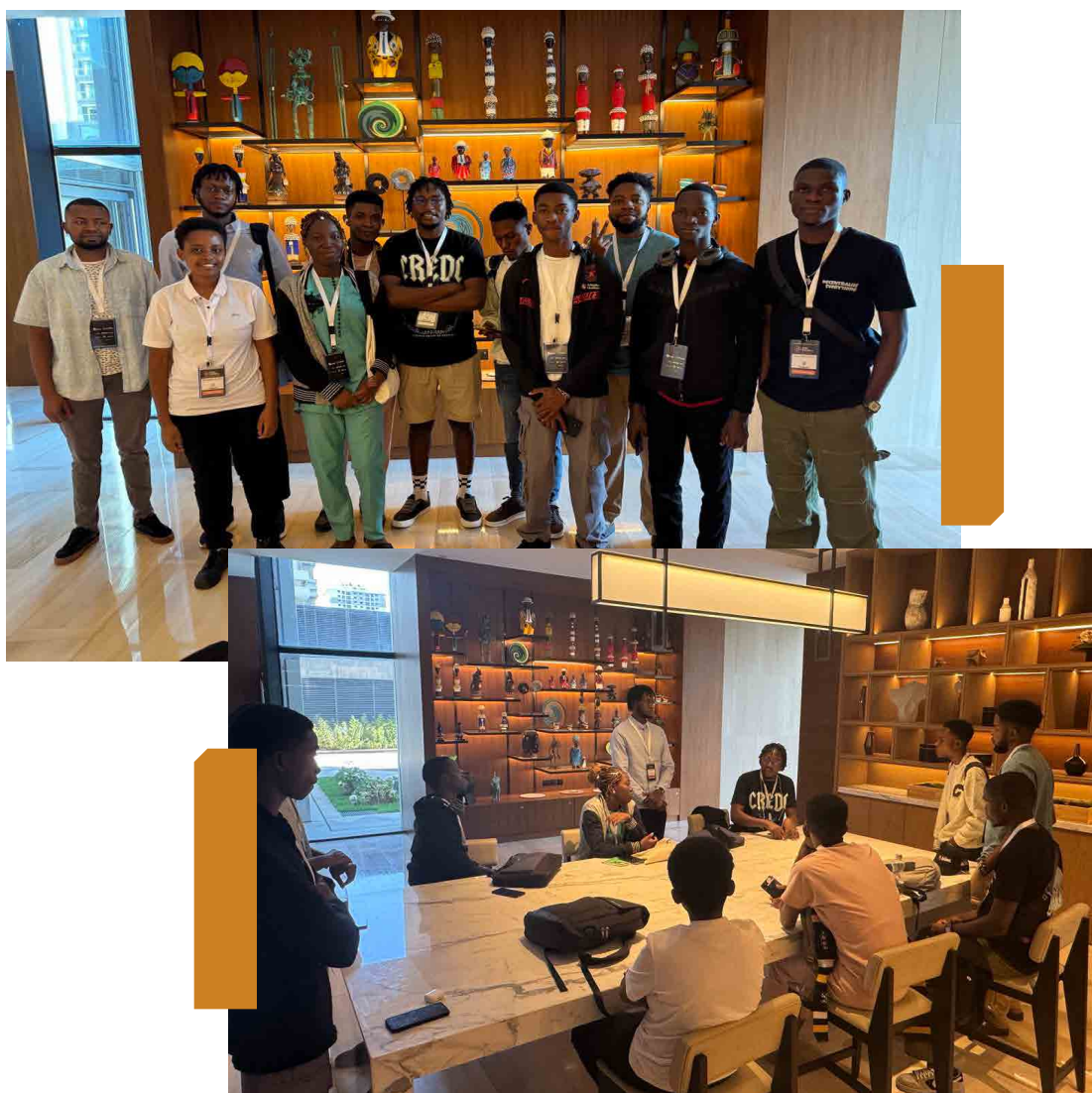
The announcement was made on December 11 during the Africa Bitcoin Conference in Nairobi.



07. AFROBITCOIN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Launched in 2022, the fellowship programme continues to support developers from Africa by providing them with mentorship and access to opportunities.

In 2024, twelve fellows were selected and sponsored to attend the conference offering them the opportunity to engage the African Bitcoin community to enhance their projects and engage stakeholders they need for their work.



08. TESTIMONIALS

 **Abubakar Nur Khalil** @ihate1999 · Dec 17, 2024

This year's #ABC24 was just Incredible! 🌍


Excellent execution from the @AfroBitcoinOrg team. Huge thank you to the @btrustteam on a successful #BtrustDeveloperDay and our other events, lucky to be working with you guys ❤️

Kenya really showed love, Asante Sana 🇰🇪👏

 **Fairdeeds** @fairdeeds · Dec 12, 2024


Already at the airport leaving Kenya. What a great conference #ABC24 #ABCKenya

I had the opportunity to meet wonderful people and work together on something big. Together we can achieve great things! #Bitcoin ❤️
@jack @marcelorraine @btc_dada @BitcoinEkasi @JoeNakamoto

 **Aurelia Mutua** @mwikalj_aurelia · Dec 13, 2024

I had a chance of attending #ABC24 and it was worth it!


Great insights and amazing speakers!

 **Nthams** @Nthambi_faith1 · Dec 13, 2024

Had an incredible time at the African Bitcoin Conference! @AfroBitcoinOrg The energy, insights, and conversations were truly inspiring. Proud to be part of such a dynamic community and excited for what's to come. Can't wait for the next one! #ABC24 @Loicbtc @Extheo

 **Son of the Lake** 🇰🇪 (iamchris.base... @ChrisOke... · Dec 13, 2024

#ABC24 has been great!
From connecting with local builders from Kenya and sharing meaningful insights from fellow bitcoiners around the globe. Happy that I got to share my project #Edupay with this amazing crew 🚀
#Btrust24 #ABCKenya

 **Sudan HODL** @SudanHODL · Dec 12, 2024

@AfroBitcoinOrg @Farida_N

Thank you for the invitation, I was able to connect and engage with our vibrant African ecosystem. This wouldn't have been possible without the incredible work you and your wonderful team are doing, and I truly appreciate it.

#ABC24 #Bitcoin


 **Africa Facts Zone** @AfricaFactsZone · Dec 11, 2024

Twitter's former CEO, Jack Dorsey speaking at the **Africa Bitcoin Conference** in Nairobi, Kenya.

Kenya has 4.5 million cryptocurrency owners, the tenth highest in the world.

 **Alex Gladstein** @gladstein · Dec 21, 2024

The Africa Bitcoin Conference is an unbelievably inspiring event with too many ripple effects to count

 **Bouhari** @BouhariMou2199 · Dec 12, 2024


Replying to @Farida_N

Thank you for this gigantic event 🙌.

The place to meet exceptional and extraordinary people from the Bitcoin ecosystem

See you at @AfroBitcoinOrg next year.

#ABC24 #ABCKENYA

 **Femi Longe** @femilonge · Nov 12, 2024

Words can't describe how excited I am to be speaking at the upcoming **Africa Bitcoin Conference**

I find #ABC a very refreshing space to connect with builders in Africa doing the work to progress our continent & to improve the quality of life of our people using #Bitcoin as a tool

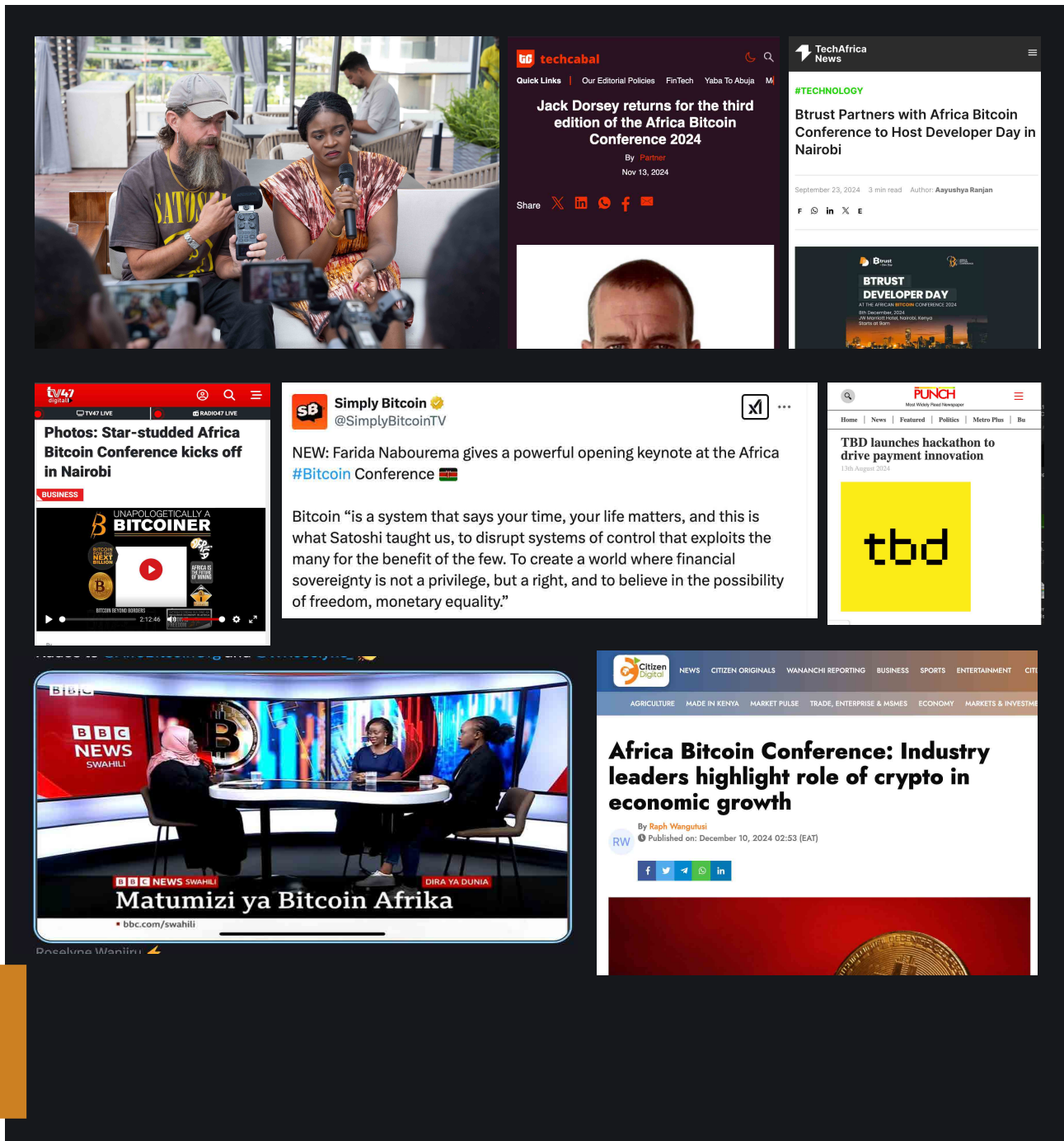
 **Charlene Fadirepo, The Bitcoin Str...** @CharFa... · Dec 18, 2024

The #Africa #Bitcoin Conference was incredible, but it's the Africa #Bitcoin community where the real magic happens! ❤️❤️❤️

09. MEDIA IMPACT

The 2024 conference garnered extensive media coverage, with over 100 publications and widespread social media engagement through hashtags like #AfroBitcoin and #ABC24

The event was covered by BBC, Bitcoin Magazine, TechCabal, TechpointAfrica and a host of local media in Kenya.



10. FINANCIAL LITERACY SUMMER CAMP

The Africa Bitcoin Community (ABC) successfully hosted a Financial Literacy Summer Camp at the Accra Technical Training Centre (ATTC), which brought together 50 students.

Over four interactive sessions, teens and high school students were equipped with essential financial skills to help them achieve financial independence. Through hands-on workshops and practical exercises, participants gained a deeper understanding of financial literacy, empowering them to make informed financial decisions for the future.



11. AFRICA BITCOIN DAY

In 2024, we continued the annual Africa Bitcoin Day commemoration which we instituted.

Activities were independently organised by Bitcoiners across the continent.



12. A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE

ABC 2025

Looking ahead, the Africa Bitcoin Conference (ABC) is poised to make an even greater impact in 2025 with a series of groundbreaking initiatives. In December 2025, ABC will host its annual conference in the vibrant city of Port Louis, Mauritius, where we anticipate welcoming over 1,000 participants



ABC POLICY FORUM

As Bitcoin reaches new all-time highs, we are leveraging this moment to deepen advocacy for Africa's financial and economic transformation. In July 2025, ABC will take a bold step forward by organizing the inaugural Africa Bitcoin Policy Forum in Addis Ababa, in partnership with the African Union. This forum will bring together policymakers, advocates, and industry leaders to shape a progressive policy agenda that accelerates Bitcoin adoption and financial inclusion across the continent.

AFRICA BITCOIN CONFERENCE DIASPORA

Following this, on August 14-15, we will host the first edition of the Africa Bitcoin Conference Diaspora in Boston, alongside the African Festival of Boston. This unique event will build bridges between the African diaspora and the continent, showcasing Bitcoin as a powerful tool for empowerment, investment, and financial innovation. With close to 5 million Africans living in the United States, the diaspora represents a significant economic force, contributing billions annually to the continent through remittances and investments. We aim to include this vital community in the Bitcoin revolution, offering them opportunities to engage, invest, and connect with the growing ecosystem in Africa.

13. CALL FOR SPONSORS

We call on our sponsors and donors to support these initiatives, as they represent vital opportunities to drive financial inclusion, economic independence, and innovation across Africa. By partnering with ABC, sponsors become part of a transformative movement that is redefining Africa's future: a future built on inclusion, prosperity, and freedom. Your support will not only amplify our collective impact but also accelerate meaningful change, ensuring that millions of Africans benefit from the opportunities Bitcoin and financial innovation can provide. Together, we can create a stronger, more empowered continent

14. CONCLUSION

The Africa Bitcoin Conference is far more than a gathering: it is a beacon of freedom, inclusion, growth, and innovation, driving Africa's transformation into a global leader in financial and economic progress. Each edition of the conference reinforces its role as a space where ideas are exchanged, partnerships are formed, and bold solutions are developed to address the continent's most pressing challenges. It is a movement, a community, and a vision for a better future.

By connecting innovators, entrepreneurs, and advocates from across Africa and the world, the conference is breaking down barriers, building bridges, and redefining what is possible. It is not just about Bitcoin; it is about creating a continent-wide network of individuals and institutions committed to financial independence, economic empowerment, and sustainable growth.

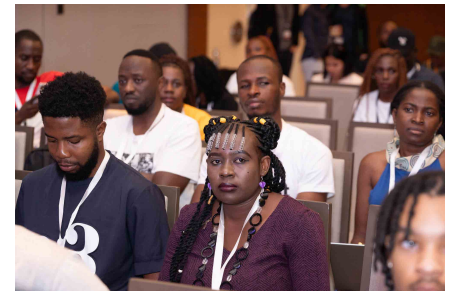
The journey is far from over, and the Africa Bitcoin Conference will remain at the forefront, lighting the way toward a freer, more inclusive, and prosperous future for the continent and beyond. This is not just a moment; it is a legacy in the making.

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EXCERPTS FROM ABC 2024









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