

# MEETING AGENDA

Date: 27th March 2026

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## 01 Morning Coffee & Networking

Description / Notes:

**TIME:** 08:00 - 09:00

**ROOM:** Welcome Area

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## 02 Plenary Session

Description / Notes:

**TIME:** 09:00 - 09:45

### **The Future of Open Finance in East Africa**

**ROOM:** Marquee

Open Finance is rapidly reshaping the financial services landscape by enabling secure data sharing, fostering innovation, and unlocking new business models across banking, fintech, and beyond. Open Finance presents a unique opportunity to deepen financial inclusion, enhance competition, and create more personalized financial solutions. This panel will explore how the region can move from Open Banking to full Open Finance ecosystems, leveraging regulatory frameworks, APIs, and data-sharing models to unlock value for consumers, businesses, and the broader economy.

### **Speaker/Panellist recommendation:**

Derick Blackswan, Head of M-Pesa - (TBC)  
Tony - Laina ,Happy Sollo - FSDT (Moderator)  
NBC

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## 03 Plenary Session

### **Merchant & SME Digitisation**

**TIME:** 09:45- 10:15

Theme: "From Cash to Code: Unlocking Growth Through Merchant & SME Digitisation" Session Objective To explore how SMEs and merchants are adopting digital tools, payments, platforms, credit, logistics and what is actually driving (or blocking) real usage and growth in Tanzania.

**ROOM:** Marquee

### **Speaker/Panellist recommendation:**

Mark Mwaniki- Sales Director East Africa-  
Verto - John Haule Swahilies Iain Usiri  
Mangire Kibanda- NBC



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## 04 CEO Debate

**Description / Notes:**

Is Regulation Enabling or Slowing Innovation?  
Is global compliance an opportunity or a hurdle?  
How can we champion regional passporting?

**TIME:** 10:15– 10:45

**ROOM:** Mount Meru/  
Zanzibar

**Speaker/Panellist recommendation:**

Preston – Slice Finance Africa  
Reuben Mwatosya - Tembo  
Jesse Madauda - Founder& Executive  
Director NEDC ()  
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## 05 Networking Break

**TIME:** 10:45 – 11:15

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## 06 Plenary Session

**Description / Notes:**

Digital Public Infrastructure in Action – Payments,  
Identity & Interoperability

**TIME:** 11:15 – 12:15

**ROOM:** Marquee

**Speaker/Panellist:**

**Moderator:** Desire Kachenje - Co-developop  
Victor - Tembo  
Peter Mlay - Unlimit  
Doreen -Ecobank  
Felix Maroy - Fyatu

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## 07 Showcasing

**Description / Notes:**

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**TIME:** 12:15 – 13:00

**ROOM:** Marquee

**Speaker/Panellist recommendation:**

NBC  
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## 08 Networking Break

**TIME:** 13:00 – 14:00

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## 09 Emerging Frontiers Panel

**Description / Notes:**

**Embedded Finance & Digital Commerce**

(explore how embedded finance and digital commerce are converging to unlock new revenue streams, drive financial inclusion, and reshape user behavior across Africa.)

**TIME:** 14:00– 14:45

**ROOM:** Marquee

**Speaker/Panellist recommendation:**

Marvin Credable

Emmanuel Charles - Piki

Hazem Afify - Sumet

Taha Jiwaji - Beem - **Moderator**

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## 10 Showcasing

**Description / Notes:**

**TIME:** 14:45– 16:30

**Speaker/Panellist recommendation:**

Ecobank

Tembo

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**ROOM:** Marquee

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## 11 EAIF 2026 Declaration

**Description / Notes:**

Strategic Commitments & Closing Remarks

**TIME:** 16:30 – 17:00

**ROOM:** Marquee

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## 12 VIP & Speakers Cocktail Reception

**Description / Notes:**

Invitation Only

**TIME:** 18:00 – 20:00

**ROOM:** Marquee

