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Events	Partners	Focus
7	**12+**	**100%**
High-level engagements	**Institutions engaged**	**Financial inclusion**

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Post-EAIF Engagements Driving Partnerships and Policy Dialogue

Building on the success of EAIF 2026, the April–May period focused on sustaining momentum through strategic engagements with regulators, development partners, fintechs, and ecosystem stakeholders. These follow-up discussions aimed to convert forum insights into tangible collaborations, partnership opportunities, and ongoing policy dialogue. Encouragingly, stakeholders have expressed strong interest in advancing joint initiatives, particularly around cross-border payments, interoperability, and digital financial inclusion. These continued engagements contribute to stronger ecosystem coordination and reinforce public-private collaboration in support of a more inclusive and innovative financial sector.

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Celebrating Leadership and Empowerment

On 1st April 2026, TAFINA participated in the Tanzania Bankers Association (TBA) Women's Event held under the inspiring theme, "Give to Gain." The event brought together accomplished women leaders, professionals, and changemakers to share experiences and insights on leadership, mentorship, empowerment, and the value of giving back.

Through meaningful conversations and networking, participants reaffirmed the importance of collaboration and collective action in creating opportunities for women and driving inclusive growth across the financial sector.

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Engagement with National Technical Committee (NTC) on Financial Inclusion

On 9th-10th April 2026, TAFINA participated in the National Technical Committee (NTC) meeting under the National Council for Financial Inclusion, reaffirming its commitment to shaping Tanzania's financial inclusion agenda. The two-day meeting brought together key stakeholders to review progress and priorities across the sector, including the Annual Financial Inclusion Report 2025, the Midterm Evaluation of the National Financial Inclusion Framework III (2023–2025), and the Financial Inclusion Monitoring and Evaluation Framework. Through its contributions, TAFINA highlighted fintech perspectives on digital financial services, innovation, and ecosystem challenges, ensuring that emerging technologies and industry insights remain part of the national dialogue on inclusive finance.

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Financial Sector Forum 2026

On 9th –10th April 2026, TAFINA participated in the Second Financial Sector Stakeholders Forum for FY 2025/26, convened by the Ministry of Finance and the Bank of Tanzania. As an invited panelist, TAFINA contributed to discussions on "Innovation, Technology and AI in the Financial Sector," sharing insights on the transformative role of emerging technologies in advancing financial inclusion and digital financial services.

The forum provided an important platform for stakeholders to review progress under the Financial Sector Development Master Plan and explore future priorities, with TAFINA ensuring that fintech perspectives remained central to national policy and sector development conversations.

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Luncheon Meeting with Former Canadian Parliamentarians

On 11th April 2026, TAFINA participated in a high-level engagement with a delegation from the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians (CAFP), facilitated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation and the Tanzania Investment and Special Economic Zones Authority (TISEZA). The meeting brought together leaders from key sectors to discuss opportunities for investment, private sector development, and strengthened economic ties between Tanzania and Canada. The engagement provided a valuable platform to showcase Tanzania's growing fintech ecosystem and explore potential avenues for international collaboration and investment.

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Digital Financial Services Affordability Dialogue

On 13 April 2026, TAFINA participated in the Tanzania Affordable Digital Financial Services (DFS) Dissemination Event, hosted by the Bank of Tanzania in collaboration with Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA). The event brought together regulators, financial service providers, development partners, and fintech stakeholders to discuss research findings on the affordability of digital financial services in Tanzania.

The discussions explored key factors influencing DFS costs, including competition, regulation, taxation, interoperability, and agent network management, while identifying opportunities to strengthen access to affordable and inclusive financial services for all Tanzanians.

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Strengthening the Evidence Base for Fintech Growth

A key milestone for Tanzania's fintech ecosystem was reached as stakeholders continued engaging around the Fintech Mapping Study, an initiative designed to provide a comprehensive picture of the country's rapidly evolving fintech landscape. The study has attracted strong interest from across the financial sector, reflecting a shared commitment to building a more data-driven and inclusive ecosystem.

By generating valuable insights on market trends, opportunities, and challenges, the mapping exercise is expected to support informed decision-making, strengthen collaboration among stakeholders, and contribute to the continued growth of fintech innovation in Tanzania

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Tanzania-Russia Business and Investment Forum 2026

On 15 May 2026, TAFINA participated in the Tanzania–Russia Business and Investment Forum in Arusha. The forum brought together public and private sector leaders to explore opportunities for trade, investment, and innovation. The engagement provided a platform to strengthen international partnerships, showcase Tanzania's growing innovation ecosystem, and foster dialogue on digital transformation and economic growth.

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Congratulating Members

Member success is ecosystem success. We are delighted to celebrate our members on these important achievements and commend their commitment to empowering businesses through innovative financial solutions. We wish them continued growth.

i Swahilies

We extend our congratulations to Swahilies on being granted a Payment Service Provider (PSP) License by the Bank of Tanzania. This achievement marks an important milestone in the company's growth journey and reflects its commitment to driving innovation in Tanzania's financial sector. We celebrate Swahilies' continued efforts in empowering businesses through digital financial solutions and look forward to its growing contribution to financial inclusion and the digital economy.

ii Black Swan

We extend our congratulations to Black Swan on being recognized among Africa's Top 25 Startups to Watch. This remarkable achievement highlights the growing impact of Tanzanian innovation on the continental and global stage. Through solutions such as Kopa Gari and Manka, Black Swan is transforming access to credit and empowering financial institutions across East Africa with innovative, AI-driven technologies. We celebrate this well-deserved recognition and look forward to the company's continued success in advancing financial inclusion across Africa.

iii Azam Pay

We extend our congratulations to AzamPay on being named among Bloomberg's 25 African Startups to Watch, a prestigious recognition of its contribution to advancing digital payments and financial inclusion across the region. This milestone is further complemented by the launch of innovative solutions, including the "Pay Like a Local" feature for international visitors and a zero-fee remittance partnership with NALA. These achievements underscore AzamPay's commitment to delivering seamless, accessible, and innovative financial services while showcasing Tanzanian fintech excellence on the global stage.

iv NALA

We extend our congratulations to NALA, on securing up to USD 50 million in growth financing to accelerate the expansion of its global payments infrastructure. This milestone underscores the growing global confidence in African fintech innovation and highlights NALA's continued success in connecting Africa to the world through seamless cross-border payment solutions. We celebrate this achievement and look forward to NALA's continued impact on the future of digital financial services.

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NEW TAFINA **MEMBERS**

We are delighted to warmly welcome our new members to the association! Your commitment to advancing fintech in Tanzania and East Africa is truly inspiring. We look forward to collaborating with you to drive innovation, foster strategic partnerships, and enhance financial inclusion across the region. Together, we will continue to make significant strides in transforming the fintech landscape. Welcome aboard!

1. **RELWORX Tanzania Limited**
2. **ITravel, Go Digital Payment Systems Limited**
3. **Trade-Lance Limited**

To be part of this exciting journey, register as a TAFINA member today through this **link**

Reminder: Membership Renewals

We remind all members to pay their membership fees. Your TAFINA membership gives you a voice in shaping policy, access to key networks, and visibility in the fintech ecosystem. Renew now or join today and continue benefiting from exclusive opportunities.

Renew today. Stay visible. Shape policy
Let's build the next frontier of fintech together.

Best regards,
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