

UK AFRICA ECOSYSTEM WEEK

Founder Onboarding Pack

London Tech Week 2026 · 7–10 June · London

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AFRICA**

SANDBOX



The Platform Equipping African and UK Tech Companies with everything they need to **Enter > Scale > Exit** across the UK-Africa corridor.

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*“Helping the UK to become the **Global Plug & Play Market for Africa’s Tech Ecosystem’s** as its **Global Capital and Scale Partner.**”*

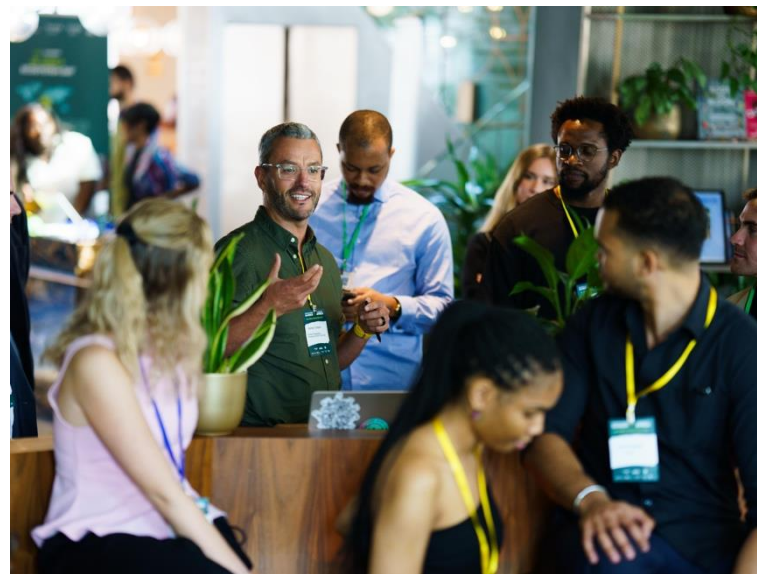
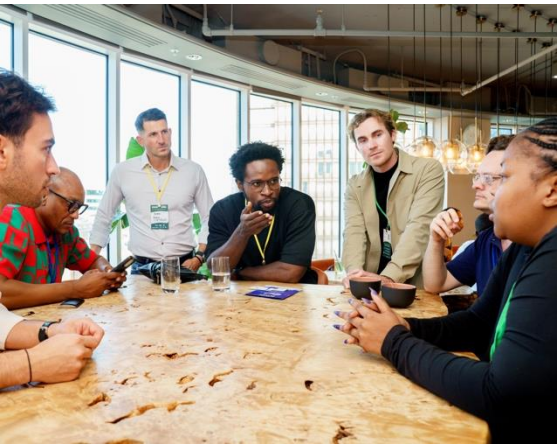
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community mixer



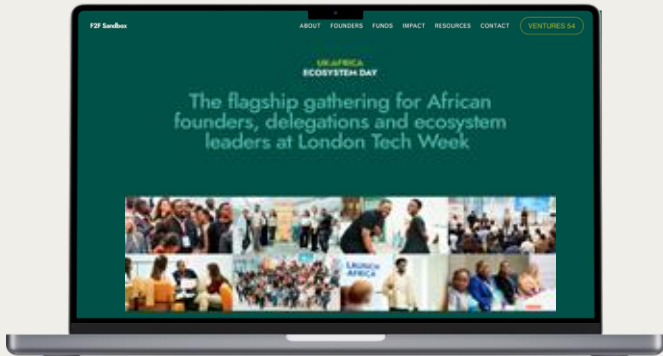
In 2024 we facilitated targeted expert sessions



In 2025 it become the UK-Africa convening moment in London Tech Week...



UK AFRICA SANDBOX ECOSYSTEM DAY



7 African Delegations	24 Sandbox Sessions
70 Visiting African Startups	240 Hrs of Founder Support Given
120 London Africa Community Members	560 Unique UK-Africa Connections Made



Check out the 2024 & 2025 Event Videos Here:
<https://bit.ly/LTWSandboxEvent>



“UK Africa Ecosystem Day at London Tech Week has become the convening of the UK Tech Ecosystem to support African Founders with landing and scaling in the UK. But we are taking it one step further”

London Tech Week: Africa's Missed Moment

UK's biggest tech event - yet African tech barely registers on the agenda

500+

events, speakers & sessions across London Tech Week

Founders arrive without a roadmap

LTW is bewildering without a curated guide. African founders struggle to identify the right events, meetings, and partners from 500+ options.

100,000+

attendees from 100+ countries - the UK's biggest annual tech gathering

Africa-focused organization's are stretched thin

Even organisations with Africa mandates must prioritise multiple regions. African founders rarely receive dedicated, sustained attention during the week.

<1%

of London Tech Week programming has any Africa focus or content

Entrepreneurial tourism trap (not market entry)

Without structure, founders leave LTW with business cards but no real pipeline. The visit becomes sightseeing rather than a genuine market entry activation.

Three things we give every founder



The Marquee Programme

A shared spine of high-value moments the whole cohort attends — the welcome reception, panel, Africa Lounge, Ecosystem Day and mixer.



Your Tailored Pack

A personalised set of the most relevant LTW sessions, side events and people — matched to your business and ranked by commercial value.



Concierge Support

A WhatsApp group, calendar invites and an on-the-ground team coordinating introductions and logistics as an extension of your company.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

From today to the start line



TODAY

Tue 2 Jun

You receive this onboarding pack and calendar invites for the marquee activities and you're added to the cohort WhatsApp group and mailer list.



TOMORROW

Wed 3 Jun

Your tailored recommendation pack lands. Start your research and flag the sessions and people you most want to reach.



ON ARRIVAL

Sun 7 Jun

Your personalised Ecosystem Day agenda is ready - the sessions you're attending and the organisations you're meeting.



ALL WEEK

7-10 Jun

We coordinate everything via the WhatsApp group and your calendar, with the concierge team on the ground.

THE MARQUEE PROGRAMME

The moments you'll all share

London Tech Week · 7–10 June 2026

SUNDAY 7 JUN

Welcome Reception

The Africa Centre
16.30 – 19.00



MONDAY 8 JUN

UK–Africa Panel

LTW, Olympia
15:00 – 16:00



VIP Int'l Reception

London Guildhall
17:30 – 20:00



TUESDAY 9 JUN

Africa Lounge

LTW Olympia
13:00 – 15:00



WEDNESDAY 10 JUN

UK Africa Ecosystem Day

The Forum, The City
12:00–18:00



London Africa Mixer

The Forum, The City
18:00 – 21:00



01 Sunday Welcome Reception

Sunday 7 June · 16:30 - 19:00 · The Africa Centre · Full cohort

OVERVIEW

Your week opens with a warm welcome to the cohort. Meet the other founders, the Sandbox team and our partners, collect your LTW passes and get oriented for the days ahead.

WHY IT MATTERS

- Collect your London Tech Week passes - skip the Monday queues
- Meet the cohort you'll navigate the week with
- First introductions to UK ecosystem partners and hosts

HOW TO PREPARE

- Bring a crisp one-line intro to your company
- Arrive with your objectives for the week in mind
- Have your digital card / LinkedIn ready to share



02

Monday UK–Africa Panel

Monday 8 June · 15:00–16:00 · UK Pavilion, LTW (Olympia) · Optional + UK Government

OVERVIEW

A flagship UK–Africa panel on the main London Tech Week programme, putting the UK–Africa tech corridor and this cohort in front of the wider LTW audience.

WHY IT MATTERS

- A high-visibility moment for the corridor
- Hear from senior UK and African ecosystem voices
- Sets context for the conversations you'll have all week

HOW TO PREPARE

- Note the questions you'd want the panel to address
- Flag speakers or organisations you'd like to meet
- Be ready to introduce yourself during networking



03 Monday VIP International Reception

Monday 8 June · 17:00 – 21:00 · Guildhall · Cohort + Global International Delegates

OVERVIEW

An evening reception bringing the delegation together with senior international stakeholders, investors and government partners in a high-quality, curated networking setting.

WHY IT MATTERS

- Direct access to senior investors and decision-makers
- Build relationships in a curated, high-signal room
- Position your business with people who can open doors

HOW TO PREPARE

- Prepare a confident 30-second pitch
- Shortlist 3–5 people or organisations to meet
- We'll help with warm introductions on the night



04 Tuesday Africa Lounge

Tuesday 9 June · 13:00–15:00 · Dedicated delegate space (TBC) · Cohort + Invited Guests

OVERVIEW

A dedicated home base for the delegation through the day a space to take meetings, meet the stakeholders we route to you, and regroup between London Tech Week sessions.

WHY IT MATTERS

- A private space to host your own meetings
- We bring relevant stakeholders directly to you
- A quiet base to plan and recharge in a busy week

HOW TO PREPARE

- Tell us who you'd like us to invite to meet you
- Block time for the meetings we set up
- Use it as your anchor point for the day



05 Wednesday · UK Africa Ecosystem Day

Wednesday 10 June · 12:00–18:00 · The Forum, 40 Leadenhall · Full cohort + UK Market-Entry Partners

The centrepiece of the week. All the UK's market-entry support law, tax, VC, banking, HR, PR, regulatory and more under one roof, built around real conversations, not panels. You'll work your personalised agenda across three formats:



Masterclasses

Stand-up sessions for the full delegation on a UK market-entry topic.



Roundtables

Curated peer discussions on a focused theme, shaped by your questions.



1:1 Office Hours

We route the right founders to each expert for fast, tailored advice.



Media & Networking

Spotlight your business across the ecosystem.

06

Wednesday London Africa Mixer



Wednesday 10 June · 18:00 – 21:00 · The Forum, 40 Leadenhall · Wider UK–Africa community

OVERVIEW

We close the week as it began back in 2023 - with the London Africa community mixer. Celebrate the week, widen your network across the UK–Africa ecosystem, and turn momentum into lasting relationships.

WHY IT MATTERS

- Meet the wider UK–Africa community beyond the cohort
- Celebrate and consolidate the week's connections
- Set up the follow-ups that carry into the Sandbox

HOW TO PREPARE

- Come ready to make warm introductions
- Note contacts you want us to help you re-connect with
- Relax you've earned it



PERSONALISED TO YOU

Built around your business

Beyond the shared marquee moments, the rest of your week is curated specifically for you two deliverables land before you arrive.



Your Recommendation Pack

Tomorrow · the LTW events matched to you



Your Ecosystem Day Agenda

On arrival · sessions & organisations confirmed

ARRIVES TOMORROW · WED 3 JUN

Your tailored recommendation pack

We've mapped the whole of London Tech Week the main agenda, official side-programmes, fringe events and networking. For your company we pull out only the events that move your business forward and rank them by commercial value.

EVERY RECOMMENDATION IS TAGGED BY PRACTICAL LENS



Capital



Market Access



Business Setup



Partnerships



Talent

HOW TO USE IT

Review your pack → flag the sessions and people you most want to reach → you add to your own schedule

READY ON ARRIVAL · SUN 7 JUN

Your Ecosystem Day Agenda

By the time you land, you'll have a personalised run sheet for Wednesday 10 June (12:00–18:00) the exact masterclasses, roundtables and 1:1 office hours you're booked into, and the organisations you'll be meeting.

UK MARKET-ENTRY PARTNERS YOU COULD MEET

● Legals

● Accountancy & Tax

● Investors & VC

● Banking & FX

● Hiring & HR

● PR & Comms

● Market Access

● Business Setup

How we'll communicate



Cohort WhatsApp group

Your primary channel for real-time updates, logistics and quick questions all week. You'll be added today.



Calendar invites

Every marquee activity comes as a calendar invite - please accept them so your week is locked in and we can see your availability.



On-the-ground concierge

The Sandbox team is with you throughout - coordinating introductions, meetings and logistics as an extension of your company.

INTRODUCTIONS

Meet Your Team

Your support crew from build-up through to the final mixer.

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YOUR NEXT STEPS

What we need from you now in next 24hrs



Accept your Calendar Invites

Lock the marquee activities into your diary.



Join the cohort WhatsApp group

Our main line for the whole week.



Review your recommendation pack

Lands tomorrow – engage your priority sessions and people.

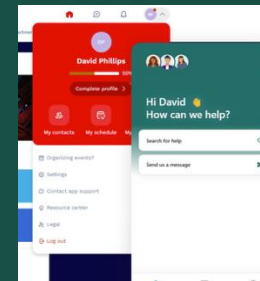


Start to Prepare your intro & short pitch

A tight one-liner plus a confident 2–3 minute version.

Book your UK matchmaking meetings

Browse UK showcase companies and request 1-to-1 meetings before you arrive.



1 Find your magic link

Email from noreply@swapcard.com, subject "Magic sign-in link". Check junk, then click to sign in.

2 Update your profile

Add your photo, bio and what you are looking for, so UK companies can find you. Tap the edit button by your icon.

3 Set your availability

Under My Schedule, block any times you cannot meet. Do this as soon as you know.

4 Browse UK companies

On the 1-to-1 Meetings page, companies are listed by sector. Open a profile to see availability.

5 Request a meeting or connect

Send a meeting request, or use Connect to send a message and link up.

6 Manage requests

Accept incoming requests in one tap. If you decline, send a quick note (three dots, then Send message).

WHERE YOUR MEETINGS ARE

Hilton London Olympia, a short walk from Olympia. Signposted left of reception, past the lifts.

LIVE APP SUPPORT

Tap your initials, top right, then Contact app support.

Do your own research: navigating the week

Beyond your pack and your matchmaking meetings, this is where to find every session, side event and party.

London Tech Week (official)

londontechweek.com

Agenda, speakers, exhibitors and masterclasses at Olympia.

LTW Fringe Programme

londontechweek.com/fringe-events-2026

Official fringe and side events across the city, 8 to 12 June.

London Tech Week on Luma

luma.com/london-tech-week

Community-listed Tech Week side events, drinks and parties.

Luma London

luma.com/london

The wider London tech, AI and investment calendar.

Ventures 54 - Euro Africa Digest

african-tech-investor-events-watchlist.notion.site

Our hand-picked UK and Africa investor, tech and startup events.

SUNDAY

We will run a short orientation session on all of this at the Welcome Reception.



SEE YOU IN LONDON

7–10 June 2026

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