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STATEMENT FROM THE CEO TO THE KENIC TEAM

“As we close Q3 and enter Q4, it is clear that our greatest strength lies not in what has passed or what awaits us, but in the resilience and determination we carry within.

This year has stretched and sharpened us. From the successful launch of Viva Learning, to the progress made under our ICANN capacity-building project, to bold initiatives like Hack-a-Milli, we have shown that when we align around purpose, we can deliver impact at scale.

But Q4 is a sprint—it's only 90 days long. Now is the time to dig deeper, run the last mile, and turn momentum into results. Our rallying call remains **#WinningTogether**. Whether it is securing customer success, embracing AI tools responsibly, or strengthening communication across teams, every effort counts.

I am proud of how you have embraced agility, and now, as we carry the Q3 theme of Communication into practice, let's double down on clarity, connection, and collaboration. Together, let's finish strong and set the stage for an even greater 2026.

Thank you for your commitment, resilience, and the heart you bring to KeNIC every day.

Let's keep moving forward—together.”



Andrew Lewela Mwanyota,
.KE Chief Evangelist & CEO,
said at the Q3 Internal Townhall
meetings (held July, August and
September 2025)

The KeNIC Hack-A-Milli Mobile & Web .KE App Developer Challenge: Inception Phase



Kenya's Biggest App-Developer Challenge

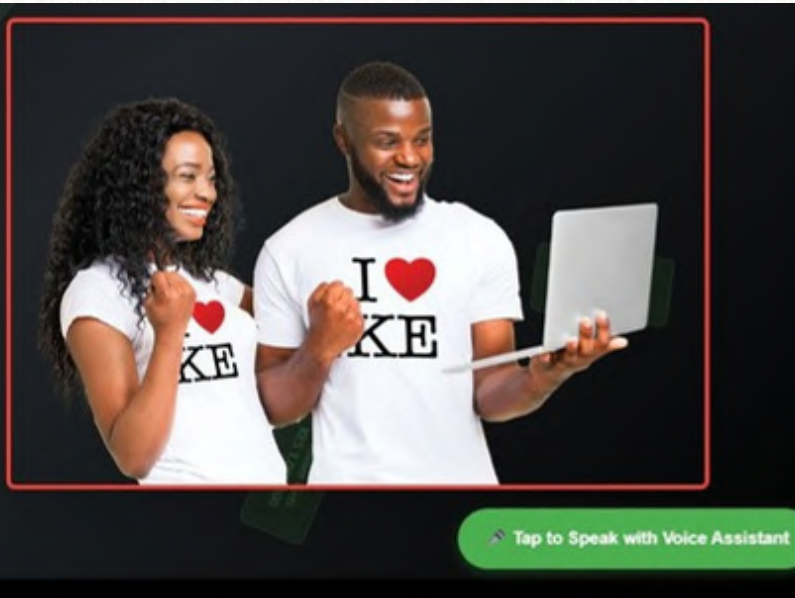
Challenge Period:
14 July - 31 Aug 2025

Perfect for individuals and Teams of up to 4 members.

Let's build a .KE App starting now!

Powered by KeNIC and MetaCap AI

Join as Individual or Team



Tap to Speak with Voice Assistant

What began as a bold idea to ignite innovation around Kenya's .KE digital space on has now blossomed into a landmark success story.

Since its inception on July 14th 2025, Hack-A-Milli has brought together young technologist determined to create impactful web and mobile solutions that strengthen the Kenyan internet ecosystem.

This year's edition was truly inspiring:

- **461 participants**
- **35 institutions of higher learning**
- **50 app ideas**
- **25 prototypes submissions** of impactful web and mobile applications prototype for .KE.

University and Colleges Represented

The hackthon drew a rich mix of universities and academies from across Kenya.

1. Kisii University
2. Karatina University
3. Dedan Kimathi University of Technology
4. Jomo Kenyatta University - JKUAT
5. Baringo National Polytechnic
6. KCA University
7. Kabarak University
8. Machakos university
9. Zone01 Kisumu Hub
10. Technical University of Kenya
11. Strathmore University
12. Zetech University
13. University of Nairobi
14. Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology
15. Kibabii University
16. Multimedia University of Kenya

17. Mount Kenya University
18. Kirinyaga University
19. Daystar University
20. Embu university
21. Kenyatta University
22. Moi University
23. University of Eldoret, Eldoret Town Campus
24. Kiriri womens of science and Technology
25. St. Paul's University-Kenya
26. Baraton University
27. Muranga University
28. Chuka University
29. Technical University of Kenya
30. Kenya Highlands University Friends
31. United States International University - Africa
32. The Open University
33. Baringo Polytechnic
34. Garissa University
35. Africa Nazarene University

With registration having officially closed on August 31st, KeNIC was deeply impressed by the 50 prototype submissions received. As they reviewed the demos envisioning future .KE web and mobile applications, the team was struck by the innovation, creativity, and technical excellence demonstrated by students across the represented institutions.

Each concept reflected dedication and fresh thinking, reaffirming KeNIC's belief in the immense talent and potential driving Kenya's digital ecosystem forward.

TOP STORY CONT....

The KeNIC Hack-A-Milli Mobile & Web .KE App Developer Challenge: Judging phase

From the 50 inventive web and mobile prototypes submitted, the spotlight shifted to our distinguished judging panel on Friday, 12th September 2025.

Unlike a typical pitch day, finalists did not present live. Instead, judges accessed the submissions through the Hack-A-Milli backend platform, allowing them to independently explore, test, and review each prototype in depth.

This approach created an interactive, collaborative judging session, where the panel engaged in detailed discussions, exchanged insights, and applied a keen eye to evaluate:

- Innovation & Originality – fresh solutions to real problems
- Technical Excellence – clean architecture, functionality, and usability
- Impact & Scalability – potential to strengthen Kenya’s .KE digital space

Meet the Judges



Waithaka Ngigi, CEO at A1.iO



Paul Onyambu, AI Engineer, Metacap AI



Clement Macharia



Robert Mwanzia, System Administrator, KeNIC



Crispus Nzano, Fraud Analyst Schemes and Operations Executive, Interswitch East Africa



Fredrick Wahome, Founder and CEO, Secunets Technologies Ltd



Vionna Wairimu Kimemia, Marketing Ops & Projects Manager - HostAfrica



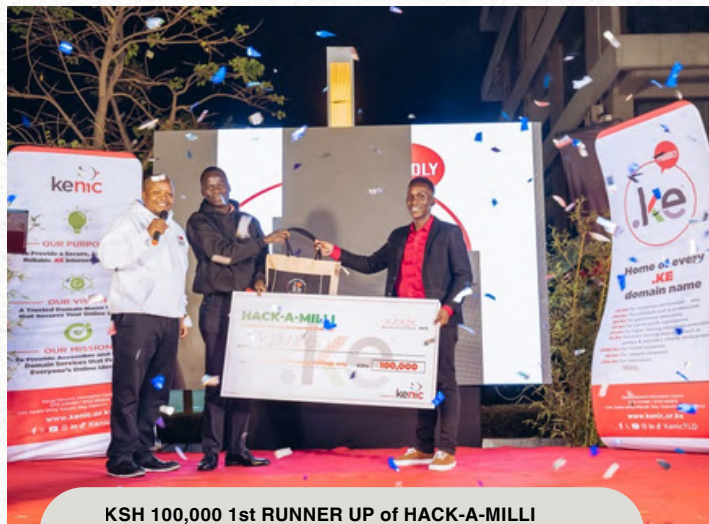
Ahmed Landi - KeNIC Technology, Information and Security Manager

TOP STORY CONT....

Award Ceremony Highlights of the KeNIC Hack-A-Milli Mobile & Web .KE App Developer Challenge



KSH 1,000,000 WINNER of HACK-A-MILLI
Daniel Makala - University of Kabianga, Kericho



KSH 100,000 1st RUNNER UP of HACK-A-MILLI
Elijah Kibuchi - Jomo Kenyatta University of
Agriculture and Technology



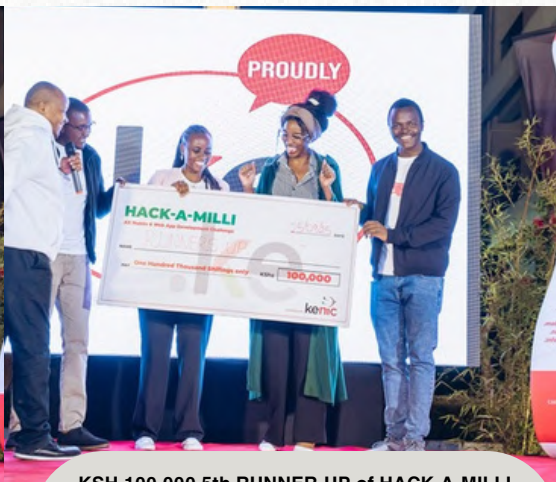
KSH 100,000 2nd RUNNER UP of HACK-A-MILLI
Seth Makori - Technical University of Mombasa



KSH 100,000 3rd RUNNER-UP of HACK-A-MILLI
Asman Caleb (Kenyatta University) & Sam Arita
(Moringa School)



KSH 100,000 4th RUNNER-UP of HACK-A-MILLI
Emillio Cliff- Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture
and Technology



KSH 100,000 5th RUNNER-UP of HACK-A-MILLI
Fundi Bytes Team: Victoria Gikonyo (Kirinyaga
University), Rosemary Njeri (Strathmore University), Ian
Okumu (Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and
Technology), and Gloria Ngure (Kenyatta University)

TOP STORY CONT....

Support that KeNIC received in launching the Hack-A-Milli Mobile & Web .KE App Developer Challenge

COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF KENYA DEMONSTRATED STRATEGIC COMMITMENT TO KENYA'S DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

KeNIC is proud to share that the Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) sponsored the .KE Mobile App development and HACK-A-MILLI challenge as part of its commitment to accelerating Kenya's digital transformation.

Through this sponsorship, CA demonstrated its leadership in advancing the national digitalization agenda and in fostering a vibrant, secure, and locally anchored internet ecosystem.

KeNIC warmly acknowledges CA's role in making the .KE Mobile App and HACK-A-MILLI challenge a success—empowering the next generation of Kenyan tech leaders and safeguarding Kenya's digital future.



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PROPOSED WITH USIU TO STRENGTHEN .KE INNOVATION

KeNIC is pleased to announce an upcoming partnership proposal from the United States International University–Africa (USIU-A), through its Director of the Innovation and Incubation Center, Dr. Billy Wadongo.

Scope of the Proposed Partnership

- Expand the prize kitty and provide funding to support wider app and technology development.
- Connect to funders for projects in blockchain and Web 3.0 and for apps solving community and corporate challenges.
- Offer open access to USIU's Innovation & Incubation Center as the home of the competition—open to all youth, TVETs, and innovators, not only USIU students.
- Support youth employment by helping participants turn winning ideas into viable start-ups.
- Seek a formal MoU with KeNIC to sustain and scale this collaboration.



HOSTAFRICA POWERS OUR WINNERS

KeNIC is pleased to announce that HostAfrica - one of our top registrar, awarded the Top 3 winners of the Hack-A-Milli with locally hosted VPS plans and .co.ke domains, providing the essential tools to launch, test, and scale their projects in real-world conditions.

The collaboration showcased creativity, innovation, and youth empowerment, reinforcing KeNIC's commitment to expanding Kenya's digital ecosystem and creating opportunities for local developers.





.KE Mobile & Web App

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Your tool for your first idea to
first sale, and beyond.

JULY – SEPTEMBER 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

1. KeNIC hosted iXAfrica Data Centre - East Africa's first hyperscale

July: KeNIC welcomed Snehar Shah (CEO) and Arthur Kinyanjui from iXAfrica Data Centres (IX-ADC), East Africa's first hyperscale, AI-ready data center, to our Nairobi offices.

The discussion focused on strategic opportunities to expand Kenya's domain ecosystem. We explored how KeNIC's trusted registry platform could leverage IX-ADC's robust infrastructure to drive innovation and sustainable growth in the digital economy.

Together, we see opportunities to unlock new possibilities that can enhance digital trust, resilience, and competitiveness for Kenya on the global stage. These discussions reflect KeNIC's commitment to exploring collaborations that drive innovation and sustainable growth in the digital ecosystem.

We are optimistic about the potential of this collaboration to build a stronger digital foundation for Kenya.



L-R: Andrew Lewela Mwanyota (CEO & .KE Evangelist), Snehar Shah CFA, Arthur Kinyanjui and Gitau Muraguri (Marketing & Communication Manager)

2. KeNIC bids farewell to our Data Protection Officer, Beth Njau with Gratitude.



R-L: Andrew Lewela (KeNIC CEO & .KE Evangelist), Beth Njau (Data Protection Officer) and Fiona Ongeso (People and Administration Manager)

July: KeNIC extends its heartfelt appreciation to Beth Njau for her decade of dedicated service. **Over the past 10 years**, Beth has been an integral part of our journey, making invaluable contributions that have supported the organization's growth and strengthened our impact within the digital ecosystem. Her professionalism, commitment, and positive spirit have left a lasting impression on both colleagues and stakeholders.

Beth's decade of service is a reminder that it is people who truly shape an organization's legacy, and her impact will continue to inspire the KeNIC family for years to come.

As Beth embarks on her next chapter, we honor her legacy at KeNIC and celebrate the milestones achieved during her tenure. We extend our best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors and remain grateful for the remarkable mark she has left on our story.



If you are reading this Beth:

"Working alongside you has been an incredible experience. Your guidance, dedication, and kindness have inspired us all. While we will truly miss your presence, we celebrate the legacy you leave behind and wish you the very best in your next chapter."

From the KeNIC Team.

3. KeNIC welcomes a New Board Member



August : We welcomed Winnie Pertet as our new Board Director - HR! With over 25 years of leadership in people and organizational transformation, Winnie's expertise and passion will be a great asset as we strengthen KeNIC's mission and people first culture.

She joins us with a remarkable track record, from leading transformative initiatives at Diageo and UAP/Old Mutual to serving on the boards of KenGen, Britam General Insurance and the National Employment Authority. We are thrilled to have her on board and look forward to the energy, vision and impact she will bring to KeNIC.



L-R: Andrew Lewela (CEO & .KE Chief Evangelist), Winnie Pertet KeNIC Board Director-HR, Paul Kariuki (Board Chairman) and Thomas Odhiambo (Board Vice-Chairperson).

4. KeNIC Supports International Youth Week 2025

August: At KeNIC, we are committed to inspiring, equipping, and empowering the next generation of innovators. Our participation at International Youth Week 2025 in partnership with EldoHub in Eldoret City reaffirmed this mission. By engaging with youth, we are not only investing in their potential but also laying the foundation for a thriving digital economy driven by creativity and innovation.



Eric Ndungu, KeNIC, Commercial and Partnership Manager



Panel session at the International Youth Week 2025

Why this matters: Youth are the backbone of Kenya's future, and their ideas hold the power to transform our society. Supporting spaces like International Youth Week ensures that their visions are nurtured and their skills sharpened.

By connecting them to digital opportunities such as the .KE domain, we're giving them the tools to shape businesses, tell their stories, and compete on a global stage. This is how we future-proof Kenya's digital identity.

5. KeNIC Hosted the Uganda Communications Commission for Benchmarking

August: KeNIC was honored to host the Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) delegation in Kenya for a benchmarking exercise on Country Code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) management. The team toured our offices, engaged with KeNIC staff, and held insightful discussions with our CEO, Mr. Andrew Mwanyota Lewela, who shared perspectives on industry standards, policy frameworks, and efficient re-delegation processes—valuable lessons as UCC enhances oversight of the .UG ccTLD.

The visit was marked by open dialogue, mutual learning, and a strong spirit of partnership. To crown the experience, the delegation received #DotKE branded gifts 📁 —a token of friendship and shared commitment to strengthening Africa's digital future.



L-R: Andrew Mwanyota (CEO & .KE Evangelist, Michael Bamwesigye (Head, Information), Ronald Bakakimpa (Head, Cybersecurity), Martha Kamukama (Manager, Licensing), Meddy Kaggwa (Head, Multimedia Services) and Obang Hanington Ongom (Manager, Research and Development)

6. KeNIC held its 2025 Annual General Meeting

August: KeNIC successfully held its 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM), a milestone that brought together our partners and stakeholders to reflect on achievements and chart the path forward.

From expanding the .KE community and enhancing online security to strengthening collaborations, the AGM underscored our shared commitment to safeguarding Kenya's digital identity.

KeNIC's dedication to maintaining a strong and vibrant digital identity for Kenya is clear, and its work is a testament to the ongoing effort to create a more inclusive and secure internet for all. The AGM concluded with a resounding toast to the collective progress and a renewed commitment to building a digital future where every Kenyan can thrive.



(Front Row) L-R: Andrew Mwanyota Lewela, Winnie Pertet, Davis Waitthaka, Damaris Mutio, Paul Kariuki, Thomas Odhiambo,
(Back Row) L-R: Gitau Muraguri, Eric Ndungu, Hildah Maina, Evelyne Kayume, Kennedy Aseda, James Turuthi, Irene Mwhaki, Kariba Moko, Fiona Ongeso, Byron Mutali, Landi Ahmed

We were honored to engage with our partners— Kenya Education Network, ICT Authority, Technology Service Providers Association of Kenya (TESPOK), The Domain Registrars Association of Kenya (DRAKE), Communications Authority of Kenya, and MGI Alekim LLP—as we continue building a safer, more inclusive internet for all. It is through these strategic partnerships that we are able to drive innovation and ensure online security for our entire community. Together we are forging a path towards a more vibrant and resilient digital future.

We remain grateful to our partners and stakeholders whose support continues to drive the growth of the .KE domain and the advancement of Kenya's digital ecosystem.



R-L: Eric Ndung'u (Commercial & Partnership manager), Gitau Muraguri (Marketing & Communication manager), Fiona Ongeso (People & Administration Manager), Andrew Lewela (.KE CEO), Hilda Maina (Finance & Strategy Manager), Landi Ahmed (Technology & Information Manager)

7. KeNIC Shares Key Reflections from Africa Global PR Week

August: KeNIC was proud to participate in Africa Global PR Week in Nairobi, a three-day summit that lived up to its theme: “Redefining PR, Redefining Africa.” The event provided a powerful platform to reflect on the evolving landscape of public relations and the importance of telling Africa’s authentic stories to the world.

The conversations highlighted Africa as a hub of opportunity and reinforced PR’s role in shaping narratives and driving growth. For KeNIC, it was also a chance to connect, learn, and reaffirm our commitment to amplifying Africa’s voice in the global digital ecosystem.



Participants at the Africa Global PR Week 2025 (Photo taken 29 August 2025)
KeNIC was represented by Doreen Khamala (Marketing and Communications Executive and Natasaha Amuhaya (Marketing and Communications Intern)

Key Takeaway from the summit

- The future of PR hinges on blending new technologies like AI and Google Analytics with the crucial need for authentic, locally-relevant storytelling.
- A campaign's true success is measured not just by quantitative data, but by its value and emotional connection to the local audience it serves.
- Perception is often more impactful than reality, underscoring the powerful role of PR in shaping narratives and building a brand's reputation.

As KeNIC takes part in Africa Global PR Week, we remain committed to amplifying Africa’s voice and vision in shaping a transparent, inclusive, and resilient communication and digital ecosystem.

8. KeNIC team hosted lunch dates with our Top-performing Registrars

Sept: KeNIC team had the pleasure of hosting a series of celebratory lunches with our top-performing registrars for the first two quarters of the year 2025. This special event was held to honor **Host Africa Ltd, Truehost Cloud, HostPinnacle, and Kenya Website Experts** for their exceptional performance in achieving and surpassing their targets for .KE domain registrations.

The lunches concluded with a special cake-cutting ceremony, symbolizing our shared success. We want to extend a huge thank you to these teams for their dedication and hard work. Your commitment is crucial to the continued growth of the .KE domain space, and we're proud to be on this journey with you.



Cake-cutting session at HostPinnacle



Cake-cutting session at Host Africa



Cake-cutting session at Kenya Website Experts

9. KeNIC Senior Leadership Retreat: Advancing Strategic Vision 2024–2026

Sept: The KeNIC Senior Leadership Team recently convened for a week-long strategic retreat dedicated to evaluating and refining the 2024–2026 Strategic Plan. The program incorporated a comprehensive session on The 7 Habits of Effective Leadership, facilitated by the Sales & Business Development Institute, a NITA-accredited training provider.



L-R: Fiona Ongeso - People and Administration Manager, Landi Ahmed - Technology, Information and Security Manager, Eric Ndungu - Commercial and Partnership Manager, Andrew Mwanyota Lewela - CEO, Gitau Muraguri - Marketing and Communications Manager & Hildah Maina- Finance and Strategy Manager.

Under the expert guidance of lead trainer Mr. James Mworia, the team gained critical leadership competencies and strategic insights to foster impactful growth and strengthen organizational purpose as KeNIC advances its long-term objectives.

10. KeNIC team Joins Integrity Walk to Fight Corruption

Sept: 27th, members of the #DotKE team, accompanied by some of their families, proudly participated in the Integrity Walk organized by Transparency International Kenya. Together, we walked to raise awareness of the devastating effects corruption has on all Kenyans and to reaffirm our commitment to creating a corruption-free nation.

The Integrity Walk is more than a march—it is a call to action for every individual to take a firm stand against corruption. Unity is essential if we are to successfully combat this menace and build a transparent, just Kenya.



11. KeNIC at Innovation and Business Summit 2025, Kilifi



Anne Gachoki, KeNIC Relationship Officer

Sept 26-27: KeNIC was proudly represented at the Innovation and Business Summit 2025 held at Titanic Hotel Kilifi. Our Relationship Officer took part in this prestigious event that brought together innovators, entrepreneurs, government officials, and corporate leaders from across Africa under the theme *"Enabling global partnerships and investments in African businesses and innovations."*

During the summit, KeNIC showcased its pivotal role in Kenya's digital transformation agenda through a 30-minute speaking slot, promoting our commitment to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship, especially within the SME sector. The Relationship Officer actively engaged with various stakeholders, facilitating meaningful conversations and expanding KeNIC's strategic network.

A significant achievement from this participation was the onboarding of the Taita Taveta Innovation Hub as an accredited KeNIC registrar. This partnership was formalized through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support integration and collaboration on School Management System solutions developed by the Hub.

INTERNAL REWARDS AND RECOGNITION AWARDS

**Congratulations to our Q2 2025
Agility Champions**



Q2 2025: The KeNIC team proudly celebrated winning the Q2 Agility Award, a recognition of our teamwork, innovation, and dedication to driving impact. To mark the achievement, our staff showcased their energy and unity in style—rocking our cool “I ❤️ .KE” merchandise. This moment reflects not only our commitment to excellence but also the vibrant culture that keeps us moving forward together.

Front Row L-R: Gitau Muraguri, Evans Muleka, Fiona Ongeso, Esther Adwets, Ann Wahito, Jane Kagai, Natasha Amuhaya, Maureen Fedha, Zipporah Wanjiru and Robert Kiptanui

Back Row L-R: Gloria Anjia, Ahmed Landi, June Ogana, Abigael Omwenga, Brian Mochangera, Andrew Lewela, Hilda Maina, Eric Ndungu and Doreen Khamala.

KENIC ONGOING EVENT



KeNIC and AFRALTI ccTLD Capacity Building Program: First Cohort Launch Planned for January 2026

Following the announcement last quarter about KeNIC's partnership with the African Advanced Level Telecommunications Institute (AFRALTI) to enhance ccTLD management capacity across Africa, progress has been made.

The first training cohort is scheduled to commence in January 2026. This program will equip ccTLD registrars, ISPs, government ICT agencies, and SMEs with the essential skills to manage secure and efficient domain registry operations.

Stay connected for registration details and further updates about this exciting capacity-building initiative.

KENIC UPCOMING EVENTS



KeNIC will be participating in the upcoming Domain Days Dubai Auction, powered by GBM and RightOfTheDot, in Dubai this October 22nd- 23rd 2025.

We will be listing four ultra short, premium 2-letter domains for auction:

- zu-ke
- si-ke
- le-ke
- lo-ke

Stay tuned for bidding details and how you can secure these premium .ke domain hacks!



Domain Summit Africa 2026 — Coming to Nairobi!

KeNIC is proud to co-host Domain Summit Africa 2026 in partnership with Site.pro, Freename, and it.com Domains.

Date: 23–24 February 2026

Location: Villa Rosa Kempinski, Nairobi

This will be Africa's largest B2B domain industry event — bringing together registrars, ccTLD operators, investors, and tech entrepreneurs for two days of networking, keynotes, workshops, and exclusive side events.

📌 **Full press release on DNForum:** [Click here](#)

Let's make Nairobi the hub of Africa's domain industry — we look forward to welcoming you!



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