

## **Singapore and Rwanda Partner to Champion Economic Inclusion at Inclusive FinTech Forum 2025**

The Inclusive FinTech Forum (IFF) 2025, jointly organised by Singapore's Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN) and Rwanda's Kigali International Financial Centre (KIFC), together with Rwanda's Central Bank - National Bank of Rwanda, is set to return to Kigali from February 24-26, 2025, marking a pivotal moment in global efforts to harness technology for economic inclusion.

Officially launched at the Singapore FinTech Festival (SFF) 2024, the world's largest fintech gathering, IFF 2025 will convene over 3000 global thought leaders, policymakers, investors, and innovators from over 80 countries to address challenges and create opportunities in the digital economy, with a focus on empowering communities worldwide, while shaping the future of inclusive economic growth.

Set against the vibrant fintech ecosystems of Singapore and Rwanda, the collaboration embodies a shared vision for cross-continental innovation. The event will feature a robust lineup of programming and discussions under the theme **“Empowering Economic Inclusion Through Accelerated Technology Adoption.”**

*“This partnership between Singapore and Rwanda embodies the vital importance of global collaboration in promoting economic inclusion through FinTech innovations,” stated Sopnendu Mohanty of the Global Finance & Technology Network. “The IFF 2025 will unlock exceptional opportunities to forge meaningful partnerships, inspire policy discussions, and cultivate solutions that are accessible, scalable, and impactful.”*

*“The National Bank of Rwanda is proud to co-organise IFF 2025, an event that exemplifies our commitment to fostering financial inclusion and stability. By bringing together global leaders and innovators, we can harness the power of technology to bridge economic gaps, empower communities, and drive resilient, sustainable growth across Africa and beyond,” said John Rwangombwa, Governor of the National Bank of Rwanda.*

*Hosting IFF 2025 underscores Kigali's emergence as a vital nexus for global fintech dialogue and innovation,” said Nick Barigye, CEO of Rwanda Finance Limited, the agency mandated to develop and promote the Kigali International Financial Centre. “In partnership with Global Finance and Technology Network and the National Bank of Rwanda, we are creating an unparalleled platform that not only showcases Africa's dynamic fintech ecosystem but also fosters cross-border collaboration to drive economic inclusion worldwide.”*

### **A Dynamic Agenda for a Changing World**

IFF 2025's agenda is crafted to engage attendees in discussions and workshops that delve deeply into pressing topics, offering a comprehensive 360-degree view of fintech's role in shaping economic inclusion across Africa and beyond. Highlights of the program include:

- **Global Leadership Dialogues:** High-level conversations with global leaders, focusing on Digital Inclusion, Policy & Regulation, Inclusive Payments & Digital Assets, and Capital

Market Stability. These dialogues will address how fintech can drive sustainable change and resilience in diverse economies.

- **Digital Assets (Africa):** In-depth discussions with industry leaders, focusing on the transformative potential of digital assets in Africa's payments and financial products landscape. Topics will include regulatory insights, practical implementations, cross-border affordability, and financial inclusion, shaping the future of payments across the continent.
- **The Capital Meets Policy Dialogue™ (Africa):** This signature platform will unite policymakers, investors, and industry experts to strategise on the intersection of policy and investment, fostering actionable frameworks that stimulate growth and investment in Africa's fintech landscape.
- **FinTech Without Borders:** Cross-border innovation and investment will be spotlighted as experts discuss how fintech transcends borders, creating inclusive solutions that foster new growth opportunities globally.
- **Startup Founders Day ft. The Founders Peak™:** Featuring the journeys of Africa's top entrepreneurs, this platform will highlight the innovation and resilience of startups advancing fintech across the continent.

IFF 2025 will include an array of workshops, roundtables, and networking events to foster knowledge-sharing and collaboration. Highlights include:

- **Deep-dive workshops** on emerging technologies and practical sessions that will empower attendees to advance digital inclusion in their regions.
- **Public-Private Roundtables**, offering a unique setting for leaders across sectors to explore forward-thinking solutions that address regulatory challenges.
- **IFF PitchFest and Exhibition:** Attendees will discover the latest fintech innovations through a cutting-edge exhibition and live pitches from startups, providing a unique opportunity for investors and innovators to connect.

The Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN), and the Kigali International Financial Centre (KIFC) are committed to driving fintech as a global force for economic inclusion. With support from the National Bank of Rwanda, IFF 2025 is set to become a landmark event, uniting stakeholders from the financial, governmental, and technological spheres to envision a future where technology facilitates inclusive, accessible, and sustainable growth worldwide.

### **Register Now to Join the Conversation**

Registration for IFF 2025 is now open. Early bird tickets are available until November 15, 2024, at [\[https://www.inclusivefintechforum.com/registration-2025\]](https://www.inclusivefintechforum.com/registration-2025). Don't miss the chance to be part of this transformative gathering in Kigali, Rwanda, in February 2025.

### **About Kigali International Financial Centre (KIFC)**

Kigali International Financial Centre is a financial centre facilitating international investment and cross-border transactions in Africa. KIFC positions Rwanda as a preferred financial jurisdiction for investments in Africa by providing an attractive destination for investors with a legal and regulatory framework fully compliant with international best practices. Visit <https://kifc.rw/> to learn more.

## **About Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)**

The Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN) is a not-for-profit organisation established by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) in 2024 to harness technology and foster innovation for more efficient, resilient, and inclusive financial ecosystems through global partnerships. GFTN organises convening forums, offers advisory services on innovation ecosystems, provides access to transformative digital platforms, and invests in technology startups with the potential for growth and positive social impact through its venture fund. Visit <https://gftn.co/> to learn more.

## **About the National Bank of Rwanda (BNR)**

Established in 1964, the National Bank of Rwanda is Rwanda's Central Bank mandated to ensure price stability and a sound financial system. Price stability is achieved by conducting appropriate monetary policy in the interest of a stable macroeconomic environment, while financial stability is achieved by regulating and supervising the financial system. The Bank's role has however evolved to include financial inclusion, consumer protection, and climate change. Visit <https://www.bnr.rw> to learn more.

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