



PRESS RELEASE

H.E. PRESIDENT KENYATTA TO OFFICIALLY OPEN THE INAUGURAL AFRO-ASIA FINTECH FESTIVAL

We are pleased to announce that His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta will officially open the inaugural Afro-Asia Fintech Festival, to be held in Nairobi on July 15 and 16, 2019. The Festival, dubbed *Fintech in the Savannah*, is co-hosted by the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) and the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS). Singapore's Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies, Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam will be a Keynote Speaker on the opening day of the Festival.

CBK Governor Dr. Patrick Njoroge said: "We are honoured to welcome His Excellency President Kenyatta and Senior Minister Tharman. Their presence at the inaugural Fintech Festival shows the commitment at the very top to make Kenya and Singapore centres of excellence for the FinTech agenda."

The two-day Festival, the first of its kind globally, will provide a platform for connections, collaborations and the exchange of ideas between Africa and Asia in the area of financial technology and innovation. Modelled after the annual Singapore Fintech Festival, the Afro-Asia Fintech Festival targets to bring together 5,000 policymakers, industry leaders, entrepreneurs and researchers from across Africa, Asia, and other parts of the globe. It will also feature visionary speakers, icons from both continents, and an innovative Hackathon.

The Afro-Asia Fintech Festival continues to attract a growing list of speakers, participants and partners. You can register to participate at www.afroasiafintech.com, and also through fintech@centralbank.go.ke.

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