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Great Lakes Corridors Summit

GLCS 2026

5-7 November 2026 | Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

*“Connecting Markets. Building Corridors. Shaping
Africa's Future.”*

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The Great Lakes Corridors Summit

The Great Lakes Corridors Summit (GLCS) is a regional platform dedicated to the corridors, infrastructure, logistics, trade, investment and regional integration agenda of Africa's Great Lakes region. Founded and organized by Connect Afrika Ltd (UK), the Summit brings together governments, investors, financial institutions, banks, regional institutions, port operators, railway companies, transport and logistics firms, mining and energy companies, industrial players, diplomats and international partners around one shared objective: turning the region's corridors into engines of trade, investment, industrialization and regional integration.

The inaugural edition takes place from **5-7 November 2026** in **Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**, and is designed to serve as the foundation of an annual, durable platform for the region — not a one-off gathering, but the beginning of a sustained mechanism connecting the twelve countries of the Great Lakes region to the capital, partners and institutions their corridors need.

“How can Africa's Great Lakes corridors become engines of trade, investment, industrialization and regional integration?”

Why The Great Lakes Corridors Summit?

THE CHALLENGE

Fragmented corridors

Ports, railways and roads across the region are not yet operating as connected, unified trade routes.

Underconnected infrastructure

Physical and logistical gaps continue to separate production centres from markets and export points.

High logistics costs

The cost of moving goods across borders remains a structural barrier to regional trade competitiveness.

Trade barriers

Cross-border trade in the region continues to face regulatory and procedural friction.

Capital gaps

Bankable regional infrastructure and industrial projects need more direct access to investors and financiers.

Limited local value addition

The region's mineral and agricultural wealth is not yet fully transformed into local industrial value.

Unfinished regional integration

Deeper cooperation between the twelve Great Lakes countries remains a work in progress.

THE GLCS RESPONSE

Corridors

Capital

Trade

Infrastructure

Industry

Five forces the Summit brings together in one room, at one time, around one regional agenda.

—OUR POSITIONING

More Than A Summit

SUMMIT

+

INVESTMENT PLATFORM

+

REGIONAL NETWORK

The GLCS creates a direct link between regional priorities and the capital, partners and expertise required to realize them:

Governments → Projects → Capital → Companies → Regional Integration

HOW IT WORKS

1

IDENTIFY

2

CONNECT

3

MATCH

4

INVEST

5

IMPLEMENT

A Region Of Strategic Opportunity

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MEMBER STATES

01 Angola	07 Rwanda
02 Burundi	08 South Sudan
03 C.A.R.	09 Sudan
04 Congo (Rep.)	10 Tanzania
05 DR Congo	11 Uganda
06 Kenya	12 Zambia

The Great Lakes Corridors Summit convenes stakeholders from the **twelve countries** of Africa's Great Lakes region, connecting them to the corridors, ports, markets and institutions that link the region to the rest of the continent and the world.

OPPORTUNITY SECTORS

Ports

Corridors

Mining

Energy

Agriculture

Manufacturing

Logistics

Trade

Five Strategic Pillars

01 Corridors & Connectivity

Ports, roads, railways, border crossings, logistics hubs and regional connectivity.

02 Investment & Capital

Investment promotion, infrastructure finance, PPPs and institutional capital.

03 Trade & Industrialization

Regional trade, manufacturing, value chains, SEZs and industrial development.

04 Energy & Infrastructure

Energy, transport infrastructure, digital infrastructure and strategic projects.

05 Regional Integration

Cross-border cooperation, EAC, AfCFTA and regional institutions.

Who Will Be In The Room?

- Heads of Government & Senior Officials
- Ministers
- Regional Institutions
- Investors
- Banks & Financial Institutions
- Ports & Logistics Operators

- Rail & Transport Companies
- Mining & Energy Companies
- Manufacturers
- Diplomatic Missions
- International Development Partners
- CEOs & Business Leaders

—RESULTS-ORIENTED

From Dialogue To Deals

The GLCS is designed around measurable outcomes — not conversation for its own sake, but a structured path from regional dialogue to concrete partnerships and projects.

BEFORE THE SUMMIT

Identify projects, investors, governments and strategic partners.

AT THE SUMMIT

Meet. Connect. Match.

AFTER THE SUMMIT

Investment missions. Business matchmaking. Project development. Partnerships. Follow-up.

The Summit Experience

A programme designed around senior-level dialogue and direct business connection. The detailed programme agenda will be issued separately closer to the Summit.

- High-level plenary sessions

- Investment sessions

- Business matchmaking

- Project presentations

- Institutional meetings

- Ministerial dialogue

- CEO roundtables

- Corridor-focused discussions

- Networking

- Strategic partnerships

Key Themes

Port Connectivity

Railway Corridors

Road Corridors

Logistics & Supply Chains

Cross-Border Trade

Mining & Mineral Value Chains

Energy Infrastructure

Industrialization

Investment & PPPs

Regional Integration

AfCFTA

EAC

Digital Connectivity

Connecting Capital To Opportunity

PROJECTS ↔ INVESTORS

GOVERNMENTS ↔ CAPITAL

COMPANIES ↔ PARTNERS

CORRIDORS ↔ OPERATORS

Participants will be able to explore opportunities across the sectors that define the region's economic future:

Infrastructure

Logistics

Mining

Energy

Agriculture

Manufacturing

Trade

Transport

Specific projects and investment amounts will be presented as they are confirmed by governments, institutions and companies participating in the Summit. No project or amount is stated here that has not been independently confirmed.

Who Should Attend?

GOVERNMENTS

Bring your priorities and strategic projects.

INVESTORS

Discover opportunities and meet decision-makers.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Identify bankable regional projects.

COMPANIES

Find partners and expand across the region.

DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

Support regional connectivity and integration.

Why Partner With GLCS?

- High-level visibility
- Access to decision-makers
- Investor access
- Business development
- Speaking opportunities
- Institutional positioning
- Networking
- Regional market access
- Strategic partnerships
- Brand visibility

Sponsorship and partnership packages — including tiers, benefits and exhibitor terms — are detailed in the dedicated GLCS 2026 Sponsorship Package, available on request.

Connect Afrika Ltd (UK)

Founder & Organizer of the Great Lakes Corridors Summit



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A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER

The Great Lakes region sits at the heart of Africa's next wave of economic transformation — its ports, railways, roads and border crossings are the arteries through which trade, capital and industry must flow. Yet too often, the region's corridors remain fragmented, its infrastructure underfinanced, and its governments, investors and operators disconnected from one another.

The Great Lakes Corridors Summit was founded to change that. It is not conceived as another conference where delegates listen to panels and leave with business cards. It is built as a working platform — one where governments bring their priorities, investors bring their capital, institutions bring their instruments, and companies bring their expertise, so that dialogue can move deliberately toward implementation.

Connect Afrika Ltd was established to build exactly this kind of platform: one that connects people, capital and projects across the continent. The Great Lakes Corridors Summit is our flagship commitment to the region — and an invitation to every government, investor, institution and company who shares our conviction that connected corridors are the foundation of a connected Africa.

I look forward to welcoming you in Dar es Salaam.

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—A CALL TO ACTION—

*Join the conversation. Connect to the opportunity. Help
build the region.*

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