2ND EDITION · 2026

The Africa Cyber & Fintech Innovation Summit

Secure Smart. Grow Bold.

DATE	VENUE	FORMAT	DELEGATES
24 – 25 November 2026	Pullman Nairobi Upper Hill	Invitation-Only Executive Forum	200+ Senior Leaders

ABOUT TACFIS 2026

Africa's Digital Economy — Cyber Strong, Fintech Powered, Built on Trust

4.56B Cyber threats recorded in Kenya, Q4 2025	**441%** Surge in cyber threats in just 3 months	**74%** East African firms rank cyber risk as #1 concern
$230M Estimated Kenya cybercrime losses, Q4 2025	**459M** Mobile money accounts across East Africa	**$40B+** Africa digital payments market projection, 2026

What is TACFIS?

Now in its second edition, the Africa Cyber & Fintech Innovation Summit (TACFIS) will take place on 24–25 November 2026 at Pullman Nairobi Upper Hill. The summit brings together over 200 senior decision-makers across cybersecurity, fintech, artificial intelligence, regulation, and financial services by invitation only.

Over two days, the program will unpack the real threats shaping Africa's digital economy, examine what is working and what is not, and explore how regulation, technology, and business can move forward together.

Between October and December 2025, Kenya's national cyber monitoring center recorded 4.56 billion cyber threat events in a single quarter a 441% increase in just three months
During that same period, cybercrime is estimated to have cost the country KES 29.9 billion (approximately USD 230 million).

BACKGROUND & CONTEXT — THE STAKES HAVE NEVER BEEN HIGHER

East Africa has built one of the world's most remarkable digital financial ecosystems, and the infrastructure underpinning it has become critical national infrastructure in every meaningful sense.

In Kenya, mobile money transactions now exceed 53% of GDP. In Uganda, the figure reaches 94%. Across the region, 459 million mobile money accounts serve tens of millions of people who transact digitally as part of daily life.

In Q1 2026, a further 3.37 billion threats were recorded with 96% targeting system infrastructure directly. Seventy-four per cent of organizations across East Africa rank cyber risk as their single biggest strategic concern yet only 29% have conducted a drill to test their response to a real attack.

Artificial intelligence has fundamentally changed the threat landscape. Criminals are building deep-fake videos, generating synthetic identities, and running automated phishing campaigns at a scale and speed that outpaces most existing detection systems.

The Smile ID 2026 Digital Identity Fraud Report found East and Central Africa recorded the highest fraud rejection rates on the continent 24% with crypto, payments, and investment platforms most exposed.

> *"That gap between knowing and doing is precisely the problem TACFIS exists to close."*
> — Smartcomply / PwC Digital Trust Insights, 2026

53% Kenya mobile money vs GDP	**94%** Uganda mobile money vs GDP
24% Fraud rejection rate East & Central Africa	**3.37B** Threats recorded Q1 2026

WHY ATTEND TACFIS 2026

Designed for leaders who carry genuine responsibility for innovation, risk, security, compliance, and digital transformation. Attendance is by invitation only.

UNDERSTAND
How the threat landscape is evolving — from practitioners managing it in real time, not from a vendor perspective.

GAIN
Practical intelligence on AI, fraud prevention, digital trust, and regulatory change that can be applied immediately.

HEAR
Honest case studies from financial institutions, regulators, and technology leaders who have navigated these challenges directly.

CONNECT
With senior decision-makers from across East Africa's cybersecurity and fintech ecosystem who are shaping the region's digital future.

BUILD
Working relationships that will endure long after the Summit — across borders, sectors, and institutions.

INFLUENCE
Policy through structured dialogue with regulators and government officials attending in their official capacities.

CONFERENCE THEMES — FOUR STRATEGIC TIERS

The TACFIS 2026 agenda is structured around four thematic tiers, each building on the last — moving from threat intelligence and financial innovation, through regulation and infrastructure, to Africa-specific strategic priorities.

TIER 1 · Day 1 Morning

Threat Landscape

- AI as weapon and shield
- Deepfake & synthetic identity fraud
- Cyber hygiene for advanced threats
- AI-driven threat intelligence
- Real-time fraud detection with AI/ML

TIER 2 · Day 1 Aft. & Day 2 Morning

Financial Innovation Under Security Pressure

- AI & cybersecurity in open finance
- Solving the financial AI dilemma
- AI redefining risk in fintech
- Behavioral biometrics & authentication
- The cyber-AI/fintech co-existing cycle

TIER 3 · Day 2 Mid-Session

Regulation, Compliance & Infrastructure

- Quantum computing & blockchain
- Security by design in the AI age
- Cybersecurity & data protection
- Navigating AI governance
- Cyber insurance & resilience

TIER 4 · Day 2 Closing

Africa-Specific Strategic Themes

- Risk & loss of digital identity in AI
- Secure cross-border transaction tech
- Policy recommendations for East Africa
- Post-summit report & policy brief
- Summit closing ceremony

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES — FIVE CLEAR GOALS

01 Turn Awareness into Capability

Most organizations understand that cyber risk is serious. Far fewer have practical knowledge, tested plans, and working relationships needed to respond effectively when something goes wrong. Every session at TACFIS is designed to move participants from general concern to real readiness.

02 Put the Decision-Makers in the Same Room

Financial institutions, regulators, technology companies, and security agencies each hold critical parts of the picture. TACFIS creates a structured space for these conversations to happen between people who have the authority to act on them.

03 Give East Africa a Voice in Shaping the Rules

The regulations governing AI in financial services, digital identity, cross-border data flows, and virtual asset oversight are being written now. Key decision-makers need to be part of those conversations — contributing to frameworks that reflect this region's realities.

04 Connect Buyers with Proven Solutions

Security and fintech decisions depend on what works in Africa — within real infrastructure constraints, regulatory requirements, and live threat conditions. The Summit creates a practical environment where technology providers demonstrate solutions to senior buyers in context, not in theory.

05 Produce Something That Lasts

The Summit will publish a post-conference report bringing together key findings, delegate perspectives, and agreed recommendations — to be shared with governments, regulators, and development finance institutions across the region.

WHO WILL BE IN THE ROOM

TACFIS 2026 is a curated, invite-only gathering of 200+ senior leaders who have the power to make decisions and shape policy. A real breakthrough in cybersecurity requires everyone at the table — the executives investing in tech, the leaders securing it, the regulators guiding it, and the innovators building it.

Audience Breakdown by Sector

%	Segment	Why This Summit Matters to Them
30%	**Banking & Financial Institutions**	CIOs, CTOs, Risk and Innovation leaders who control enterprise and cybersecurity budgets.
25%	**Cybersecurity & Risk Leaders**	CISOs, security directors and compliance teams who influence technology adoption decisions across their organizations.
20%	**Enterprise Technology & AI Leaders**	CIOs, IT directors and enterprise architects responsible for implementing and integrating approved solutions.
15%	**Fintech & Payments Providers**	Fintech firms, payment platforms and infrastructure providers shaping next-gen Africa digital financial services.
10%	**Government & Regulators**	Regulators and cybersecurity authorities who set policy, approve systems, and define frameworks for the entire ecosystem.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM TACFIS 2025 — 1ST EDITION






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