

The first-ever international conference on healthtech in Africa will be held in Kigali, Rwanda

Organized by HealthTech Hub Africa, a Kigali-based health-tech accelerator, in partnership with Norrsken, the Novartis Foundation, and the Rwandan government, the conference is scheduled to take place in Kigali from June 2nd to June 4th, 2022.

The HealthTech Summit for Africa brings together different players, and innovators in the sector to discuss and showcase the potential of healthtech on the continent.

Additionally, it comes at a critical time when the Covid-19 has exposed weaknesses in global public health systems, particularly in Africa.

The summit is expected to attract some of the leading health-tech firms and startups working towards transforming the health sector on the African continent.

Africa has, in recent years, recorded impressive growth rates as more health startups continue to raise funding, with the latest data showing that investments into Africa's health-tech startups grew by 81 per cent in 2021.

"The growth opportunities are enormous, and we need to leverage this momentum. The HealthTech Summit Africa will be an opportunity to chart the way forward for the health-tech sector and identify the gaps and opportunities," said Pascal Murasira, Managing Director of Norrsken East Africa.

The summit will focus on three main themes dedicated to building successful public and private partnerships: Inspire, Learn and Transform.

"This is an opportunity to define new solutions for the most pressing health and care challenges, and convene the multisector organizations needed to implement these solutions at a scale that can transform the health of entire populations," said Dr. Ann Aerts, Head of the Novartis Foundation.

The 30 health-tech start-ups that are part of the HealthTech Hub Africa are expected to participate in the summit and showcase the different innovations and solutions they are bringing to the health-tech space.

In addition, participants from different health-tech startups will be able to pitch before prospective investors.

In addition, they will explore how to create a pan-African model for fast-tracking innovation for public health, the integration of health tech in smart cities for health equity, global problems, and local solutions in Health.