



## PRESS RELEASE

### AFRO-ASIA FINTECH FESTIVAL FOCUSES ON WEB 3.0, THE NEXT PHASE OF SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION FOR AN INCLUSIVE DIGITAL ECONOMY

The Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) announces that the [Afro-Asia Fintech Festival \(AAFF\)](#) will be held virtually on November 11, 2021. AAFF 2021, will be held as part of the virtual global [Singapore Fintech Festival \(SFF\)](#), which will take place on November 8-12, 2021. Inaugurated in 2019 by CBK and the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), AAFF 2021 is a vibrant platform for impactful engagement, partnerships and collaborations among central banks, fintechs, financial sector players, academia, and investors.

The theme of AAFF 2021 is '*Sustainable Innovation for an Inclusive Digital Economy*'. AAFF 2021 will feature deliberations on **Web 3.0**, the next phase of technology innovations and their impact, with emphasis on people-centered technology and innovation for an inclusive digital economy. AAFF 2021, will also focus on fintech in climate action for sustainability. AAFF 2021, will offer an avenue for engagement through a virtual exhibition with CBK and other stakeholders on November 8-12, 2021.

AAFF 2021 will feature the following key speakers and thought leaders:

- Dr. Patrick Njoroge, Governor, CBK.
- Mr. Sopnendu Mohanty, Chief FinTech Officer, MAS.
- Dr. Nuri Purswani, Senior Manager, Data Science, Visa.
- Ms. Tamara Cook, Chief Executive Officer, FSD Kenya.
- Mr. Sitoyo Lopokoiyit, Managing Director, M-Pesa Africa, and Ag. Chief Financial Services Officer, Safaricom PLC.
- Mr. Joshua Oigara, Group Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of KCB Group Plc.
- Ms. Sandra Yao, Senior Vice President for Africa, Thunes.
- Ms. Jaine Mwai, Chief Information Officer, Standard Chartered-Kenya and East Africa.
- Ms. Kendi Ntwiga-Nderitu, Country Manager, Microsoft Kenya.

CBK's unwavering commitment is to place *People at the Centre* of the global financial system, leaving no one behind. As we seek to harness the next phase of technology to serve people, we welcome the participation of all stakeholders in AAFF 2021. More information on how to be part of the AAFF 2021 can be obtained at <https://afroasiafintech.net/>.

**CENTRAL BANK OF KENYA**

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