



GSMA Thrive Africa

Mobile for Development

Welcome to the Thrive Africa summary, which will highlight the key events together with the respective links to replay the event's sessions. The content will be available on the virtual platform for three months, however, please note you will need to be registered on Thrive to be granted access, if not already. Please follow the link to sign in or sign up.



Thrive Africa opened on Monday, 28 September, exclusively for Mobile for Development (M4D) funding partners. The day commenced with:

A Virtual Field Trip 'Innovators Creating Impact'

UHD - supported by FCDO and the GSMA, UHD is currently providing mobile enabled access to energy security, mobile banking and healthcare in remote and extremely resource poor settings in Uganda.

MTN Rwanda - supported by FCDO and the GSMA, MTN Rwanda has been piloting a digital solution to digitise the tea value chain for smallholder farmers and agribusinesses.

watt - supported by FCDO and the GSMA, Loowatt, a waterless sanitation service provider, developed a mobile app to track its waste collection processes, collect payments with mobile money and communicate better with its customers.

NuRan - supported by FCDO and the GSMA, the NuRan grant is focused on innovative new technologies focusing on backhaul and new ultra low power RAN solutions; seven sites will be built and run for 18 months with full technical & commercial evaluation by the GSMA.

'The role of public-private collaboration and digital technology to achieve the SDGs'

Closed-Door Roundtable

Co-hosted with the World Bank, M4D convened a closed-door roundtable. Opened by Mats Granryd, Director General of the GSMA, we welcomed 13 partner organisations together with the six top African Mobile Operators. The discussion will continue at MWC Barcelona 2021.

During this session, we officially announced the new with the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), as the leading implementing organisation of German Development. This partnership will further strengthen our drive for digital innovation for sustainable development.



Great content on our four main stage sessions across Tuesday, 29 September - Thursday, 1 October:



If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. African start-ups raised \$2.02 billion in funding in 2019, a 74 per cent year-over-year growth (Partech). Ecosystem acceleration is key to strengthening the entrepreneurship in Africa and holds the answer to mass youth job creation.



This explored how both public and private sectors

collaborate with mobile to serve climate action and life services such as government services, healthcare. agritech, financial inclusion and humanitarian initiatives. and



This session explored how governments and regulators use investment-friendly policies to help coverage and

usage grow.



This year's Leadership Forum focused on how to build a

resilient future, with discussions on crafting emergency policy response measures; digitising cash transfers for those affected by crises; refreshing business models for a sustainable future; and turning crises into opportunity through technological innovation.



side sessions and two closed-door roundtables:



















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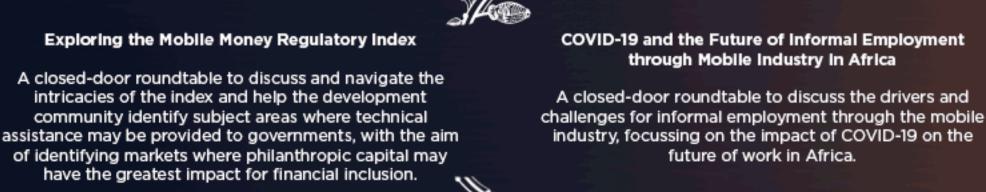


Exploring the Mobile Money Regulatory Index

intricacies of the index and help the development

community identify subject areas where technical

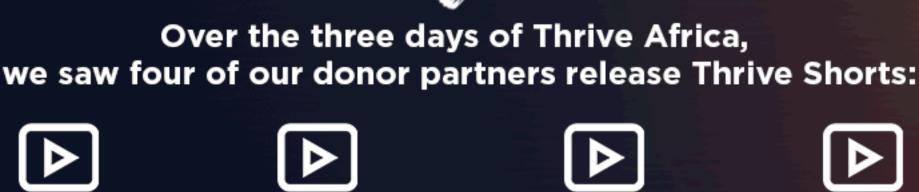
have the greatest impact for financial inclusion.



through Mobile Industry in Africa

future of work in Africa.

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Announced by our Director General, Mats Granryd, during the opening keynote on Tuesday

So what's next?

29, MWC Africa will launch in Kigali from 28 to 30 September 2021.

Would you like to know what the GSMA and Mobile for Development are doing in Asia Pacific? We are pleased to announce Thrive Asia Pacific from 3 to 5 November 2020. We will share the full agenda of M4D activities in the coming weeks.

We hope you found the above useful and we look forward to

welcoming you at Thrive Asia Pacific.









