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**High-Level International Forum on:**

Artificial Intelligence, Digital Transition, Energy and Connectivity in Africa  
Perspectives for International Cooperation

**Program**

**May 11–13, 2026**

At CAFRAD Headquarters  
Rabat, Morocco

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**Day 1: Monday, May 11, 2026**

**Official Guests' Addresses**

**09:00 – Opening Ceremony**

**09:00 – National Anthem**

**09:03 – Welcome Address**

**09:10 – Institutional Documentary of CAFRAD and MTNRA**

**09:30 – Official Speeches**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
H.E. Prof. Amal EL FALLAH SEGHROUCHNI	Delegate Minister to the Head of Government in charge of Digital Transition and Administrative Reform, Chairperson of the CAFRAD Board of Directors
Dr. Coffi Dieudonné ASSOUVI	Director General of CAFRAD, Ambassador, Plenipotentiary Minister of Foreign Affairs
H.E. Prof. Leïla BENALI	Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development
H.E. Denis Franconio Mac	Minister of Labour, Employment and Public Service of Madagascar
H.E. Mrs. Shems Doha Alaoui Ismaili	Secretary General of the General Union of Arab Women
H.E. Mr. Mouhamadou Youssifou	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Cameroon
Bai Kendrick Blyden	IEEE Life Senior Member, CEO of BBRM Group, LLC
Signing of the CAFRAD Golden Book	Ministers and Distinguished Personalities

**• Group Photo**

**10:30 – 10:45**

Coffee Break

## Topics & Panels – Day One

### Session 1

<p><b>10:45 – 11:30</b></p> <p><b>Africa at the Heart of Global Digital and Energy Transformations</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Bai Kendrick Blyden, IEEE Life Ambassador</p>	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Lonnie Johnson – Inventor and CEO, Johnson R&amp;D</li><li>• Dr. Sen Kalyan – CEO, Sentransformer, IEEE Distinguished Lecturer</li><li>• Dr. Mark Jack – Senior Data Scientist, Quantum Physicist</li><li>• Dr. Reginald Parker – Inventor and CEO, Optimal Tech</li><li>• Dr. Robin Podmore (Videoconference) – CEO, IncSys; Co-Founder, IEEE Smart Village</li></ul>
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### Session 2

<p><b>11:30 – 12:45</b></p> <p><b>Artificial Intelligence for Development – Opportunities and Risks</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Stella-Maris Orim – AI Governance, Digital Transformation &amp; Knowledge Systems Specialist, School of Science, Coventry University, United Kingdom</p>	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Kais Hammami – Director of the Center for Foresight and Artificial Intelligence, ICESCO Expert</li><li>• Houedey Calixte – Doctor in Sociology-Anthropology, Benin</li><li>• Dr. Coffi Dieudonné ASSOUVI – Director General of CAFRAD</li><li>• International expert in law and digital transformation, responsible artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, cyber defense, cybercrime, cryptocurrency, criminal cyber law, anti-money laundering, and counter-terrorism</li></ul>
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	financing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister from a Member State</li> </ul>
<b>12:45 – 14:00</b>	Lunch

### Session 3

<p><b>14:30 – 15:30</b></p> <p><b>Artificial Intelligence for the Energy Transition</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Coffi Dieudonné ASSOUVI, Director General of CAFRAD</p>	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Alexander Jittu (Videoconference) – Inventor and Managing Director / Senior R&amp;D Engineer &amp; Consultant, AIJ R&amp;D Engineering &amp; Consulting LLC</li> <li>• Dr. Brahim El Bhiri – Head of Research and Development and Director of CEIRA Center of Excellence in Innovation and Applied Research at Harmony Technology – Rabat</li> <li>• Dr. Najib KETTANI – Former Minister, Vice President of Theisen International Partner Group &amp; President for Africa</li> <li>• Mrs. Zineb Theisen-Louah – President of Theisen International Partner Group</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Session 4</b></p> <p><b>15:30 – 16:30</b></p> <p><b>Digital Transformation in Africa – Realities and Challenges</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Dimanche NGAROB – PhD Candidate in Public Law, Mohammed V University of Rabat</p>	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abdelhadi MEZRARI – Journalist, writer, and expert in international relations; Forum Administrator</li> <li>• Prof. Nicaise MEDE – International Consultant, Benin</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Session 5</b></p> <p><b>16:30 – 17:15</b></p> <p><b>Legislative Frameworks in the Fields of Energy and Digitalization in Africa</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Prof. Nicaise MEDE – International Consultant</p>	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Pat Naidoo (Videoconference) – CEO, Naidoo Consulting Engineers, International HVDC &amp; HV Systems</li> <li>• Dr. Stella-Maris Orim – AI Governance, Digital Transformation &amp; Knowledge Systems Specialist, Coventry University</li> <li>• Dr. Coffi Dieudonné ASSOUVI – Director General of CAFRAD</li> <li>• Karim EL-ASSEFRY – Head of the Sustainable Energy Division, Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development</li> </ul>
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<p><b>17:15 – 18:00</b></p> <p>General Discussion</p>	
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**Topics & Panels – Day Two: Tuesday, May 12, 2026**

<p><b>Session 6</b></p> <p><b>09:00 – 10:00</b></p> <p><b>The African Digital Economy and Its Industrial Prospects</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Timothy Maurice – Conference and Media Specialist</p>	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Rob Stupay – Lead Designer, Remax.Ethereum.org</li> <li>• Mr. Bai Kendrick Blyden – IEEE Life Senior Member, CEO, BBRM Group, LLC</li> <li>• Mr. Sameer Hamoush – Consultant, Centric Ltd.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister from a Member State</li> </ul>
<p><b>Session 7</b></p> <p><b>10:00 – 11:15</b></p> <p><b>International Cooperation – Towards Effective Partnerships Between Africa and the Rest of the World</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Keith Moore – President and CEO of KDM &amp; Associate LLC; Business Development, Government Affairs and Public Relations Firms; Founder of Open Government TV (OGTV), USA</p>	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. David Wei – Chairman and CEO, US Solargy PPA LLC</li> <li>• Dr. Scott Kennedy – CEO &amp; Co-Founder, ClearSky Power; Research Manager, MIT Renewable Energy</li> <li>• Abdelhadi MEZRARI – Journalist, writer, and expert in international relations; Forum Administrator</li> <li>• Mark Master (Videoconference)</li> <li>• Minister from a Member State</li> </ul>

<b>11:15 – 11:30</b>	Coffee Break
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<p><b>Session 8</b></p> <p><b>11:30 – 12:45</b></p> <p><b>Leading National Experiences – Lessons Learned</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Najib KETTANI – Former Minister, Vice President, Theisen International Partner Group &amp; President for Africa</p>	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Nicaise MEDE – International Consultant, Benin</li> <li>• Houedey CALIXTE – Doctor in Sociology-Anthropology, Benin</li> <li>• Ministers &amp; Ambassadors from Member States</li> </ul>
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<b>12:45 – 14:00</b>	Lunch
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<p><b>Session 9</b></p> <p><b>14:15 – 15:30</b></p> <p><b>The Future of Employment and Education in Africa in the Age of Artificial Intelligence</b></p>	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Scott Kennedy – CEO &amp; Co-Founder, ClearSky Power; Research Manager, MIT Renewable Energy</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Stella-Maris Orim – AI Governance, Digital Transformation &amp; Knowledge Systems Specialist, School of Science, Coventry University, United Kingdom</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. H�el�ene Guiol – Head of the Education Sector, UNESCO</li> <li>• Minister from a Member State</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Session 10</b> <b>15:30 – 16:30</b> <b>A Common Roadmap for a Digital and Energy-Sustainable Africa</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Bai Kendrick BLYDEN – IEEE Life Senior Member, CEO, BBRM Group, LLC</p>	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Stella-Maris Orim – AI Governance, Digital Transformation &amp; Knowledge Systems Specialist, Coventry University</li> <li>• Dr. Robin Podmore (Videoconference) – CEO, IncSys; Co-Founder, IEEE Smart Village</li> <li>• Abdelhadi MEZRARI – Journalist, writer, and expert in international relations; Forum Administrator</li> <li>• Dr. Coffi Dieudonn� ASSOUVI – Director General of CAFRAD</li> </ul>
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<p><b>16:30 – 17:00</b></p>	<p>General Discussion</p>
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<p><b>17:00</b></p>	<p><b>Closing Activities</b></p>
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Name	Activity
<p>Dr. Coffi Dieudonn� ASSOUVI, Director General of CAFRAD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CAFRAD commitments for Africa’s digital, energy, ecological and intelligent transformation</li> <li>- A common roadmap for a digital and energy-sustainable Africa</li> <li>- Recommendations</li> </ul>

Name	Activity
Abdelhadi Mezrari, Forum Administrator	Message of Loyalty and Allegiance addressed to His Majesty King Mohammed VI
<b>End of Program</b>	

### Day 3: Wednesday, May 13, 2026

<b>10:00 – 12:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B2B meetings or parallel events between Ministers and investors</li> <li>• Awarding of participation certificates to distinguished participants</li> </ul>
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**Note:**

Each session includes a maximum of five speakers and one moderator. Presentations are concise and limited to 10 minutes per speaker.