

PRIVATE SIDE EVENT

Unlocking Nature Finance in African Cities

6 OCT, 2026 | 17:00 - 19:30 CEST | ROOM 10, CICC, Geneva

Event Details

Cities across Africa face growing climate risks alongside rapid urbanization, biodiversity loss, and significant infrastructure deficits. Nature-based infrastructure (NBI) can help address these challenges while generating environmental, social, and economic benefits. Yet many projects remain stuck between concept and implementation because cities struggle to translate evidence of these benefits into structured, financeable and investment-ready opportunities.

Through the Scaling Urban Nature-based Solutions for Climate Adaptation in Sub-Saharan Africa (SUNCASA) project, partners in Dire Dawa, Johannesburg, and Kigali have undertaken integrated economic and financial analyses to demonstrate the value of nature-based infrastructure and explore practical pathways for financing implementation.

This interactive session will bring together African city finance and government representatives, investors, development finance institutions, and sustainable finance practitioners to explore how cities can move from robust economic evidence to investor engagement and implementation.

Local government representatives and finance practitioners will exchange perspectives on what makes nature-based infrastructure investable: What do investors need to see? What do cities need to develop financeable projects? Which financing approaches show promise? And what partnerships and enabling conditions are needed to move from analysis to investment?

Drawing on practical experience from the three SUNCASA cities, the session aims to generate new connections between cities and investors and practical insights for financing resilient urban infrastructure.

The discussion will be followed by a networking reception, providing space for participants to connect directly, explore investment opportunities and identify areas for future collaboration.

[SIGN UP HERE FOR THIS EVENT](#)

ATTENTION: You must already have a ticket to Building Bridges to access this event. [Register here.](#)

Organized by:

SUNCASA
Resilient Cities. Natural Solutions.



WORLD
RESOURCES
INSTITUTE

Funded by:



In partnership with
Canada

PRIVATE SIDE EVENT

Unlocking Nature Finance in African Cities

6 OCT, 2026 | 17:00 - 19:30 CEST | ROOM 10, CICG, Geneva

Guest Speakers:



**Divine Gloria
Tuyikunde**

Deputy Executive Secretary -
Rwanda Young Water
Professionals (RYWP)



**Ntsako
Maphosa**

Director of Finance - EISD, City
of Johannesburg



**Kedir Aliye
Ahmed**

Head of Mayor Office & Cabinet
Affairs - Dire Dawa

Targeted audience:

Investors, development finance institutions, and sustainable finance practitioners.

Other potentially relevant events

Explore other Africa-focused public and private events taking place as part of Building Bridges 2026 [here](#).

Discover the complete official programme and all events taking place during the conference [here](#).

[SIGN UP HERE FOR THIS EVENT](#)

ATTENTION: You must already have a ticket to Building Bridges to access this event. [Register here](#).

About Building Bridges

At the core of the initiative, launched by the finance community, Swiss public authorities, the United Nations, NGOs, and other international actors, is the recognition that the scale and complexity of the sustainability transition requires “building bridges” between private and public stakeholders. Each year, the Building Bridges Foundation hosts a flagship event designed to showcase investment-ready ideas, strategic alliances, and high-impact partnerships. From 6th to 8th October 2026, the seventh edition builds on proven formats that enable collaboration to drive capital towards real-world impact, sharpen the investment case for sustainability, and strengthen collaboration across sectors.

www.buildingbridges.org