



Entrepreneurial & Leadership Initiative for
a Sustainable Africa (ELISA)

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About ELISA

A multi-sectoral network and organizations who take a proactive interest in Africa and value opportunities to connect, grow ideas and create jobs for the continent.

ELISA is an initiative of the International Center for Professional Development (ICPD)



Team

- Elisabeth (Pasalk) Valerio – Founding CEO/President of ICPD, 15+ years of industrial partnerships providing professional development and leader learning for students, entrepreneurs and leaders with diverse backgrounds
- Scott May – Founding Executive Director of ICPD, 20+ years experience with science pipeline programs and organizational development
- Sarah Surban – Director of Business Development for ELISA, 8+years working in Africa implementing solutions to strengthen governance and build capacity



About

- **Connect** – Our online community and global summit connects and aligns leaders and entrepreneurs who discover new strategies and fuel cross-sector collaboration for the affordable commercialization of new products, improved healthcare and increased self-reliance in Africa.
- **Discover** – We nurture ideation, collaboration and innovative product development by providing professional development training for students, academics, entrepreneurs and industry leaders who develop new products, technologies and alternative ways to grow food.
- **Grow** – Our grow spaces, innovation labs, online community and annual summit provide the ideal ecosystem where new ideas can be tested and developed with resources and mentorship from industry execs, investors, venture capitalists, policy makers and stakeholders.



Membership

- Our diverse and influential member network includes innovative individuals, companies and organisations who take a proactive interest in Africa and value opportunities to connect, share ideas and develop viable partnerships.
- Membership fees go directly into facilitating network activities and enhancing our joint work. Sponsorship and financial support expands our educational programming for the ELISA summit and web portal and builds facilities where entrepreneurs come together to grow their ideas.



Membership

Whether you are looking to start a business, grow your network, expand your multinational to Africa or simply support our work:

- Friends - \$29 / year
- Insiders - \$39 / year
- Affiliates - \$349 / year
- Corporates - \$849 / year



Web Portal Features

- Professional Networking
 - Access to experienced senior leadership
 - Contact management
 - Member-curated insights and content
- Leadership Coaching
 - Weekly leadership insights for rising talent
 - Content created for the diverse community



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Summit**
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- Join the passionate and brilliant people redefining Africa's future and the ideas that empower them.
- Global leaders in science, technology, education, arts and philanthropy come together to support and celebrate high potential entrepreneurs and leaders with bold ideas for solving the greatest challenges we face in Africa.
- Includes curated activities and social time, so you'll make new contacts and build genuine, lasting relationships while establishing your vision and gaining insight for expanding business ventures in Africa.
- Attendees include industry executives, investors, venture capitalists, philanthropists, researchers, educators, government regulators, policy makers, entrepreneurs and leaders at every stage of their journey.



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BUSINESS BOOTCAMP 27 APR



- High potential, Africa focused entrepreneurs receive a framework for learning to run a business.
- Business experts help participants refine their business plans and vet ideas. Entrepreneurs learn business financials, develop an investor presentation and elevator pitch.
- After the bootcamp, participants receive ongoing online support and training through the ELISA portal.



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WORKSHOPS, PLENARIES & SESSIONS



- We share our stories and passion for discovery, transformation, investment and innovation in Africa.
- Hear from leading experts and pioneers of innovation during an immersive 3 days of thought-provoking workshops, plenaries, sessions and challenge activities.



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NETWORKING



- We provide ample opportunities to meet and mingle with 250+ global business leaders, investors, policy makers and entrepreneurs attending the ELISA summit.
- The event includes curated networking adventures and social activities with game drive safaris, stargazing excursions, yoga sessions, receptions, luncheons, a summit party and a black tie dinner.

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