



A global platform in Kenya

powering how data, AI and space
technologies can drive a fairer, more resilient future



Where the human story began, data and technology build what's next

Kenya, home of human origins and a global hub of innovation has always been a place where tools shape humanity's future. From the earliest stone tools carved along the Turkana Basin to today's Silicon Savannah, Kenya is a symbol of ingenuity and possibility. A nation with a thriving innovation ecosystem, Kenya is emerging as one of the global leaders in driving human-centred technologies and solutions.

From 2-5 June 2026, Nairobi will become a global stage for shared missions in Kenya, as the Government of Kenya hosts two complementary events side by side: the Global Data Festival and the Kenya Space Expo & Conference (KSEC).

The 2026 event is themed "***Powering Resilience, Innovation, and Partnership through Data and Technology***". The joint event is a shared stage where Kenya will lead a global conversation on how space intelligence, data, technology and innovation can shape a fair, equitable and resilient future. Leaders, innovators, and communities from around the world will come together to showcase and deliberate on a bold, collective agenda. They will leave Nairobi equipped with new connections, ideas, practical tools, and plans for a shared vision that serves humanity.

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Why this matters now

Climate shocks, escalating disasters, infectious disease risks, and rising food insecurity are intensifying, right as technologies accelerate, budgets tighten, and the geopolitical landscape becomes increasingly complex. The gap we need to fill is not always about ideas, but rather one that requires execution at scale, with rules that protect people and systems that last.

This joint event brings decision makers and builders together at this critical time to align priorities, mobilize investment, and deploy space, data and disruptive technologies where they deliver the greatest impact for people and the planet.

What we aim to achieve

Guided by a commitment to equity, inclusion, and positive real-world impact, the event transforms urgency into effective action. Through it, we will:

- Drive investment in sustainable data and space systems by showcasing value for development and resilience.

- Advance inclusive data governance by promoting equity, integrity, and accountability in the collection, sharing, and use of AI, data and space assets.
- Showcase solutions and innovations by demonstrating the practical applications of space technologies, emerging technologies such as AI, as well as citizen data in various sectors, including climate action, food security, and health.
- Foster partnerships by connecting governments, funders, grassroots leaders, technologists, and innovators.
- Build skills and capacity through training, knowledge exchange, and youth engagement, fostering the next generation of data and space intelligence professionals.

Inside the joint event

The joint event is designed for collaboration, outcomes and action. Technical discussions sit alongside policy dialogues; the exhibition space gathers industry players, research institutions, agencies, partners and startups; workshops support practitioners and early-career talent; and voices of the future are given audience. The emphasis is on connection and creating impact in a space designed for people to find each other, compare approaches, learn, share, and align on next steps. The exhibition serves as a platform for the space and data ecosystems to showcase solutions, products, and open doors to collaboration.

We anticipate 1,500+ participants from 90+ countries, with strong representation from governments, multilateral organizations, businesses, civil society, academia, and innovators.

Join us and be part of it

Where humanity first learned to make tools, we now come together to build a future that serves people and the planet. This joint event presents a unique opportunity to connect with decision-makers and innovators, contribute to shaping the future of Earth observations, data and technology, and showcase leadership in resilience and sustainability. Come ready to build new relationships, learn and sharpen ideas, and get equipped with tools in hand and a path to impact.

The Global Data Festival and Kenya Space Expo & Conference are brought to you by:

