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## Africa's Long-Term Capital in Focus as Minister Jyoti Jeetun Opens PI Africa 2026

In a year defined by global uncertainty, shifting geopolitics, and mounting pressure on long-term capital, African institutional investors are confronting a set of decisions that will shape portfolios for the next decade. Questions around asset allocation, domestic investment, private markets, and sustainable development are no longer theoretical, they are now central boardroom priorities. PI Africa 2026 has been designed around this moment, convening senior decision-makers to examine how African capital can navigate volatility while building resilient, productive portfolios.

The opening of the conference sets the strategic frame with **African Capital, Global Context** — with by Dr the Hon. Mrs Jyoti Jeetun, Minister of Financial Services and Economic Planning of the Republic of Mauritius, setting the context. Followed by high-level dialogue bringing together pension funds, sovereign investors, regulators, and global partners to assess how global macro trends, regulation, and capital flows are reshaping African investment strategy. Ministerial and regulatory perspectives will anchor discussions on pension reform, market development, and the evolving role of institutional investors in financing growth across the continent.

At the core of the programme is a deep focus on **pension fund strategy and long-term capital deployment**. Senior leaders from Nigeria, Côte d'Ivoire, South Africa, Botswana, Kenya, Namibia and Zambia will share how they are rethinking governance, managing liquidity and concentration risk, and strengthening internal investment capacity in an increasingly complex environment. These are not abstract debates, but practical reflections from institutions managing some of Africa's largest pools of savings.

Private markets and infrastructure form a second major pillar of the agenda. Dedicated sessions — supported by a pre-conference masterclass — will examine how institutional investors are scaling allocations to **private equity, private debt, trade finance and infrastructure**, how bankable projects are structured, and how risk, valuation and exits are managed in African markets. Case-led insights from leading pension funds and investors will move the discussion from aspiration to execution.

Sustainability, development impact, and the role of institutional capital in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals are woven throughout the programme. A dedicated session on Sustainable Investing Reassessed will examine how ESG and impact investing are evolving from compliance exercises into core drivers of long-term value creation. Panellists will explore how pension funds and sovereign investors can align returns with national development priorities, measure real-world impact with greater discipline, and deploy capital into infrastructure, climate resilience, and inclusive growth in ways that support both portfolio performance and the SDGs.

Throughout the two days, PI Africa brings together a carefully curated community: ministers and senior regulators, CEOs and CIOs of major pension funds, sovereign institutions, DFIs, and global private market investors. With the full programme now confirmed and limited places remaining, this is the final opportunity to join the conversations that will shape how Africa's long-term capital is allocated in the years ahead.

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### Confirmed speakers include:

1. **Dr the Hon. Mrs Jyoti Jeetun**, Minister of Financial Services and Economic Planning, Republic of Mauritius
2. **Armando Manuel**, Chairman of the Board of Directors, FSDEA, Angola
3. **Shafeeq Abrahams**, Chief Executive and Principal Officer, Eskom Pension & Provident Fund, South Africa
4. **Hon. Hafiz Kawu**, Commissioner, Technical, PENCOM, Nigeria
5. **Denis Charles Kouassi**, Director General, CNPS-CI, Cote d'Ivoire
6. **Dr Leslie Ndawana**, Chief Executive Officer, and Principal Executive Officer, National Fund for Municipal Workers (NFMW), South Africa
7. **Thato Norman**, Chief Executive Officer, Debswana Pension Fund, Botswana
8. **Siongo Kisoso**, Regional Director for East Africa, Swedfund, Kenya
9. **Faith Tabibu**, Senior Investments Officer, Private Equity, Kenya Power Pension Fund, Kenya
10. **Wola Asase**, Deputy Director & Head, Syndications, AFC
11. **Bilal Adam**, Chief Executive Officer, Stewards Investment Capital
12. **Umulinga Karangwa**, Executive Director Operations for Trade Finance Funds, TDB Group
13. **Marc Lasserre**, Managing Partner, S O Capital Advice
14. **Brian Karidza**, Head: Actuarial and Benefits Administration, GEPF, South Africa
15. **Thomas Mketelwa**, Principal Officer, Kwazulu-Natal Municipal Pension Fund, South Africa
16. **Mitesh Pema**, Fund Principal, Mahlako, South Africa
17. **Nazlie Seegers**, Chief Experience Officer, Salt Employee Benefits, South Africa
18. **Meta Mhlarhi**, Co-Founder, Executive Director and Fund Principal, Mahlako
19. **Jean-Francois Rose**, Head, Deal Origination & Structuring, ESATAL
20. **Selim Basak**, Partner, Head of Origination, Gemcorp Capital
21. **Marcus Weyll**, CEO, Gemcorp Imbono
22. **Felipe Berliner**, Co-Founder & Head of Structuring, Gemcorp Capital

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23. **Namakau M Ntini**, Registrar & CEO, Pensions and Insurance Authority, Zambia
24. **Milka Mungunda**, Executive Officer, Social Security Commission, Namibia
25. **Faraz Rojid**, Chief Executive Officer, Mauritius Finance
26. **Tom Hughes**, IR, Marketing and Communications Director, Gemcorp Capital
27. **Pranav Khamar**, Portfolio Manager, Gemcorp Capital
28. **Walter Pacheco**, CEO, Gemcorp Kassai
29. **Shaun Quin**, President, Stewards Inc, USA
30. **Mirella Gustave**, Relationship Manager, MauBank, Mauritius
31. **Samira Mensah**, Managing Director Research & Analytics Africa, S&P Global
32. **Elizabeth Irungu**, CFA, Chief Executive Officer, Absa Asset Management Ltd
33. **Hamandishe Nhiwatiwa**, Head of Business Development, CBZ Asset management, Zimbabwe
34. **Nasiru Braimah**, Capital Mobilization & Partnerships, AFC
35. **Elie Aloko**, Senior Vice President, AFC Capital Partners
36. **James Maduekeh**, Senior Vice President & Head, Treasury Client Solutions, AFC
37. **Thapelo Tsheole**, CEO, AFRINEX Limited, Mauritius
38. **Gerald Gondo**, Chief Investment Officer, ICEA Lion
39. **Wanjiru Kirima**, Board Member, Batseta
40. **Godfrey Bukomeko**, Portfolio Manager, Old Mutual, Uganda

Together, these speakers bring deep experience in managing large-scale institutional portfolios, shaping regulatory reform, mobilising private capital, and strengthening investment ecosystems across Africa.

### Agenda Aligned with Market Reality

Held under the theme “**Empowering Africa’s Institutional Capital for Growth and Development**,” PI Africa 2026 will tackle the most pressing issues facing institutional investors today. Discussions will span regulatory agility, trustee capacity-building, infrastructure and climate-aligned investment, private equity and venture capital, private credit and trade finance, and innovative approaches to risk management and diversification.

The summit is designed to deliver practical insights, regional perspectives, and real-world case studies that help asset owners and policymakers translate long-term capital into sustainable economic impact.

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