

Exponential Finance Summit set to boost SA's economy

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Singularity University South Africa is proud to present the inaugural Exponential Finance Summit, which will take place at the Cape Town International Convention Centre on 29 and 30 May 2019.



This groundbreaking event will present a forward-thinking approach to the financial sector, so as to help create a better future for all Africans, and help solve various global challenges.

Over twenty international, and a few local innovators in technology, finance, and investment will take to the stage. Topics to be addressed by the world's foremost thinkers in this field include how exponential technologies are influencing digital and cashless banking, mobile payment solutions, artificial intelligence and big data-driven financial solutions, robotics, insurance, asset management, the future of work, and automation within the African marketplace.

Speakers include newly-appointed [SingularityU South Africa faculty members](#), such as Blockchain and crypto currency expert Tanya Knowles, urban planning expert Geci Karuri-Sebina (PhD), robotics, artificial intelligence, deep learning & Decision Theory researcher Benjamin Rosman, and geophysicist and entrepreneur Ashley Anthony. The Exponential finance stage also will be shared with global Singularity University faculty experts in the financial field, as well as some of the world's top investors, risk managers, and financial advisers. These experts include Cathy Wood, CEO and founder of ARK Invest; Sonia Arrison, founder of 100+; and cybersecurity expert Jaya Baloo, who is part of the SingularityU Netherlands faculty. Manu Sharma, founder of Labelbox, which manages training data, will be speaking alongside Paul Pagnato, who was ranked by Forbes as one of the top 30 global wealth advisors in 2017. More speakers will be announced in due course.

The Exponential Finance Summit is an industry-specific event hosted in collaboration with The Development Bank of Southern Africa, Deloitte, Discovery, and MTN. The Summit will showcase how exponential technologies are simultaneously shaping and disrupting the financial industry. It aims to empower attendees with the latest insights on how to boost GDP growth, create employment, and attract foreign direct investment—a key enabler of economic growth that is especially important for emerging market economies.

"Exponential Finance will be a transformative experience for attendees. SingularityU South Africa convenes the world's experts to introduce attendees to exponential technologies and equip them with the mindset and leadership needed to take the finance industry into the future," said Rob Nail, CEO and associate founder of Singularity University. "We expect that these two days will incite and inspire action that will lead to breakthroughs in Africa's economy."

"As part of our journey in future-proofing Africa, we are thrilled with our next SingularityU South Africa Summit iteration that will focus solely on the financial sector. The timing is crucial for South Africa to learn, network, and collaborate, using exponential technologies so as not to get left behind and be disrupted," said Shayne Mann, co-CEO of SingularityU South Africa.

"Through the Exponential Finance Summit, we hope to facilitate meaningful networking connections on a global scale, encourage ideas that can change the financial world, stimulate the South African economy, and kickstart a strong venture capital ecosystem. Impact is the currency of the future," said Mic Mann, co-CEO of SingularityU South Africa.

Similar to the annual SingularityU South Africa Summit, Exponential Finance will focus on creating a collaborative and more economically-inclusive future, whereby partnerships and deals can be conceptualised and developed across the continent. Networking opportunities will allow attendees to connect with SingularityU alumni. Exhibitors will present breakthrough ideas and investment opportunities that will run alongside the summit.

Save the Date for the inaugural Exponential Finance Summit South Africa

When: 29 – 30 May 2019

Where: Cape Town International Convention Centre, 1 Lower Long Street, Cape Town

Cost: Early adopter tickets: R16 650, Early adopter enhanced: R26 550; Standard tickets: R18 500, Standard enhanced: R 29 500; Late mover tickets: R20 350; Late mover enhanced: R32 450. Tickets limited to 1,000 attendees.

What to bring: An exponential mindset and your networking skills

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SingularityU South Africa is the sixth country partner of Singularity University and the first in Africa. It is hosted in collaboration with our country partner The Development Bank of Southern Africa, global partner Deloitte, and strategic partner MTN. Our massive transformative purpose is to build an empowered network of globally connected changemakers across Africa who are able to innovate and implement solutions that will solve some of the continent's greatest challenges. We want to leapfrog Africa into the Fourth Industrial Revolution. We can do so by empowering its people to create abundant, sustainable, and holistic ways of living and working. In this way, we can #futureproofAfrica. We apply SU's approach of applying exponential technology and thinking to solve South Africa's and the continent's greatest challenges around unemployment, education, infrastructure, energy, and medicine, among others. As a catalyst for change, SingularityU South Africa runs custom education, innovation, and impact programmes that help others leverage rapidly accelerating technologies—including artificial intelligence, nanotechnology, blockchain, and digital biology—in innovative ways to unlock solutions that can positively impact millions of lives.

About SUSA Exponential Finance Summit

South Africa's inaugural two-day Exponential Finance Summit, which is organised by SingularityU South Africa, will take place at the Cape Town International Convention Centre on 29 – 30 May 2019. It is an industry-specific event that is hosted in collaboration with The Development Bank of Southern Africa, Deloitte, Discovery, and MTN. The SUSA Exponential Finance Summit will bring an industry focus to the financial sector and will showcase over 20 of the continent's and world's foremost innovators in technology, finance, and investment, including newly-appointed [SingularityU South Africa faculty members](#). They will address how exponential technologies can help to solve the world's global grand challenges through the lens of the financial sector.

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