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Three days that moved **East Africa** bit by bit.

Bitcoin Nairobi Conference 2026 — Africa's premier independent, Africa-led Bitcoin gathering

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Not a crypto event. A movement, in one room.

For a whole week, Nairobi became the heart of East Africa's Bitcoin movement. It opened with a forest run and closed inside Kibera's living circular economy — and in between, two days at the A.S.K. Dome brought together builders, educators, women leading communities, developers, policymakers and everyday users, all speaking one language: sound money that actually works.

And it wasn't theory. From the moment attendees walked in, they were spending Bitcoin — for lunch, for coffee, for water — right there on the conference floor.

330+

Attendees

from 8 counties & beyond

67

Speakers

69 people on stage

41

Sessions

17 main · 24 breakaway

80+

Fun-run runners

Ngong Road Forest

100+

Trezor wallets

given to attendees

53

Organisations

one growing network

*"In two days — **69 people** on this stage, **11 keynotes**, **41 sessions**, **53 organisations**. One growing East African Bitcoin movement."*



21 June • Pre-conference

The Bitcoin Nairobi Fun Run

The week didn't open in a hall — it opened on a trail. On 21 June, **over 80 runners** gathered at Ngong Road Forest for the first Bitcoin Nairobi Fun Run: 5K, 10K and 21K through the sanctuary, side by side. What started as a warm-up is meant to become a tradition — the run that opens Bitcoin Nairobi every year.



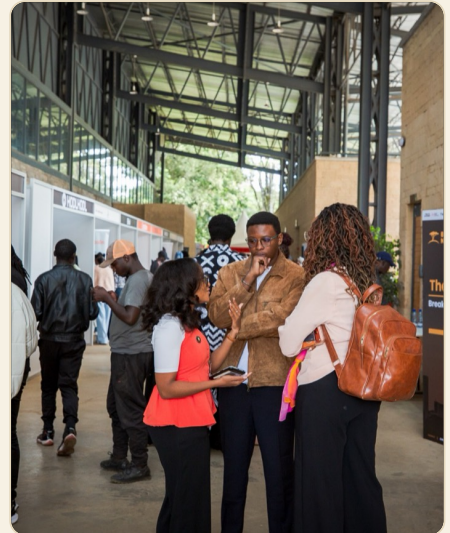
80+ runners through Ngong Road Forest — the start of a Bitcoin Nairobi tradition.



24 June • The doors open

The future of money is built on Bitcoin

Four MCs opened together and the room never cooled — a packed house moving through keynotes, education, circular economies and the builders quietly wiring Africa's Bitcoin future.



"I don't care how it's made. I just want it to work." — Mark Kamau, on designing Bitcoin for real people

25 June • Bigger, greater, better

Three stages, one current

Day 2 ran up to three stages at once — panels, fireside chats, workshops and demos. Builders showed real tools: HODL HODL's P2P, IBEX settlement, hardware-wallet security, BitBooks accounting, Machankura and Fedimint — and the Women Leading Bitcoin panel drew some of the loudest applause of the week.



"Building on Bitcoin feels different when there's a real human layer actively using the technology." — @BitBiashara

THE CONFERENCE PRACTISED WHAT IT PREACHED

The whole event ran on Bitcoin

Every attendee received a **PayBee Lightning card** preloaded with **KES 1,000 of Bitcoin** with their ticket — and spent it on-site. Lunch, snacks, coffee, water: every vendor at the A.S.K. Dome took Bitcoin. Everyone, not just the speakers, got to *spend* it. And much of the supply chain was Afribit Kibera's own circular economy — so the money flowed straight back into the community.



Lunch — Swahili Dishes

Lunch partner across both days — Bitcoin only.

Water — Live Great Foundation

All water for the 3 days · from Afribit Kibera.

Gift bags — the upcycling ladies

Speaker bags, Bitcoin-B keyholders & Bitcoin/Kenya-flag armbands — made in Kibera, paid in Bitcoin.

Cleaning & waste — Usafi Boys

Afribit Kibera's waste-management crew kept the venue spotless.

Volunteers

Every volunteer was rewarded in Bitcoin.

100+ Trezor wallets

Given free to ticket-holders — some carried on to other circular economies.

The conference didn't just talk about circular economies. For three days, it was one.

Entertainment, music & the dinner

The kids stole the show

The stage belonged to the children. Two groups from two circular economies — the **Afribit Kibera performers** and the **BitBiashara NextGen kids** — owned three of the five entertainment interludes across the two days. Spoken-word Bitcoin artist **Kelvin Makini** (Afribit Kibera) took the other two. And a full playlist of **Bitcoin-only songs** — including tracks from Tanzanian Bitcoin artist **Man Like Kweks** — played throughout, putting African Bitcoin artists on the map.



And after hours, the community kept the energy going — the speaker dinner, the dancing, the reconnections years in the making.





26 June • Day 3 • The walking conference

Kibera: where Bitcoin is already money

On the final day the whole conference walked into Kibera — Africa's largest urban settlement, and a living Bitcoin circular economy. Attendees paid for vegetables, a car wash, bananas and maandazi, and signed the community wall — every transaction in sats, instant and free.

THE CORE MISSION OF BNC 2026

Two objectives. Both achieved.

01 • Witness it

Bring people to **see what's really happening in Afribit Kibera** — a Bitcoin circular economy that already works, powered by the community that built it.

02 • Live it

Get people to **walk the conference and spend Bitcoin themselves** — meeting the traders and residents who use it every day in the biggest African settlement.



And the room was a map of the whole movement: **Bitcoin Kampala, Bitcoin Arusha, BitBiashara, Bitcoin Babies, BitSavers EduHub** and many more — with delegates from across **Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, DR Congo and beyond**. Over 100 Trezor wallets went home with attendees, some carried onward to circular economies across East Africa.



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

What people carried home

"Bitcoin may be the reason we travel. Africa is the reason we'll never forget the journey."

@BitcoinEkasi · Bitcoin Ekasi, South Africa

"Day 3 in Kibera! Real people. Real adoption. Real impact."

@lizprossy · attendee

"Spent good time at Afribit Kibera and finally bought bananas with Bitcoin — fast, easy and quick."

@Graysatoshi · Satoshihub

"We could be the next Afribit Kibera. I want to share this with my community."

@Nilebtcommunity · Uganda

"A great experience — we shared new ways of adopting Bitcoin in the circular economy."

@theeasternman · attendee

"It was definitely worth attending the conference."

@sats_tagga · attendee

"Builders, users and believers — real depth, real substance."

@waithiraah · attendee

"I can't believe I missed this."

@travelwbitcoin · watching online





Asante sana. This was all of us.



To every attendee, speaker, runner, performer, vendor, volunteer, partner and supporter who showed up — thank you. You didn't just attend a conference. You proved that Africa isn't waiting to witness the future of money. We're building it, one community at a time.

Bitcoin Nairobi Conference returns in 2027.

Be first to know the dates — register your interest at bitcoinnairobiconference.com

