GLOBAL AI & DIGITAL SUMMIT
Seoul, Korea 대한민국

OCTOBER 19 – 22, 2026
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Monday, October 19, 2026		
6:30 – 9:00 AM	**Grand Salon**	**Ministerial Breakfast** *(*by invitation only including HoDs)*
7:30 – 4:00 PM	**Foyer**	**Summit Registration**
9:00 – 1:00 PM	**Grand Ballroom**	**AI and Digital Ministerial Meeting** *(*by invitation only)* Sangbu Kim, VP Digital & AI, World Bank Group Bae Kyung-hoon, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Science & ICT, Korea
1:00 – 2:30 PM	**Namsan I**	**Ministerial Luncheon** *(*by invitation only including HoDs)*
3:00 – 4:30 PM	**Grand Lotte Seoul**	**AFW Ministerial Side Event: Cotonou Declaration One-Year Review** *(*by invitation only)*
5:00 – 5:40 PM	**Namsan V**	**Zero Government Bureaucracy Program to Enable Services for All – Roundtable** *(*by invitation only)*
6:00 – 9:00 PM	**Grand Ballroom**	**First Light Reception**

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 *Enabling the AI Economy, Creating and Transforming Jobs*		
6:30 – 9:00 AM	**Namsan I**	**Ministerial Breakfast** *(*by invitation only including HoDs)*
8:00 – 9:00 AM	**Grand Salon**	**ITU-DII Catalyzer: From Digital Ambition to Bankable Projects** *(*by invitation only)*
9:00 – 9:45 AM	**Grand Ballroom**	**@A Billion** Sangbu Kim, VP Digital & AI, World Bank Group Hyoung Il Lee, DMP & Minister of Finance and Economy, Korea Anna Bjerde, MD, World Bank Group
9:45 – 11:00 AM	**Grand Ballroom**	**Small AI. Big Impact** Ajay Banga, President, World Bank Group
11:00 – 11:30 AM	**Foyer**	**Coffee Break & Exhibition**
11:30 – 12:45 PM	**Grand Ballroom**	**The Last 2.6 Billion – Is Universal Connectivity a Broken Promise in the AI Era?**
12:45 – 2:00 PM	**La Cucina**	**Development Partner Lunch** *(*by invitation only)*
12:45 – 2:00 PM	**Foyer**	**Lunch** & Exhibition**
12:45 – 2:00 PM	**Namsan I**	**Ministerial Luncheon** *(*by invitation only including HoDs)*

Breakout Sessions

		Grand Ballroom	Grand Salon
2:00 – 3:15 PM		**Digital Trust for Development: Securing AI and Critical Infrastructure**	**The AI Stack: What to Build, Share and Buy**
3:30 – 4:45 PM		**Building an AI Ecosystem: From Enablers to AI Agents**	**Data Without Borders: Building Trust for the AI Economy**
5:00 – 6:15 PM	**Grand Ballroom**	**Powering AI for Development: Unlocking Global Partnerships that Scale Local Impact**	
6:30 – 9:30 PM	**SOBB Restaurant**	**K-Partners and WBG Connect: Cocktails & Games** *(*by invitation only)*	

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Wednesday, October 21, 2026 *AI in Action – Scaling Solutions for Development Impact*			
6:30 – 9:00 AM	**Namsan I**	**Ministerial Breakfast** *(*by invitation only including HoDs)*	
8:00 – 9:30 AM	**Namsan III**	**CEO Roundtable: Unlocking Private Capital for Digital Access, Affordability, and AI-Ready Infrastructure** *(*by invitation only)*	
9:00 – 10:15 AM	**Grand Ballroom**	**Closing the Gap: The Promise of Artificial Intelligence in Developing Economies** Paschal Donohue, MD & Chief Knowledge Officer, World Bank Group Michael Kremer, WBG Chief Economist	
Breakout Sessions			
		Grand Ballroom	**Grand Salon**
10:30 – 11:45 AM		**Benefiting Billions: Scaling AI for Healthier Lives**	**Watt's the Cost of AI Infrastructure? The Resource Footprint and Resource Opportunity of AI**
12:00 – 1:15 PM		**Enabling Digital Government Service Delivery through DPI and AI**	**Access Denied – Solving for Device Affordability**
1:15 – 2:30 PM	**Namsan III**	**Joint MDB Action on AI: Unlocking Country Opportunities** *(*by invitation only)*	
1:15 – 2:30 PM	**Foyer**	**Lunch** & Exhibition**	
1:15 – 2:30 PM	**Namsan I**	**Ministerial Luncheon** *(*by invitation only including HoDs)*	
2:30 – 3:45 PM		**Subnational Digital Transformation: Governing at the Speed of Now**	**Same Promise, New Technology: Leaders on Why Digital Transformation Stalls and What It Takes to Deliver**
4:00 – 5:15 PM		**The Digital & AI Advantage: Accelerating Growth in Agriculture and Tourism**	**AI From the Frontlines**
5:30 – 6:30 PM	**Grand Ballroom**	**Korea's AI Transformation Journey: From Policy to Practice**	
6:30 – 8:00 PM	**Poolside**	**Afterglow Reception**	
Thursday, October 22, 2026			
8:00 – 5:00 PM		**Study Tours** *(*by invitation only)* **Client Consultations**	

* Invitations for these events have already been transmitted to invited recipients.

** Guests should remain seated in the Grand Ballroom and Grand Salon where lunch will be served (special dietary meals will be served in Grand Ballroom only).

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