



SIRAGA FORUM 2026

5th EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ROBOTICS
AND GEOSPATIAL ANALYSIS IN AFRICA

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

18–19 NOVEMBER 2026

ISMI-ARSTM • ABIDJAN • CÔTE D'IVOIRE

*“Towards Strategic Autonomy: The Awakening of Africa’s
Industrial, Maritime and Technological Power”*

A THREE-ACT ARCHITECTURE

The SIRAGA Forum • The Abidjan Pact • The SIRAGA Awards 2026

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Overall Architecture of the SIRAGA Forum 2026

A progression from strategic vision to shared commitment, then from commitment to concrete action.

ACT 1 - THE SIRAGA FORUM	ACT 2 -THE ABIDJAN PACT	ACT 3 - THE SIRAGA AWARDS
Engage stakeholders, clarify priorities, present solutions, mobilise institutions and structure partnerships.	Set out five common and voluntary commitments on skills, local production, security, investment and follow-up.	Recognise institutions, leaders, scientists, industry actors and innovators contributing directly to African autonomy.

DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2026

STRATEGIC AWAKENING - Diplomacy, technological sovereignty, maritime security and scientific leadership

Time	Format	Sequence	Strategic Content
08h00–09h00	Protocol Reception	Official welcome and accreditation	Welcome authorities, official delegations, diplomatic missions, regional and international institutions, strategic partners, speakers and media.
09h00–09h15	Ceremony	Official opening of the SIRAGA Forum 2026	Presentation of the 5th edition, its theme, vision, objectives and expected outcomes.
09h15–09h35	Vision Keynote	Africa in the Emerging Global Technological Order	Positioning the continent in critical technologies, industry, data, security, the blue economy and new value chains.
09h35–10h05	Official Addresses	Institutional and diplomatic statements	Remarks by host authorities, regional institutions, partner organisations and official Forum representatives.
10h05–10h30	Guest of Honour Keynote	Towards Africa's Strategic Autonomy	Technological sovereignty, maritime power, industrialisation, financing, data mastery and regional cooperation.
10h30–10h55	Scientific Keynote	Science, Research and Critical Technologies	Drones, robotics, geospatial intelligence, AI, cybersecurity, autonomous systems and space technologies in support of African power.

Time	Format	Sequence	Strategic Content
10h55–11h20	Protocol Sequence	Official photo, press and institutional break	Delegation photo, press briefing, official interviews and institutional exchanges.
11h20–12h35	Ministerial and Diplomatic Panel	Strategic Summit & Diplomacy	Economic diplomacy, ports, corridors, critical resources, technological sovereignty, investment attractiveness and international alliances.
12h35–13h00	Country Presentations	SIRAGA Strategic Gateway - Country Strategic Spotlight	National priorities, projects, institutions, companies, industrial capabilities and cooperation opportunities from several Guest Countries.
13h00–14h15	Diplomatic Lunch	Official lunch and bilateral dialogues	Reserved tables for delegations, embassies, institutions, ports, economic zones, investors and strategic partners.
14h15–15h30	Combined session: keynotes + panel	Defence & Maritime Affairs Session	Control of EEZs, port security, protection of critical infrastructure, drones, satellites, geospatial capabilities, cyber defence, intelligence and regional coordination.
15h30–16h15	Strategic Panel	Sovereign Data and Critical Infrastructure	Cybersecurity, data governance, industrial systems, ports, energy, telecommunications and operational resilience.
16h15–16h30	Break	Strategic Networking	Targeted exchanges among authorities, scientists, industrial actors, investors and technology partners.
16h30–17h30	Scientific keynote + panel	SIRAGA 2026 Grand Scientific Symposium	Geospatial intelligence, drones, robotics, AI, Earth observation, digital twins, environment and space technologies.
17h30–18h00	Reporting Back	Strategic Conclusions of Day 1	Summary of the Summit, the Defence Session and the work of the Scientific Committee. Initial proposals for the Abidjan Pact.
18h00–18h15	Closing	End of Day 1 proceedings	Practical information, operational summary and announcement of the gala dinner.

Focus - Defence, Maritime & Port Affairs Session

A mixed format for authorities, maritime administrations, ports, defence forces, experts and solution providers.

Time	Format	Content
14h15–14h20	Strategic Introduction	Maritime sovereignty issues, hybrid threats, logistics corridors and critical infrastructure.
14h20–14h30	High-Level Authority Keynote	Vision from a senior maritime, port or defence authority.
14h30–14h45	Operational Keynote	Drones, satellites, geospatial tools, sensors, AI and cyber defence for maritime domain awareness.
14h45–15h15	Strategic Panel	Dialogue among naval forces, coast guards, maritime administrations, port authorities, coordination centres, cyber actors and industry.
15h15–15h25	Targeted Exchanges	Interoperability, operational doctrine, maintenance, training, certification, financing and secure information-sharing.
15h25–15h30	Capability Summary	Priority recommendations, pilot projects and cooperation mechanisms.

Access note: specialised session subject to institutional, professional or strategic accreditation.

GALA DINNER - WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2026

SIRAGA Guest Country & Strategic Partners Gala Dinner - hosted by a Guest Country or strategic partner

SOLE OFFICIAL EVENING ACTIVITY - The gala dinner is the only official event on Wednesday evening.

Time	Sequence	Content
19h30–20h00	Official Welcome	Arrival of authorities, delegations, partners, guests and awardees.
20h00–20h10	Cultural Opening	Artistic or cultural segment proposed in agreement with the host country or partner.
20h10–20h20	Forum Welcome Remarks	Official welcome and reminder of the strategic scope of the SIRAGA Forum 2026.
20h20–20h35	Host Address	Address by Guest Country or strategic partner hosting the dinner.
20h35–21h15	Official Dinner	Cultural, economic, industrial or technological presentation by the host partner.
21h15–22h00	SIRAGA Awards 2026	Presentation of awards to selected leaders, institutions, scientists, companies and innovators.
22h00–22h15	SIRAGA Grand Prize	Address by the laureate or institution receiving the highest distinction.
22h15–22h30	Closing	Official photo, acknowledgements and close of the dinner.

Funding the gala dinner does not confer any automatic entitlement to an award. Selection for the SIRAGA Awards remains independent.

DAY 2 -THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2026

INDUSTRIAL DELIVERY - Innovation, projects, financing, skills, agreements and follow-up

Time	Format	Sequence	Strategic Content
08h30–09h00	Professional Welcome	Welcome of investors, industrial actors and innovators	Welcome of companies, banks, funds, startups, ports, economic zones, project sponsors and training centres.
09h00–09h25	Industrial Keynote	Industrialising African Innovation	Moving from imports to production, assembly, maintenance, technology transfer and local certification.
09h25–10h20	Industrial Panel	Industry, Local Content and African Value Chains	Economic zones, smart ports, production, subcontracting, maintenance, standardisation, certification and public procurement.
10h20–10h40	Official Opening	Launch of the Agile Innovation & Solutions Hub	Tour of the Hub and meetings with technology companies, startups, universities, laboratories and exhibitors.
10h40–11h30	Company Presentations	International Corporate Solutions & Leadership Showcase	Short presentations by selected international companies showcasing a technology, expertise, project or cooperation proposal with Africa.
11h30–12h15	Project Pitches	African Strategic Projects Pitch	Presentation of industrial, maritime, geospatial, digital, energy, scientific and technological projects.
12h15–13h00	Finance Panel	Financing Industrial and Technological Sovereignty	Development banks, funds, investors, blended finance, guarantees, PPPs and preparation of bankable projects.
13h00–14h30	Closed Meetings	SIRAGA Industrial & Investment Deal Room	B2G, B2B and B2I meetings among States, investors, banks, companies, ports, economic zones and project sponsors.
14h30–15h15	International Panel	International Companies, Technology Transfer and Establishment in Africa	Industrial cooperation, local units, joint ventures, skills transfer, maintenance, distribution and access to African markets.
15h15–16h00	Human Capital Panel	Training, Certification and Strategic Skills	Centers of excellence, universities, drone professions, geospatial, maritime, cyber, robotics, AI and maintenance.
16h00–16h15	Break	Finalisation of Agreements	Preparation of signatures, consolidation of commitments and coordination of stakeholders.
16h15–17h00	Strategic Ceremony	Alliances, MoUs and Project Announcements	Signing of conventions, cooperation agreements, pilot projects, industrial and scientific partnerships, and training programs.
17h00–17h25	Solemn Session	Adoption of the Abidjan Pact	Reading, adoption and symbolic signing of five common, simple and voluntary commitments.
17h25–17h50	Operational Session	SIRAGA Forum Follow-up Mechanism	Project register, focal points, deadlines, dashboard and 30-, 60- and 90-day follow-up.
17h50–18h15	Synthesis Keynote	From Strategic Awakening to Action	Presentation of the SIRAGA 2026–2027 roadmap and cooperation prospects.
18h15–18h30	Official Closing	Final Communiqué of the SIRAGA Forum 2026	Reading of the communiqué, acknowledgements and announcement of next steps.

Track for International Companies and Corporations

SIRAGA International Partners & Speakers Gateway

The Forum offers a dedicated track for industrial groups, technology companies, manufacturers, integrators, geospatial and satellite companies, cybersecurity firms, maritime and port actors, banks, investment funds, engineering firms, training organisations and companies seeking cooperation with African institutions.

Track	Participation Opportunities
Strategic Partner	Institutional visibility, presence in Forum spaces, priority meetings, access to the Deal Room, official communications and partnership support.
International Speaker	Keynote, panel, moderation or technical presentation, subject to validation of the proposed theme, expertise and content.
Technology Showcase Partner	Demonstration, technology presentation, innovation pitch or participation in the Agile Innovation & Solutions Hub.
Investment & Industrial Partner	Project presentation, exchanges with States and public agencies, participation in B2G, B2B and B2I meetings.
Gala Host Partner	Hosting and naming of the gala dinner under a specific agreement, with institutional visibility and reserved tables.

Points of Company Integration in the Programs

- SIRAGA Strategic Gateway and bilateral meetings - Wednesday 18 November.
- International Corporate Solutions & Leadership Showcase -Thursday 19 November, 10:40-11:30.
- SIRAGA Industrial & Investment Deal Room - Thursday 19 November, 13:00 -14:30.
- Panel “International Companies, Technology Transfer and Establishment in Africa” – Thursday 19 November, 14:30 –15:15.
- Alliances, MoUs and Project Announcements Ceremony -Thursday 19 November, 16:15 –17:00.

Submission File to Propose a speaker

- Institutional profile of the company or organisation.
- Profile, biography and exact position of the proposed speaker.
- Title and summary of the proposed presentation.
- Experience in Africa or emerging markets.
- Solutions, projects, investments or partnerships to be presented.
- Expected outcomes of participation in the SIRAGA Forum.

A financial partnership does not automatically guarantee a speaking opportunity. Every contribution must be relevant, provide real value and be validated by the competent Forum bodies.

Abidjan Pact

Abidjan Pact for Africa's Technological and Industrial Autonomy

The Abidjan Pact is a voluntary, concise and accessible declaration. It expresses participants' intention to turn Forum exchanges into concrete action, without creating binding legal or financial obligations.

Commitment	Orientation
1. Skills	Train, certify and strengthen African skills in technological, scientific, maritime and industrial fields.
2. Local Production	Produce, integrate, assemble and maintain more technologies in Africa.
3. Security	Protect data, maritime spaces and critical infrastructure.
4. Projects and Investments	Support projects, financing and strategic partnerships.
5. Follow-up	Ensure simple and measurable follow-up of agreements and projects arising from the Forum.

"Meeting in Abidjan on 18 and 19 November 2026, participants affirm their commitment to strengthening technological, scientific, maritime and industrial cooperation in Africa and to supporting skills, local production, security, investment and partnership follow-up."

SIRAGA Awards 2026

SIRAGA African Strategic Excellence Awards 2026

The SIRAGA Awards are presented during the gala dinner on Wednesday 18 November 2026. They recognise tangible contributions to Africa's technological, scientific, maritime and industrial sovereignty.

Award	Purpose
SIRAGA Grand Prize for African Strategic Autonomy	The Forum's highest distinction.
Institutional and Diplomatic Leadership Award	Major contribution to cooperation, influence and strategic alliances.
Maritime and Port Excellence Award	Outstanding innovation or action in maritime, port or security matters.
Technological and Industrial Innovation Award	Innovative solution or project in drones, robotics, AI, space or industry.
Geospatial Intelligence and Sovereign Data Award	Outstanding contribution to geomatics, remote sensing, data or decision-support platforms.
Industrialisation and Local Content Award	Production, assembly, maintenance, value chain or technology transfer in Africa.
Scientific and Academic Excellence Award	Work or cooperation of strong strategic significance.
Young Innovator or African Startup Award	Original, deployable and high-potential African solution.
Strategic Partner Distinction	Decisive support for the Forum's visibility or outcomes.

Selection of laureates is independent of funding, sponsorship and commercial partnerships.

Permanent Spaces Throughout the Two Days

Space	Function
SIRAGA Strategic Gateway	Guest countries, embassies, delegations, pavilions and international cooperation.
International Partners & Speakers Desk	Reception and guidance for companies wishing to become partners, speakers or exhibitors.
Agile Innovation & Solutions Hub	Demonstrations, innovations, startups, laboratories, universities and industrial solutions.
Industrial & Investment Deal Room	Projects, capital, investors, negotiations and partnerships.
Scientific & Knowledge Space	Research, papers, posters, publications and academic cooperation.
Defence & Maritime Strategic Lounge	Specialised and confidential meetings subject to accreditation.
Country & Corporate Pavilion	Presentation of countries, ports, economic zones, companies and territories.
B2G–B2B–B2I Meeting Area	Scheduled meetings among institutions, companies and investors.

Expected Official Outcomes

- Final communiqué of the SIRAGA Forum 2026.
- Abidjan Pact and SIRAGA 2026–2027 roadmap.
- Recommendations of the Strategic Summit & Diplomacy, the Defence Session and the Scientific Committee.
- Register of industrial, technological, maritime and scientific projects.
- Deal Room report and list of expressions of interest.
- MoUs, conventions, project announcements and cooperation programmes.
- Dashboard for the 30, 60 and 90-day follow-up mechanism.
- Scientific, institutional and media proceedings of the Forum.

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