



Summit Committee Agenda

Wednesday, 22 October 2025, 4-4:45 pm CAT (Central Africa Time)

Please plan on 45 minutes for this meeting. Visit elisanetwork.com for more info about ELISA

Items listed in **BOLD** will be covered during the meeting.

Zoom link: [click here](#)

Meeting ID: 841 8353 2700 Passcode: 183321

Document Archives: icpdprograms.org/committees (scroll down to ELISA section)

Welcome & introductions

- **Denzel, Lydiah, Ruvimbo and Shamah and have joined the ELISA team**

Focus topics

- **Suggest renaming this committee the ELISA Programs Committee**
- **2026 ELISA Business Summit, 19 Mar 2026**
 - **The theme for the Summit is "Business Beyond Borders"; should the scope of the Summit address the theme from the perspective of start-up businesses or enterprises of all sizes?**
 - [Summit agenda](#)
 - **Speaker outreach, Summit Committee to identify speakers**
 - **Summit sub-committee meets weekly on Tuesdays to review the action items for the ELISA Business Summit**
 - **Outcomes from the Summit - what should be published?**

Updates, previous action items, and recent developments

- **2025 ELISA Business Scholars (EBS)**
 - **Training session was postponed to 19-22 Mar 2026 to set the stage for a larger forum which includes a full of programming for the ELISA Business Summit**
 - **Application Deadline for EBS has been extended to 15 December 2025**
- **Confabs**
 - **Next Confab on 30 October, 4-5 pm Central Africa Time; our speaker will be Cecilia Sewera, Founder, G&C Chemicals, Zimbabwe; she will speak about pitch decks; [register here](#)**
 - **Topics being aligned with EBS curriculum topics and Bootstrap Briefs**
- **Bootstrap Briefs -**
 - **Topics have been linked to the EBS curriculum topics**
 - **95+ Bootstrap Briefs have been published with consistent release every Wednesday**
- **Social media Outreach**
- **Recommend potential ELISA Advisory Council members; you can email shamah@elisanetwork.com**





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Other/Future action items

- **Resources feature - What type of resources will members want to share and what are the categories of these resources (ie services, funding opportunities, etc)?; will posted resources be curated by staff or the portal members; will posted resources be visible only to the member or to the public?; benchmark against other models such as [Opportunity Desk](#)**
- Confabs - How to support other languages? French? Timetable
- Virtual coaching
 - What would the model be for a virtual coaching experience?
 - What resources does the portal already have to support virtual coaching
 - Timeline for implementation
- Programming focused on Luminaries, Projects and Bootstrap Briefs
- Bootstrap Briefs - User generated content and curation

Forward Calendar of Meeting Dates & Events

- **30 Oct 2025, 4-5 pm Central Africa Time; ELISA Confab with Cecilia Sewera**
- **9 Dec 2025, 4-4:45pm Central Africa Time; ELISA Advisory Council meeting**
- **2026 ELISA Committee meeting dates will be set in December**
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- **19 Mar 2026 - ELISA Summit**
- **19-22 Mar 2026 - ELISA Scholars Training Program**

Committee Objectives

Developing and managing the production of the annual programs for the ELISA Business Network. Committee objectives include:

- Promote awareness of the ELISA Business Network, ELISA Summit and ELISA Scholars Program
- Select the summit theme and focus topics
- Plan and finalise the summit agenda and suggest content
- Identify and confirm summit speakers
- Invite special guests to participate in the summit
- Oversee the process of selecting each cohort of ELISA Scholars
- Plan for the ELISA Business Scholars Program including curriculum

