Programs Committee Agenda

Wednesday, 28 January 2026, 4-4:45 pm CAT (Central Africa Time)
Please plan on 45 minutes for this meeting. For the Zoom link click here
Items listed in **BOLD** will be covered during the meeting
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Welcome & introductions - Recommend potential ELISA Advisory Council members; you can email shamah@elisanetwork.com

Focus topic
- **2026 ELISA Business Summit, 19 Mar 2026**
  - **The theme for the Summit is "Business Beyond Borders"**
  - **Summit Agenda - Speaker suggestions**
  - **Outcomes from the Summit - what should be published?**
- **Project pages: what instructional resources or processes can be developed to increase portal member utilisation and outcomes?; How can we refine the communications strategy to increase awareness of project pages as an available resource; Is the sector scheme used the best way to categorise the project pages?; Is the post feature useful and how can they become more visible?**

Updates, previous action items, and recent developments
- **2026 EBS**
  - **Training session will be 19-22 Mar 2026**
  - **Thank you to the selection committee; a total of 504 applications were received; they are currently reviewing 241 applications;**
  - 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

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 ie 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
- Programming for applicants to the ELISA Business Scholars (EBS) program who were not admitted to EBS
- Bootstrap Briefs - User generated content and curation

Forward Calendar of Meeting Dates & Events
- **17 Feb at 4pm CAT -** ELISA Advisory Council Meeting
- **26 Feb, 4-5 pm Central Africa Time - Confab,** our speaker will be Oladimu Daniel Gbenga, Founder and Managing Director of Gbendan Company Limited, Nigeria; he will speak about AfCFTA and cross-border trade logistics, register here:
- **19 Mar** - ELISA Business Summit
- **19-22 Mar** - ELISA Scholars Training Program
- **8 Apr at 4pm CAT -** ELISA Programs Committee Meeting
- **22 Jul 2026 at 4pm CAT -** ELISA Programs Committee Meeting
- **7 Oct at 4pm CAT -** ELISA Programs Committee Meeting