

27-29 Jan  
Cape Town

AGENDA

# Counder Conference 2026

Counder Conference is the gathering of visionary leaders to explore tomorrow's most important opportunities together.



*\*Please note the agenda is subject to change as final details are confirmed.*





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# About Counder Conference

## The Conference for Visionary Leaders

As South Africa's G20 presidency concludes at the end of 2025, Counder Conference is convening **500 global industry & investment leaders** in Cape Town in January 2026 - for one of the largest gatherings of international private capital ever assembled in the Southern Hemisphere.

With a focus on enabling trusted connections to foster new collaborations, Counder, backed by 25+ global family offices, selects participants by **international excellence, leadership in their field and a mindset to lean into the future.**

As the yearly conference for visionary leaders from all over the world exploring **tomorrow's most important opportunities** together, emerging trends and markets are at the forefront of the discussions at Counder. Cape Town as a city of new global relevance therefore is the perfect place for its flagship event in 2026.





# Attendees in January 2026 will join distinguished leaders from all continents including:

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## FROM EUROPE

**Prince Christian zu Fürstenberg** (12th Prince of Fürstenberg & Family Office, Germany)

**Jan Deepen** (Founder, SumUp & Private Equity Investor, Germany)

## FROM ASIA-PACIFIC & MIDDLE EAST

**Claudia Zeisberger** (Professor at INSEAD & Founding Member KKR's Sustainability Expert Advisory Council, Singapore)

**Mato Perić** (Serial Entrepreneur with operations in 35 countries & ARTnews Top 200 Collector, UAE)

## FROM THE AMERICAS:

**James & Andrew Stewart** (Partners, Level One Fund & Point72/Steve Cohen-trained Venture Capitalists, USA)

**Steven Grin** (Managing Partner, Lateral Frontiers & Former Director, Office of President of Guyana, USA)

## FROM AFRICA:

**Louis Norval** (Founder, Norval Foundation, Cape Town's leading museum for contemporary African art & ARTnews Top 200 Collector, South Africa)

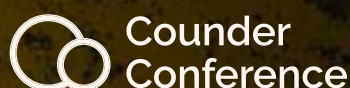
**Nicholas Ackerman** (Lionhead Capital; Ackerman Family Office & Pick n' Pay founding family, South Africa)

In addition to private sector partners including leading global investment bank, **Investec** and leading global media company **Ringier**, **Wesgro**, the official promotion agency for Cape Town & the Western Cape Province and the **German Government** serve as strategic partners of the event and network.

Invited guests will be hosted in unique locations in the stunning environment of Cape Town, just voted best city in the world yet again - including **The German Residence in Bishopscourt**; **Norval Foundation in Tokai**, Cape Town's premier sculpture garden; **vineyard lunches** on the slopes of Stellenbosch's mountains and **hikes** overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.

Counder Conference delivers three days of expert-guided breakouts - from **cybersecurity to sports as an asset class, the rise of megacities, philanthropy and many more** - while being designed to transform deep conversations into trusted partnerships, co-investments, and global collaboration.

Counder Conference is **invite-only** and **free of charge**.



Register at [counder.com/be-part/](https://counder.com/be-part/)



# Timeline

## 27 Jan

Gala Reception

The **official opening** of Counder Conference 2026 unites global leaders in Cape Town, setting the stage for three transformative days.

## 30 Jan

Post-Conference

Relaxed **post-conference** gatherings and activities, designed to reflect on the insights and connects created at the Conference.

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## 26 Jan

Pre-Conference

A **pre-conference** evening where partners and the Counder team connect and align before the main gathering.

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02

## 28 Jan

Context Day

A day of **deep thinking** and **collaboration**, where breakout sessions spark innovation and meaningful exchange in an inspiring setting.

03

## 29 Jan

Connect Day

A day of **exploration** and **connection** across Cape Town, culminating in a gala dinner celebrating the Conference's most impactful contributors.

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# Partners Reception

26 January

Pre-Conference

Opening

Context

Connect

Post-Conference

## Start Time

6:00 PM

## Venue Information

TBA

## About

**Exclusive networking with all Equity, Mission, and Knowledge Partners.**

A pre-conference gathering for Counder's distinguished Equity Partners, Mission Partners, and Knowledge Partners along with the Counder core team.

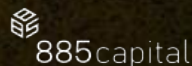
This intimate evening serves as the perfect opening to the Conference, where our most valued institutional partners connect, align on programming, and build relationships in a sophisticated setting before the larger gathering begins.

Counder works with a curated selection of institutional partners for its year-long programming and flagship conference. Our Knowledge Partners are selected as leaders in their respective fields, sharing deep insights across various themes from AI to sports, emerging markets & philanthropy.

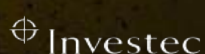
A selection below, full list via [counder.com/conference](https://counder.com/conference).



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Ringier



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# Day 1

27 January

Pre-Conference

**Opening**

Context

Connect

Post-Conference

## Start Time

6:00 PM -  
10:00 PM

## Venue Information

**German Residence,  
Bishopscourt**

## Gala Reception

### Red Carpet & Official Welcome Address

The official opening of Counder Conference 2026, set in one of Cape Town's most prestigious venues. This evening sets the tone for three transformative days, featuring welcome addresses from global thought leaders and creating the foundation for meaningful connections that will define the Conference experience.

# Day 2

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## 28 January

Pre-Conference

Opening

**Context**

Connect

Post-Conference

### Start Time

8:00 AM

### Venue Information

**Norval Foundation,  
Tokai (Whole Day)**

### Context Day

**Breakfast & Coffee**

### Start Time

10:00 AM

### Collective Welcome + Key Speeches, Breakout Sessions

Contextual deep-dives with Knowledge Partners into the most important opportunities of the future - from Tech to Sports to Media and more. These breakout sessions are designed for **deep thinking and collaborative innovation**.

### Start Time

1:00 PM

### Lunch & Dedicated Lunch Breakouts, Keynote Speeches

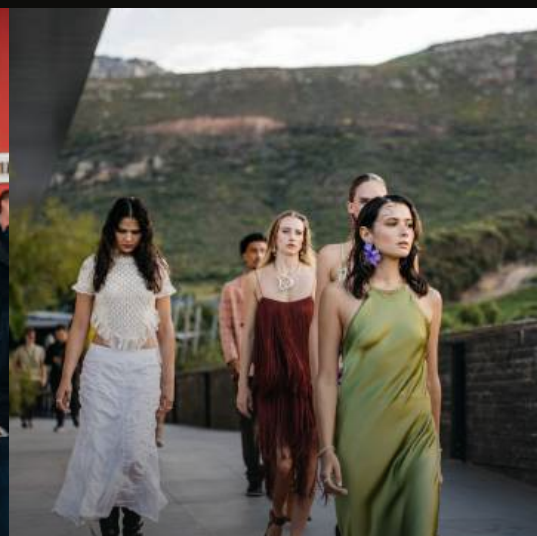
Share ideas over great food, then regroup for concluding keynote speeches.

### Start Time

5:00 PM

### Evening Program

An evening of culture and connection – live music, local artistry, and shared moments.





# Day 3

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## 29 January

Pre-Conference

Opening

Context

**Connect**

Post-Conference

### Start Time

8:00 AM

### Venue Information

TBA

### Connect Day

#### Meeting & Exchange Spot

A beautiful gathering space for day-long meetings and organic exchange — deepening connections forged the day prior. Fully catered throughout.

8:30 AM

### Various Venues in Cape Town

### Exclusive Excursions

Deep-dive excursions into various iconic Cape Town venues. See detailed information about these exclusive excursions later in this agenda.

### Start Time

5:00 PM

### Venue Information

TBA

### Gala Dinner

The day culminates with our closing gala dinner, where we celebrate the connections forged over these three transformative days and honour the visionary leaders whose work is shaping tomorrow's most important opportunities.





# Post-Conference

30 January

Pre-Conference

Opening

Context

Connect

**Post-Conference**

**Start Time**

**Venue Information**

All Day

TBD

**Post-Conference Day**

**Self-hosted Events/Functions**

An informal day for Members to host self-organized gatherings or conduct 1:1 meetings across Cape Town — from wine farm excursions and working sessions to intimate dinners, cultural experiences, and after parties. After three days of intensive programming, this allows for deepening new connections at leisure.





# Excursions

A day of experiential learning and relationship building, where attendees explore Cape Town's most unique locations while engaging in intimate group discussions. Below are a few selected examples of excursions you can experience.



## Active Excursions (5-7 total)

### Hike

Experience the beauty of Cape Town's expansive nature, while networking with fellow attendees.



### Golf Tournament

Tee off in Cape Town's finest golf courses, while connecting & collaborating with fellow attendees.



### Padel Tournament

Experience relaxed networking through the fun and competitive nature of padel at Cape Town's finest courts.



### Olympics

Watch & take part in various sports with industry veterans, a fun way to collaborate & connect with fellow attendees.



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## Cultural Excursions

### Local Arts

Indulge in beautiful art scenes, everything from local music to contemporary art while connecting with peers.

### Robben Island

Learn about the history of South Africa through a personal & intimate tour with past inmates.

### Real Estate Tour

Discover Cape Town's most sought-after properties through expert-led tours.

### Red Bus

Experience Cape Town's iconic landmarks and vibrant neighbourhoods through a curated city tour, sharing the experience with peers.



### Private Brunches (10-15 total)

Indulge in exceptional food & fine wine at private farms & homes throughout Cape Town as well as the surrounding Winelands.



# Global Leaders at Counder Conference

A small selection of already confirmed international delegates includes:

## From Europe



Christian zu Fürstenberg



Jan Deepen

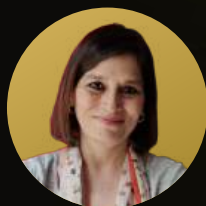


Hans Otterling



Angelica Adamski

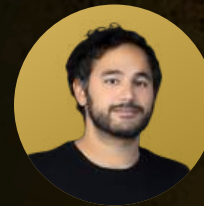
## From Asia-Pacific & Middle East



Anuradha Das Mathur



Claudia Zeisberger



Sudeep Ramnani



Mato Perić

## From Americas



Andrew Stewart



Steven Grin



Nick Davidov



Aguil Deng

## From Africa



Louis Norval



Akinwale Omoboriowo II



Kola Aina



Nicholas Ackerman



# About Counder

## The visionary leadership network

Counder exists to connect visionary leaders, bridge new and established perspectives, and enable the collaborations that shape tomorrow's most important opportunities.

We are home for distinguished global leaders and world-class organisations leaning into emerging trends and markets. Our collective shares the belief that looking ahead is the only way to stay grounded in the presence.

Beyond our Conference, Counder curates an exclusive, year-long Calendar of select events and engagements — from intimate dinners to seats at top events — designed to strengthen meaningful connections in unique, memorable settings. In addition, Context on key trends from cybersecurity to the rise of megacities is shared often - and Connect is our digital platform to enhance connections.

Our Collective fosters impactful outcomes. Whether you're a leading CEO or investor seeking new frontiers - or a global pioneer in your field, Counder exists to support its Members.

To serve  
our Collective,  
Counder is  
structured  
around four  
pillars.

- Conference
- Calendar
- Context
- Connect