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Opibus Secures Sub-Saharan Africa's Largest Ever Fund Raise In Electric Mobility



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Sub-Saharan Africa's leading electric vehicle manufacturer, this week raised \$7.5 mil in funding led by Silicon Valley fund At One Ventures, further supported by Factor[e] Ventures and Ambo Ventures managed by former Google and Uber executives. The investment is the largest ever in

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Chipper Cash valued at \$2bn valuation in \$150m Series C extension

African cross border payments platform, Chipper Cash, is now valued at \$2bn. The valuation comes after

the company raised \$150m in a series C extension led by cryptocurrency exchange platform FTX.

FUNDING

Twiga Food raises \$50m Series C round for Africa expansion

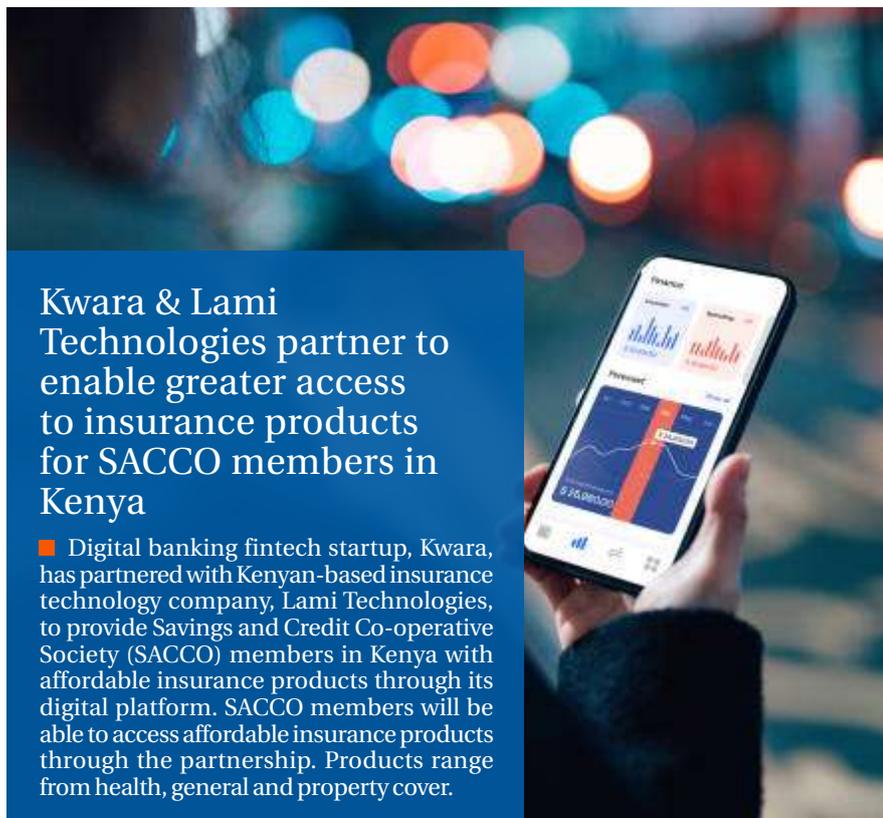


Kenyan B2B e-commerce platform Twiga has raised a US\$50 million Series C funding round to help it scale its affordable food solutions across Africa.

YC-backed Nigerian fintech Lemonade Finance raises \$725k pre-seed funding round



The Y Combinator-backed Nigerian fintech startup Lemonade Finance has raised a US\$725,000 pre-seed funding round to help it scale.



Kwara & Lami Technologies partner to enable greater access to insurance products for SACCO members in Kenya

■ Digital banking fintech startup, Kwara, has partnered with Kenyan-based insurance technology company, Lami Technologies, to provide Savings and Credit Co-operative Society (SACCO) members in Kenya with affordable insurance products through its digital platform. SACCO members will be able to access affordable insurance products through the partnership. Products range from health, general and property cover.

E-Settlement acquires QuickCash to improve access to financial services in Francophone Africa

■ E-Settlement (E-SL), a Nigerian fintech group of companies, has acquired QuickCash, an Ivorian electronic payment and money transfer company. The acquisition is targeted at Francophone African countries including, Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Niger, Togo and more. E-SL seeks to improve access to last mile financial services by providing simple and accessible products to those in underserved areas.

OkHi partners with Quickteller to improve address verification in Nigeria

■ Interswitch's Quickteller, a payment and wallet service, is this week became the first first business in Nigeria to use the OkHi address verification service. The partnership will enable mobility industries such as ecommerce, food delivery and ride hailing to flourish because they will have accurate addressing information.

Flutterwave and Standard Bank partner to expand digital payments across Africa

■ Standard Bank, Africa's largest bank by assets, has partnered with Flutterwave, Africa's leading payments technology company, to enhance digital payments experiences for its customers in Nigeria, Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda, Ghana,

Mauritius, Cote D'Ivoire and Malawi. Flutterwave and Standard Bank are collaborating to build e-commerce, card issuing, payments, collections, USSD, lending, and buy-now-pay-later capabilities for millions of Africans.

BLOCKCHAIN & DIGITAL CURRENCIES

Bundles Africa founder launches Nestcoin

■ Bundles Africa founder, Yele Bademosi, has launched Nestcoin with the aim of building, operating and investing in crypto-native products for everyday people in frontier markets.

South African regulator prohibits investment into crypto by pension funds

■ The South African Treasury has prohibited investment in cryptocurrency by pension funds in a draft published Directive. The Draft Amendments to Regulation 28 of the Pension Fund Act introduce a clause, 'a fund may not invest in crypto-assets directly or indirectly.'

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Stakeholders Endorse Artificial Intelligence As Tool for Port Efficiency in Nigeria

■ Stakeholders in the Nigerian maritime industry have identified deeper application of AI technology as a way to achieving an efficient port system in Nigeria. Ope Babalola, Managing Director of Webb Fontaine Nigeria Limited, disclosed that his company assisted Benin Republic in achieving the ICT port system that harmonised the country's interests through a single transaction. According to him, the system has helped in saving time, producing more accurate results, protecting government revenue and facilitating trade.



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY



Amazon Acquires Exclusive U.S. Rights To TikTok Connected-TV App

■ Amazon has announced that it has acquired the exclusive U.S. rights to a connected-TV TikTok app, allowing Amazon Fire TV users to stream videos from the popular social media app on their televisions. The TV app allows users in the U.S. and Canada to scroll through TikTok using their Fire TV remotes, or through hands-free Alexa. Though the connected-TV app rights are exclusive,

Apple users can still stream TikTok videos to their televisions by screen-mirroring their iOS or MacOS devices to their Apple TVs while the mobile app or website is open. Amazon however declined to comment on whether the company and TikTok came to any sort of revenue sharing agreement with this deal, or if Amazon purchased any exclusive rights to TikTok programming.

Facebook may face a trademark battle for its new "Meta" brand

■ A company, which sells computers, disk drives, keyboards, and other devices, is already after the "Meta" trademark - and was well before Facebook rolled out its new moniker. Arizona-based startup Meta PC founder Zach Shutt stated the company filed for the "Meta" trademark in August. The Patent and Trademark Office website confirms the filing, which states that Meta PC first began using the brand for its range of products in November 2020. Facebook, formerly known as Meta, also filed to trademark the name on Oct. 28, according

to its filing with the Patents and Trademark Office. The filings haven't been approved - the filings are still listed as "live" - meaning Meta PC doesn't own the "Meta" brand just yet. Still, it did file its petition a full two months before Facebook announced its rebrand - meaning the tech giant could face a legal battle, even if it's in the form of patent trolling. Schutt and cofounder Joe Darger said they're willing to stand down if CEO Mark Zuckerberg pays them \$20 million. However, Schutt declined to confirm the amount.



Ghana joins Geneva Act of World Intellectual Property Organization

■ Ghana has joined the Geneva Act of WIPO's Lisbon Agreement on Appellation of Origin and Geographical Indications. This was after the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Godfred Yeboah Dame entered the accession agreement with the Director-General of the World Intellectual Organization (WIPO), Daren Tang. A statement issued on November 4, 2021 said the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement will however come into force, with respect to Ghana on February

3, 2022. "The accession will allow Ghana to protect its geographical indications under the Geneva Act, such as its emblematic Bolgatanga baskets, its traditional red palm oil known as Dzormi, shea butter, cocoa among others." The Geneva Act, which came into force on February 26, 2020, provides producers of quality products linked to origin, with faster and cheaper access to the international protection of their products' distinctive designations.

Facebook sued by defunct photo app Phhphoto on antitrust grounds

■ Defunct photo app Phhphoto is suing Meta, formerly Facebook, on antitrust grounds, claiming the social media platform feigned interest in working with it, but then copied its features and hid its name from search results, effectively driving it out of business. The company claims Facebook copied it for Instagram's Boomerang feature. According to Phhphoto, Facebook copied Phhphoto's

main feature and released it on its Instagram platform as Boomerang in 2015, after blocking Phhphoto from Instagram's API and from being pre-populated in Instagram posts. "The actions of Facebook and Instagram destroyed Phhphoto as a viable business and ruined the company's prospects for investment," Phhphoto says in a complaint filed in US District Court.

DIGITAL IDENTITY NEWS



Emirates Advances Biometric Technologies to Enhance Customer Experience

Emirates, a major airline based in the United Arab Emirates, is facilitating passenger experience with the expansion of biometric technologies and its capabilities. In Emirates' recent press release, they introduced key biometric innovations and their plans to expand them in the coming months. Since the start of the pandemic, Emirates has recognized the growing num-

ber of passengers who favor biometric checkpoints and intends to supply more gates with biometric scanners. Emirates has even partnered with Dubai Airport stakeholders and the immigration team to relaunch Smart Gates— a contactless technology that allows for travelers to proceed through passport control quickly without the need to scan documents.

HooYu launches KYC smart re-usable digital identity offering

HooYu, specialists in KYC and customer onboarding journey specialist, has confirmed the strengthening of its offering with a 're-usable digital ID to instantly complete age or identity verification processes'. It's a move that seeks to help firms in their bid to grow with the digital evolution and retain a stringent verification process. The new service, called HooYu ID, gives consumers the option of creating a digital ID to assert their identity safely and securely in the digital or the physical world.



HooYu ID stores verified identity credentials in an app on a user's smartphone and the validated identity evidence is encrypted on the device and protected by biometric and PIN code access.

UK's Government Digital Service gains funding for biometrics, SSO in Autumn budget

The first public prototype of the UK government's digital identity system One Login is due to be available in April 2022 after securing £400 million (around US\$546 million) in funding. The new system will be a single-sign on (SSO) capability, built by the Government Digital Service (GDS) and used across the Gov.uk website, combined with digital identity verification for citizens to access (cross departmental) public services.

These could range from registering a birth to setting up a business, and will see twelve government departments collaborating. GDS's funding package aims to progress development of the system, stated in this week's Autumn Budget announcement unveiled by Chancellor Rishi Sunak. The money will be paid across three years, and it is believed that funding for years two and three will be dependent on progress of the project.

EVENTS

KENYA INNOVATION WEEK 2021

6TH - 8TH DECEMBER 2021

Kenya Innovation Week is a flagship innovation forum for the country run by the Kenya National Innovation Agency. It seeks to showcase the innovativeness of Kenyans under which the national priorities of the Big 4 Agenda and Vision 2030 will be advanced.

ASSEK ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021.

26TH NOVEMBER 2021

The conference will bring together members from Civil society, ecosystem enablers, investors and development partners with an aim of ensuring that conversations around the ecosystem take place and the voice of entrepreneurs is heard.

AFRICA TECH FESTIVAL

8TH - 12TH NOVEMBER 2021

Africa Tech Festival returns as an online experience. Along with its two anchor events, AfricaCom and AfricaTech, Africa Tech Festival is the largest and most influential tech event in Africa boasting more than 300 visionary speakers exploring the hottest connectivity and enterprise tech trends.

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Twitter disables Trends in Ethiopia citing safety and security reasons

Micro-blogging social media platform, Twitter announced on Saturday that they were disabling trends for Ethiopia amid spreading insecurity in the country. The move is to combat the incidence of content that could potentially incite violence cause harm. "We're monitoring the situation in Ethiopia and are focused on protecting the safety of the conversation on Twitter. Inciting violence or dehumanizing people is against our rules." Given the imminent threat of physical harm, we've also temporarily disabled Trends in Ethiopia. Alongside continued efforts to disrupt platform manipulation, we hope this measure will reduce the risks of coordination that could incite violence or cause harm," Twitter safety said in a statement. They also provided a link to a webpage via which people can report posts that go against platform rules.

Clearview AI ordered to delete all facial recognition data belonging to Australians

Controversial facial recognition firm Clearview AI has been ordered to destroy all images and facial templates belonging to individuals living in Australia by the country's national privacy regulator. Clearview, which claims to have scraped 10 billion images of people from social media sites in order to identify them in other photos, sells its technology to law enforcement agencies. It was trialled by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) between October 2019 and March 2020. Now, following an investigation, Australia privacy regulator, the Office of the Australian Information Com-

missioner (OAIC), has found that the company breached citizens' privacy. "The covert collection of this kind of sensitive information is unreasonably intrusive and unfair," said OAIC privacy commissioner Angelene Falk in a press statement. "It carries significant risk of harm to individuals, including vulnerable groups such as children and victims of crime, whose images can be searched on Clearview AI's database." Clearview argues that the images it collected were publicly available, so no breach of privacy occurred, and that they were published in the US, so Australian law does not apply.



EDPB Adopts Guidelines on Restrictions on Data Subjects Rights Under GDPR



The European Data Protection Board (EDPB) adopted Guidelines 10/2020 on restrictions under Article 23 of the EU General Data Protection Regulation. Article 23 permits the EU Member States to impose restrictions on data subject rights, as long as they maintain the essence of the fundamental rights and freedoms of individuals and

are necessary and proportionate.

According to the guidelines, the restrictions must be set out in a clear and precise legislative measure, which should also adequately indicate the circumstances and conditions in which the restrictions will apply. In addition, the guidelines require that the restrictions pass both a necessity test and a proportionality test. The guidelines set out a list of additional actions that organizations should undertake when relying on restrictions, such as documenting how the restrictions were applied, including the applicability of the necessity and proportionality test.

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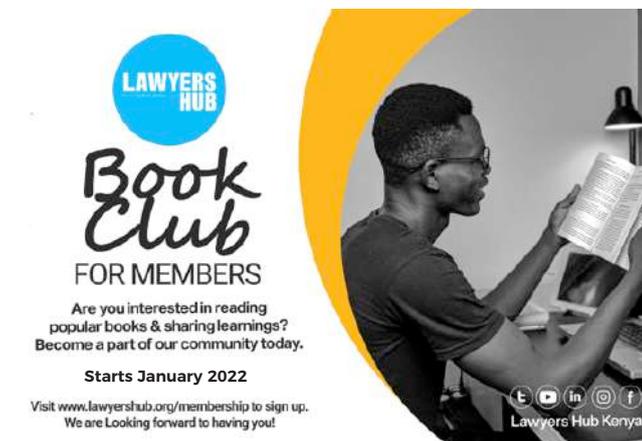
1. CODING FOR LAWYERS

Lawyers need to learn the fundamentals of coding as the legal industry becomes more tech and data-driven. The Lawyers Hub has taken the initiative to ensure that its members develop these skills by curating a coding course that is set to start in January 2022.



2. BOOK CLUB

The aim of our book club is to bring together like minded individuals through shared learning in books, to understand diverse perspectives and increase our members’ systematic reading habits, fostering growth by creating a safe environment to share or debate ideas. New read: No Rules Rules; Netflix and the culture of Reinvention by Reed Hasting and Erin Meyer. Applications to join are open.



3. DANCE CLASS

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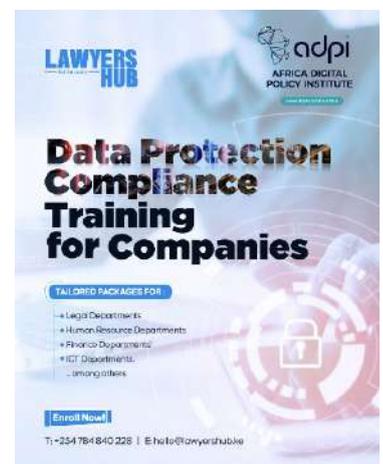
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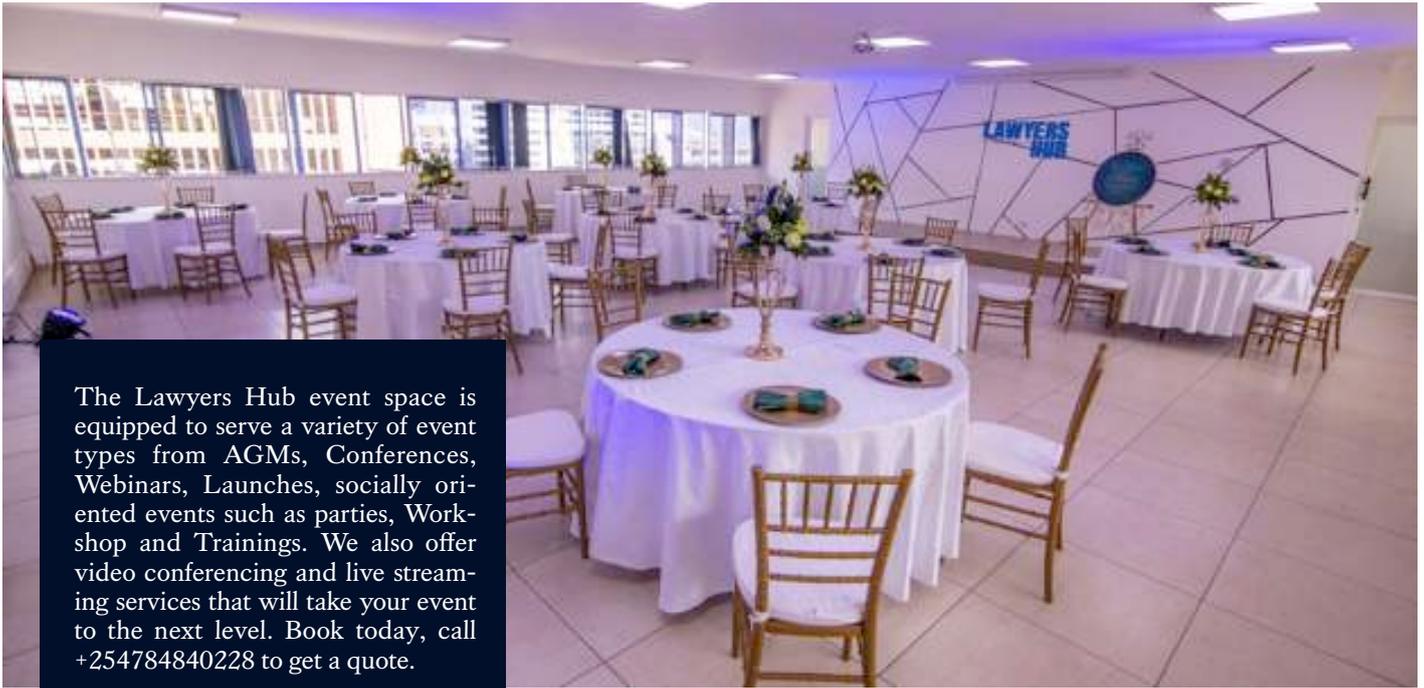
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