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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION STRATEGY FOR AFRICA  
**PRESIDENTIAL AFRICAN YOUTH IN  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & ROBOTICS  
COMPETITION 2026**

 **06 MAY 2026**

 **13:00 - 15:00 SAST**

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**STISA Presidential African Youth in AI & Robotics Competition 2026**

**Webinar Agenda (120 Minutes)**

Unlocking Africa's Future Through AI & Robotics

**Date:** 6 May 2026

**Time:** 13:00-15:00 SAST +2GMT/ 14:00-16:00 Egyptian time

**Moderator:** Dr. Bhekani Mbuli

Lecturer & Researcher, University of Johannesburg, South Africa | AUDA-NEPAD

## **1. Opening Segment (25 Minutes)**

### **Welcome Remarks (Arabic)**

Mina Helkany – Judge, Ele-vate AI Africa (5 minutes)

### **Welcome Remarks**

Samah Aziz – Director of International Relations, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT), Egypt (10 minutes)

### **Official Opening Address (to capture Vision, objectives, and continental impact, including alignment with STISA 2034 and Agenda 2063)**

Professor Brando Okolo – Head of Science, Technology & Innovation, African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) (10 minutes)

## **2. Strategic Framing & Continental Vision (5–7 Minutes)**

### **Setting the Context:**

Africa's AI leadership, the role of youth innovation, and the urgency of scaling impact-driven solutions

Yvonne Baldwin – CEO, Ele-vate AI Africa

## **3. Deep Dive: Participation Guide (10 Minutes)**

### **How to Participate (Video + Commentary):**

- Competition categories
- Submission process
- Key tips for strong applications

## **4. Opportunities & Strategic Benefits (30 Minutes)**

### **What Participants Gain:**

Access to funding, mentorship, visibility, and global platforms

Yvonne Baldwin – Ele-vate AI Africa (5 minutes)

### **Sponsor Perspectives:**

BADEA Representative- TBC (10 Minutes)

Dr. Anthony Coleman – Director, Development Research, Afreximbank (10 Minutes)

- Linking the competition to ARIH
- Showcasing impact through previous winners

## **5. Success Stories & Case Studies (10 Minutes)**

### **Real-World Impact:**

- Mrs. Mfon Udechukwu – WeRobotics (Judge Perspective)
- Dr. Edward Nkadimeng – Presidential Category Winner 2026  
Nuclear Physicist & Researcher

## **6. Interactive Q&A Session (20–25 Minutes)**

Moderated discussion with audience engagement

## **7. Closing Segment & Call to Action (Approx. 7–10 Minutes)**

### **Key Takeaways & Final Reflections**

Yvonne Baldwin – CEO, Ele-vate AI Africa (~2 minutes)

### **Official Closing Remarks**

Samah Aziz – Director of International Relations, MCIT, Egypt (~5–7 minutes)

**Total Duration: ~120 Minutes**