



# **VC UNCONFERENCE 2025** **in Arabella Hotel Gold and Spa,** **Hermanus**



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# CONTEXT & OPPORTUNITY

## About the Cape Town VC Unconference

The AfricArena Cape Town VC Unconference is a groundbreaking event that redefines the conventional conference format. Its primary objective is to foster meaningful connections by gathering investors not only from various parts of Africa but also from the UK, Europe, and Asia. By breaking away from traditional conference structures, this event creates a dynamic environment for an unfiltered exchange of cutting-edge ideas and facilitates collaboration within the ecosystem

*([Read our last VC Unconference report here](#)).*



## What is DCA ?

Digital Collective Africa (DCA) is a community of African investors, incubators, accelerators, and founders who aim to support early-stage startups. We work together on projects to limit friction and offer more transparency within the ecosystems.



# THE COLLECTIVE









The community is run hybrid online and in-person

- VC Unconference Events
- WhatsApp Community
- Digital Collective Africa Website



## Current Workgroups

	Governance Tool Kit
	Building Ecosystem Bridges
	Standardized Documentation
	Policy Advocacy
	Valuation Fundamentals
	Due Diligence Checklist







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VC UNCONFERENCE 2025

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of November  
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## ARRIVAL & CONNECTION

### 17:30 Welcome & Icebreaker Session

Kick off the Unconference with introductions and a dynamic group activity to set the tone for the weekend.

### 18:30 Networking Drinks

Connect informally with peers, fund managers, LPs, and ecosystem leaders.

### 19:30 Opening Dinner

A relaxed dinner experience to begin meaningful conversations and set the stage for the weekend's dialogues.





Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> of November  
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### DEEP DIVES & COLLABORATION

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| 08:00 | Breakfast  |
| 09:00 | Digital Collective Africa 101<br><br>Introduction to the Digital Collective Africa community — mission, initiatives, and impact.   |
| 9:30  | Venture Studio: The Missing Piece in Africa's VC Ecosystem<br><br>Exploring the venture studio model and its growing role in bridging early-stage funding and scalable venture building.   |
| 12:00 | Networking Lunch   |
| 14:00 | Questioning the Status Quo: Rethinking the African VC Model<br><br>A collaborative discussion and workshop session unpacking the DCA research, co-facilitated by Aunnie Patton Power.<br>Outcome: Collective input toward the white paper "Rethinking Venture Capital for the African Market." |
| 16:00 | Afternoon Activity<br><br>Relaxed, experiential session (outdoor or team activity) to foster genuine connection and reflection.  |
| 18:30 | Dinner<br><br>Informal, open-table conversations continuing the day's insights.  |



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### STRATEGY & ACTION

08:00 Breakfast

09:30 Scaling to Exit

Best practices and shared experiences on growing ventures across borders and preparing for liquidity events in African markets.

11:00 Action Planning

Participants collaborate on next steps and collective commitments emerging from the weekend's conversations.

12:30 Closing Lunch

Final reflections, key takeaways, and farewell.

