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Bitcoin Events hosted the 9th annual edition of the Blockchain Africa Conference on 16th and 17th March 2023. The event was held as a hybrid event, combining virtual participation with a physical venue at The Galleria in Johannesburg.

Over the years, the conference has evolved and explored various themes, starting with "Beyond the Hype," "From Hype to Mainstream," "Ready for Business?" and this year to "Ready for Business" (no question mark).

The conference provided a valuable platform for in-person and virtual interaction, bringing together some of the world's most innovative ideas, market disruptors, industry trends, and future technologies.

The conference Master of Ceremonies was Fifi Peters, an award-winning financial journalist, anchor at CNBC Africa, and host of SAfm Market Update with Moneyweb.

The keynote speakers were Rene Reinsberg, Co-Founder of Celo and President at Celo Foundation, Briana Marbury, CEO at Interledger Foundation, Junde Yu, Head of Global Sales at Cobo, and Joaquim Pedro Antunes, Head of Crypto Engineering at Xapo Bank.

The Premier Sponsors for the event were <u>Cobo</u> and <u>Xapo Private Bank</u>.

Visit the Bitcoin Events YouTube channel <u>here</u> to watch the recordings of the talks and panel discussions.

The Blockchain Africa Conference is an event that continues to captivate and educate a global audience, and the physical stage has been set for the next edition of the conference taking place in 2024.

We hope you find this post event report useful and look forward to meeting you either virtually or in-person at our next events.

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<a href="https://www.blockchainafrica.co">www.blockchainafrica.co</a> for more information.

Thank you for your participation at Blockchain Africa Conference 2023.

We look forward to future collaboration with you.





# **AUDIENCE OVERVIEW**



955
Registrations



44 Speakers



103
Countries



23 Sessions

# **Registration Overview**





# In-Person Attendee BLOCKCHAIN AFRICA CONFERENCE



336

In-Person Registrations



In-Person **Speakers** 

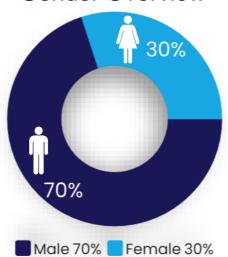


In-Person Countries

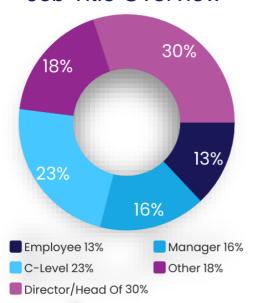


In-Person Sessions

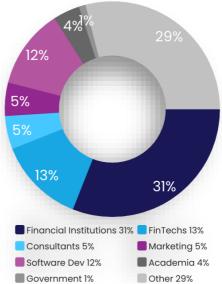
# **Gender Overview**



# Job Title Overview



# **Industry Overview**













# **Continent Percentage**

Africa: 85,12%

Europe: 5,95%

Asia: 5,95%

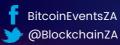
North America: 2,08%

South America: 0,60%

## **Top Ten Countries**

South Africa: 73,81% 4,17% Kenya: 2,08% Nigeria: USA: 2,08% Korea: 1,79% 1,49% Botswana: Dubai: 1,49% Uganda: 1,19% 0,89% Ghana: 0,89% France:





# **Virtual Attendee** BLOCKCHAIN AFRICA CONFERENCE



619

Virtual Registrations



Virtual **Speakers** 

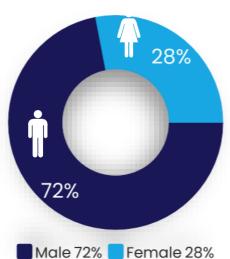


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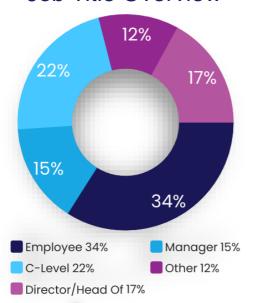


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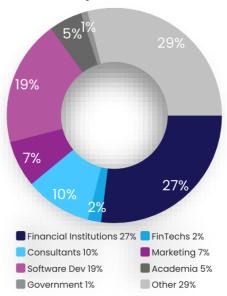
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# Job Title Overview



# **Industry Overview**



454 **Total Handout Views Total QnA Posts Total Connections** Sent





## **Continent Percentage**

Africa: 78,51%

Europe: 8,08%

Asia: 8,56%

North America: 4,20%

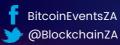
South America: 0,32%

Oceania: 0,32%

## **Top Ten Countries**

South Africa: 55,09% Nigeria: 8.89% Kenya: 5,49% USA: 3,39% United Kingdom: 2,26% India: 1,62% Ghana: 1,45% UAE: 1,45% Singapore: 1,45% 0,97% Uganda:







# **ORGANISATIONS THAT ATTEND**











































































































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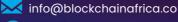




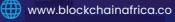
















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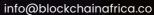
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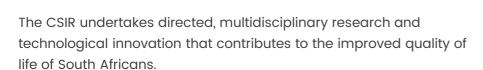




# **Cocktail and Networking Event**

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# **Celo Workshop**

## Sponsored by Celo

The purpose of the workshop was to showcase the capabilities of the technology alongside partnership opportunities within the Celo Ecosystem.



The workshop was aimed for founders, product managers, business, climate action, sustainability and governance thought leaders. Attendees gained a better understanding of Regenerative Finance use cases, a clear product roadmap for Celo enabled solutions and an awareness of the various fundraising paths within the Celo Ecosystem.





# **VIP Lounge**

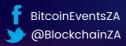
## Sponsored by Concordium

Concordium with its Zero-knowledge Identity enables the creation of regulation-ready dApps balancing decentralization, security, scalability, and regulation. VIPs and speakers were invited to network in the VIP Lounge at the conference.











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RENE REINSBERG (Keynote Speaker)

Co-Founder of Celo and President at Celo Foundation



JUNDE YU (Keynote Speaker)

Head of Global Sales, Cobo



JOAQUIM PEDRO ANTUNES

(Keynote Speaker)

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Total Reach: 33 270 654,20



Total AVE: R1 332 717,51



PR Value: **R4 497 036,99** 

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Africa Business	Online	31-Jan	Blockchain Africa Conference 2023: Gearing African businesses to compete in the global marketplace	Click here	2323
BlockBuild Africa	Online	31-Jan	Blockchain Africa Conference 2023 holds in March	<u>Click here</u>	118 469
TechMoran	Online	31-Jan	Blockchain Africa Conference returning to South Africa for its 9th annual edition	<u>Click here</u>	95 240
Channel Africa	Broadc ast	01-Feb	Blockchain Africa Conference returning to South Africa for its 9th annual edition	Clip	10 000 000
Bitcoin Mexico	Online	01-Feb	Blockchain Africa Conference prepara a empresas locales para competir en el mercado global	Click here	2,995,740
Coin Bold	Online	02-Feb	Blockchain Africa Conference 2023: Gearing African Businesses to Compete in the Global Marketplace	Click here	302 854
Brave New Coin	Event listing online	06-Feb	Blockchain Africa Conference 2023	Click here	160 980
Fintech Weekly	Online	08-Feb	Blockchain Africa Conference	<u>Click here</u>	40 860
Tech Economy	Online	09-Feb	Gearing African Businesses to Compete in the Global Blockchain Marketplace	<u>Click here</u>	127 760
U Today	Event listing online	17-Feb	BLOCKCHAIN AFRICA CONFERENCE 2023	Click here	4,929,300
Ventureburn	Online	18-Feb	Blockchain Africa 2023: Unleashing socio- economic growth	<u>Click here</u>	87 039
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Bitcoin News (Switzerland)	Event listing online	02-Mar	BLOCKCHAIN AFRICA CONFERENCE 2023	Click here	19, 290
Bitcoin News (Austria)	Event listing online	02-Mar	BLOCKCHAIN AFRICA CONFERENCE 2023	Click here	4 710
Bitcoin News (Asia)	Event listing online	02-Mar	BLOCKCHAIN AFRICA CONFERENCE 2023	Click here	253, 900
Ventureburn	Online	3-Mar	Blockchain Africa: Empower Africa for global competition	<u>Click here</u>	87, 039
Bitcoin Chaser	Online	3-Mar	Blockchain Africa Conference 2023: A Global Event with an African Focus	<u>Click here</u>	60, 930
Bitcoin Chaser	Event listing online	3-Mar	BLOCKCHAIN AFRICA CONFERENCE 2023	Click here	60, 930
Afri Wall Street	Online	4-Mar	The Blockchain Africa Conference to Bring Together Experts in the Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Industry	<u>Click here</u>	7 045
Tech Next	Online	6-Mar	5 African tech events you do not want to miss in March	Click here	134, 729
Brand Icon Image	Online	6-Mar	Rene Reinsberg, John Kamara, Maria Eisner Pelch, Others to Speak at Blockchain Africa Conference 2023	<u>Click here</u>	74, 333
Cryptopolitan	online	9-Mar	Blockchain Africa Conference 2023: Gearing African businesses to compete in the global marketplace	<u>Click here</u>	301,380
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Cryptopolit an	Event listing online	9-Mar	BLOCKCHAIN AFRICA CONFERENCE 2023	Click here	301, 380
Africa Business	online	13-Mar	Blockchain innovators flock to Joburg	Click here	2 323
Blockglobe	Online	14-Mar	BLOCKCHAIN AFRICA CONFERENCE 2023	<u>Click Here</u>	1 394
Zawya	Online	15-Mar	Blockchain innovators flock to Joburg	<u>Click Here</u>	1, 002, 090
Crypto Events	Online	15-Mar	Celo Co-Founder Rene Reinsberg: ReFi Regenerates People as Individuals with Unique Talents	Click Here	47, 730
Africa.com	Online	16-Mar	Blockchain Innovators Flock To Joburg	<u>Click Here</u>	130 400
Afric.info	Online	16-Mar	Blockchain Innovators	<u>Click Here</u>	20, 906
iAfrica	Online	16-Mar	Blockchain Innovators	<u>Click Here</u>	7 045
CNBC Africa	Broadc ast	17-Mar	Global local blockchain tech system focus	<u>Click Here</u>	808, 110
Coindesk	Online	20-Mar	Bitcoin and Stablecoins Will Bring Crypto Mass Adoption to Africa, Experts Say	<u>Click Here</u>	4,768,650
SAFM - Moneyweb	Broadc ast	21-Mar	Traditional banks vs crypto currency	<u>Click Here</u>	563, 670
Engineering News	Online	22-Mar	Blockchain can accelerate green transition by providing trust and transparency in markets	Click Here	173, 130
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Engineering News	Online	23-Mar	South Africa should have regulations for tokenised deposits, cryptoassets by 2025	Click Here	302, 854
Business Live	Podcast	22-Mar	SA's wealthy search for safe investments overseas	<u>Click Here</u>	2 323
Engineering News	Online	23-Mar	South Africa should have regulations for tokenised deposits, cryptoassets by 2025	<u>Click Here</u>	239, 883, 2
BlockBuild Africa	Online	23-Mar	The African Blockchain Revolution: Empowering the Marginalised and Unbanked	<u>Click Here</u>	118, 469
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FA News	Online	29-Mar	The African Blockchain Revolution: Empowering the Marginalised and Unbanked	<u>Click Here</u>	37, 886
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#### REACH

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# **Social Media Activity: Twitter**

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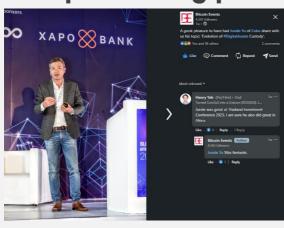
Serum aims to bridge the gap between #Web2 & #Web3 by combining a #utilitytoken with irl products. The first of these products is the Serum Energy Drink. pic.twitter.com/589K6fNQEn

EVENT SUMMARY				
ACTION	AMOUNT			
Total Engagement Rate	9.8%			
Total Impressions	164 900			
Total Link Clicks	313			
Total Likes	2100			
Total Retweets Without Comments	2900			

Data collected between 1 January – 31 March 2023

# Social Media Activity: LinkedIn

# **Best performing post:**



EVENT SUMMARY				
ACTION	AMOUNT			
Total Impressions	2092			
Total Views	306			
Clicks/Impressions	14.63%			
Reactions	57			
Comments	2			

Data collected between 1 January – 31 March 2023





## THE BLOCKCHAIN CONFERENCE OVER THE YEARS

#### **NINE YEARS AND COUNTING**









Since 2015, these conferences have attracted blockchain experts and thought leaders from around the world.



12 Speakers

# 2016

200+ Attendees

14 Speakers

320+ Attendees

17 Speakers

# 2018

400+ Attendees

32 Speakers

600+ Attendees

60 Speakers

# 2020 > 2021

450+ Attendees

35 Speakers

5700+ Attendees

**57** Speakers

# 2022

1960+ Attendees

**57** Speakers

955

Attendees

44 Speakers

\*Due to COVID-19, the Blockchain Africa Conference 2021 and 2022 was hosted online.



# **OUR OTHER EVENTS**

15 17,000+ Attendees

600+

Speakers

165+

Countries

110+

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# **Crypto** Fest

Events

Bitcoin Events has hosted three annual Crypto Fests since inception in 2019.

This event is a one-day, jam-packed, festive event with keynote sessions, panel discussions, presentations and Q & A, contentious Crypto Battles, workshops, exhibitions, networking and an after-party.

The event attracts crypto enthusiasts, traders, investors, entrepreneurs, businesses and regulators who want to learn more about the opportunities that cryptocurrencies offer; from Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs), Decentralised Finance (DeFi), cryptocurrency payments, investments and trading.

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