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The inevitable:
a glimpse into the future of fintech
by Julian Kyula

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The inevitable: a glimpse into the future of fintech is a peek into the eye of the storm in innovation and the disruption that comes with it. This presentation attempts to look into the future by using present patterns to predict the inevitable days ahead. Julian discusses the world of fintech from an African continent perspective and the journey we must embark on to participate in how the digital world is changing.

“The research and data presented in this presentation should not come as a shock to those who see this tech world unfolding. However, and we can agree, the world is shifting; data patterns are morphing and the tools to understand it are a marvel. Do we play or do we spectate? From lending, to blockchain; regtech to payments; billing and capital Markets; insurance and so on – wherever you play, there is an inevitable disruption coming. And this time the one continent that should create its own digital future is sitting on digital gold! Let’s participate, disrupt and enjoy doing it.”

Julian Kyula
Speaker profile

Julian Kyula is an accomplished entrepreneur and business leader recognized locally and internationally. He is the founder of MODE Group, a fintech spanning over 26 countries including Indonesia, 14 African nations and several Middle Eastern states. He is also Chairman of Beulah Holdings, a group he founded to focus on housing projects across Kenya with a niche in affordable housing solutions for the lower and middle income bracket. Julian was key in negotiating an agreement in which the government of Kenya and UNOPS signed an agreement to deliver 100,000 affordable houses under Kenya’s Big 4 Initiative. He sits on several boards across the world and has interacted with global leaders in various sectors.

He is a sought after speaker and has been on various platforms across the world including Oxford University, various events in Silicon Valley, SIBOS in Singapore and the Global Entrepreneurship Summit in Nairobi during the visit of former US president Barrack Obama among others.

Julian has been recognized as CNBC East Africa Entrepreneur of the Year 2015, IBM Global Entrepreneur 2012 and has been a Top 40 under 40 entrepreneur twice in Kenya. He has been featured severally in global leading publications including Forbes Magazine, Bloomberg International, New York Times, as well as local publications.
About FSD Kenya

The Kenya Financial Sector Deepening (FSD) programme was established in early 2005 to support the development of financial markets in Kenya as a means to stimulate wealth creation and reduce poverty. Working in partnership with the financial services industry, the programme’s goal is to expand access to financial services among lower income households and smaller enterprises. It operates as an independent trust under the supervision of professional trustees, KPMG Kenya, with policy guidance from a Programme Investment Committee (PIC). Current funders include the UK’s Department for International Development (DFID), the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

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