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ABMI 2025 will convene leaders in media, business, technology and government to focus on the opportunities and challenges shaping the future of media in Africa.

Key themes to be explored include Africa’s economic outlook, the impact of emerging technologies, AI opportunities and risks, the business of sports media, the state of the podcast industry, cybersecurity and data privacy, groundbreaking enterprises, global partnerships and investments, the role of foundations shaping African media, and fintech and digital media.

Special guest

Welcome and Keynote Address:

H.E. Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia

Speakers include

Mr. Ken Ansah

Chief Operating Officer,
Multimedia Group Limited

Mr. Stone Atwine

Founder and Chief Executive
Officer, Eversend

Mr. Solomon Assefa

Founder, Viridian Partners

Mr. Samuel Attah–Mensah

Chief Executive Officer,
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Mr. Charles Blow

Host, Ideas at Ford, Ford Foundation;
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Founding Chief Executive Officer
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Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council

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Chief Executive Officer and
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Officer, Kasi Insight

Ms. Vuyo Lutseke,

Executive Director, Radio Workshop

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Ambassador of Open AI &
Co-founder of Create Labs

Mr. William Makatiani

Founder and Chief Executive
Officer, Serianu Limited

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Chief Executive Officer, Media
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Mr. Mlondi Mashinini

Co-Founder, Rumble Ventures
& FanBase Analytics

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News Editor, The Continent

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Partner and Leader, Global Publishing,
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Founder, Club ADEN

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Co-founder,
African Women in Media

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