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PyCon & UbuCon Cameroon 2026

September 17–19, 2026 · Girafe Hôtel, Yaoundé, Cameroon

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Executive Summary

PyCon Cameroon 2026, the first PyCon ever held in Cameroon, brought the country's Python community together for three days at the Girafe Hôtel in Yaoundé, from September 17 to 19. The conference was also paired with UbuCon Cameroon, a full day dedicated to Ubuntu and open source, co-organized with the local Canonical user group.

The programme mixed keynotes, talks across three parallel rooms, hands-on workshops, a bilingual panel on tech jobs and AI, lightning talks and community games. Sessions ran in English, French and both, reflecting the bilingual nature of Cameroon's tech scene.

None of this happens without our sponsors, partner communities, speakers and volunteers. This report is our thank-you, and an open account of what their support made possible.













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By the numbers

500+

Attendees

Everyone who attended in person across the three days, and where our speakers came from.

34 SPEAKERS	**37** SESSIONS	**3** DAYS
6 SPEAKER COUNTRIES	**12** SPONSORS	**8** PARTNER COMMUNITIES

Speakers by country

Cameroon	28
United Kingdom	2
Senegal	1
Rwanda	1
France	1
South Africa	1



Speakers, organizers and volunteers on stage at the closing ceremony

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The Programme

How the scheduled sessions were spread across formats, topics and languages.

Formats

Talks	26
Workshops	7
Keynotes	3
Panel	1

Languages

English	18
Bilingual	10
French	9

Topics

Machine Learning & AI	8
Community	6
Web Development	5
Open Source	4
Python Core	4
DevOps & Infrastructure	3
IoT & Hardware	2
Social Impact	2
Ubuntu & Linux	1
Education	1
Cybersecurity	1





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Day by Day

Day 1 · September 17, 2026

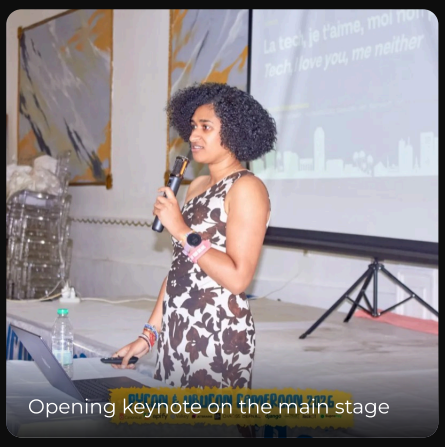
PyCon opens

Attendees queued outside the venue from early morning for registration and welcome coffee. After the opening ceremony, Sarah Abderemane's keynote set the tone, and the day split into three rooms covering web and security, AI and data science, and DevOps and cloud: microservices with Django and FastAPI, a vector search engine built from scratch, Terraform for Django on AWS, ASGI, MCP servers in Python and IoT for car diagnostics. The day closed with a workshop on burnout and cognitive overload, followed by community games.

Key sessions: La Tech, je t'aime, moi non plus (Sarah Abderemane)



Packed main hall in front of the PyCon & UbuCon Cameroon backdrop


Opening keynote on the main stage


Attendees arriving for registration outside the venue


A full room during a morning session


Lunch break: attendees digging in


Hands up from the audience during an interactive session

Day 2 · September 18, 2026

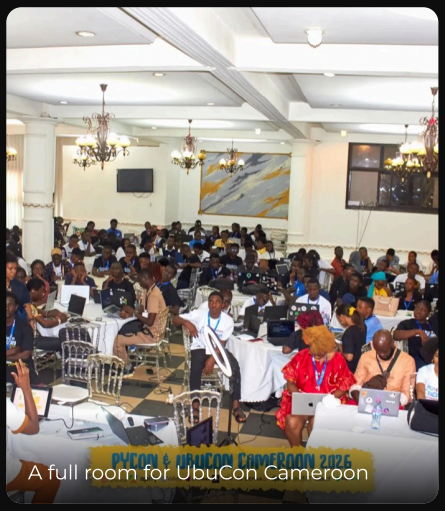
UbuCon Cameroon

Day 2 was dedicated to UbuCon Cameroon, co-organized with the Canonical user group. Adonis Simo opened with a keynote on building a SaaS in Africa for the world, followed by a day of hands-on sessions: a roadmap to open source for Cameroonian developers, Django with Valkey for caching and real-time features, Daniele Procida on career success and early-career jobs, Google Workspace AI, two-factor authentication with Django, and the Open Documentation Academy.

Key sessions: Building a SaaS in Africa to the World (Adonis Simo)



UbuCon Cameroon group photo at the sponsor wall


A full room for UbuCon Cameroon


The workshop hall, laptops open


Adonis Simo's opening keynote on building a SaaS in Africa


Lunch together between workshops


Attendees working through a hands-on workshop

Day 3 · September 19, 2026

PyCon closes

Veliswa Boya's keynote on keeping the human in the loop as AI writes more code opened the final day. Three rooms then covered Python in the browser, concurrency, Metabase dashboards, creative coding with Matplotlib, AI workflows and reactive Django. A bilingual panel on tech jobs and AI brought together Daniele Procida, Veliswa Boya, Leslye Nkwa and Marc Daha, followed by talks on security, smart agriculture and WhatsApp bots. Open lightning talks and a live graffiti artwork led into the closing ceremony, awards and group photos.

Key sessions: AI Can Code, But It Can't Think Like You (Yet): The Human in the Loop (Veliswa Boya) · Tech Jobs & AI: Surviving Automation, Excelling at Creating Value (Daniele Procida & Veliswa Boya & Leslye Nkwa & Marc Daha)



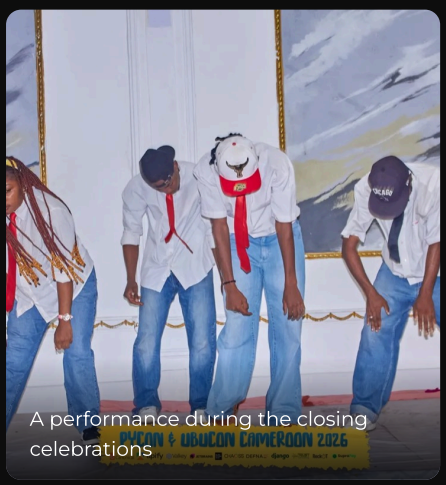
Closing group photo with the whole conference

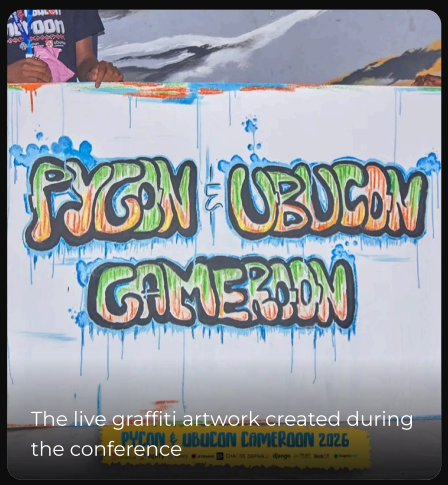


Veliswa Boya (AWS), our Day 3 keynote speaker



The bilingual panel on tech jobs and AI


A performance during the closing celebrations



The live graffiti artwork created during the conference


Plates full on the last day

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Thank you to our Sponsors

Your support funded the venue, meals, swag, financial aid and the experience above. Here is where your brand showed up.

Stage backdrop & photo wall

Sponsor logos sat behind every keynote and in the most-photographed spot of the event, visible in the official group photos.

Roll-up banners

Sponsor roll-ups stood in the main hall and breakout rooms for all three days.

On-screen thank-you

Sponsors were thanked from the main stage, with their logos on the big screen.

Website

Every sponsor is listed with a description and link on the conference website, including this report.

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Group Photos

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Day 2 · September 18, 2026

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Day 3 · September 19, 2026

PyCon closes



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Photo Gallery


























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Financial Aid

Part of the budget went straight back to the community, so cost was not the reason someone missed PyCon Cameroon.

Ticket grants

Free conference tickets for students and community members who could not afford one.

Accommodation

Hotel nights in Yaoundé for speakers and grant recipients travelling from other cities and countries.

Transport

Travel costs to Yaoundé covered for speakers and grant recipients coming from other regions.

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Partner Communities

The local communities that helped spread the word, bring attendees and run sessions.

- UbuCon Cameroon
- Django Cameroon
- Angular Cameroon
- AWS User Group Douala
- GDG Yaounde
- Onyani
- Reckot
- Microsoft User Group Cameroon

Thank You

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