

Event Programme

Wednesday 3rd March

- 18.30 – 20.30 **Drinks reception** - guest speakers:
- David Miliband, UK Foreign Secretary
 - Mo Ibrahim, Mo Ibrahim Foundation
 - Ozwald Boateng, Made in Africa

Thursday 4th March

- 8.00 – 9.00 **DFID/UK Trade and Investment Business Breakfast**
Hosted by:
- Gareth Thomas, Minister of State, DFID
 - Lord Mervyn Davies, Minister of State, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

This meeting will be open to businesses and business associations attending the Joining up Africa event, and others, and is an opportunity to look at a range of issues related to business engagement in development.

Joining up Africa event

- 8.45 – 9.15 **Registration and coffee**
- 9.15 – 9.25 **Welcome address**
- Gareth Thomas, Minister of State, DFID
- 9.25 – 9.30 **Introductory film – Joining up Africa**
- 9.30 – 9.35 **Welcome from the chair**
- Jon Snow, Channel 4 News
- 9.35 – 10.45 **Opening panel. Setting the scene - challenges and opportunities**
- Donald Kaberuka, President, African Development Bank
 - Erastus Mwencha, Deputy Chair, African Union Commission
 - Pascal Lamy, Director General, World Trade Organisation
 - Andris Piebalgs, Development Commissioner, European Commission
 - Oby Ezekwesili, Vice President for Africa, World Bank
 - Juma Mwapachu, Secretary General EAC and Chair of the Tripartite
 - Abdoulaye Janneh, Executive Secretary UN Economic Commission for Africa.

Format: Panel discussion, including questions and issues from the floor.

10.45 – 11.10 **Refreshments**

11.10 – 12.30 **Session 1: transport, trade and energy**

Focusing on key transport, trade and energy programmes, this session will be an opportunity to look at how partners work together on regional programmes, what works and what doesn't work.

Panellists

- Gilbert Mbeshherubusa, Director of Infrastructure Department, AfDB
- Hon. Felix Mutati, Commerce, Trade and Industry Minister, Republic of Zambia
- Aboubakari Baba-Moussa, Director, Department of Infrastructure and Energy, AUC
- Bernard Hoekman, Director, International Trade Department, WB
- Peter Thompson, Director, Development and EPAs, DG Trade, EC

Format: 5 min presentations from each panellist, followed by panel discussion, including questions and issues from the floor.

12.30 – 13.30 **Lunch**

13.30 – 13.40 **Welcome back from the afternoon's chair**

- Simon Maxwell, Fellow, Overseas Development Institute

13.40 - 15.00 **Session 2: working with business on regional economic integration**

This session will look at the how business engages with regional markets and can be part of regional integration projects, and consider some of the challenges and opportunities for business in working regionally.

Panellists

- Mo Ibrahim, Mo Ibrahim Foundation
- Tony Elumelu, Chief Executive Officer, United Bank of Africa
- Sean de Cleene, Yara and Business Chair of the Beira Trade Corridor Initiative
- Giulia Di Tommaso, Director External Affairs for Africa, Middle East and Turkey, Unilever and co-Chair of the EU Africa Business Forum
- tbc

Format: Panel discussion, including questions and issues from the floor.

15.00 – 15.30 **Refreshments**

15.30 – 16.50 **Session 3: Partnerships and institutions**

There are a wide range of partnerships and different actors active in Africa supporting regional programmes. This will be an opportunity to hear views from new investors and from successful partnerships. It will also consider different types of partnership and ways of working, and suggest a number of recommendations.

Panellists

- Sindiso Ngwenya, Secretary General, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
- Stefano Manservisi, Director General, DG Development, European Commission
- Alex Rugamba, Coordinator, Infrastructure Consortium for Africa
- tbc

Format: 5 min presentations from each panellist, followed by panel discussion, including questions and issues from the floor.

16.50 - 17.10 **Final session: Joint working, chaired by Nemat Shafik, Permanent Secretary, DFID**

The opening panel will reconvene to discuss outcomes and to agree a joint statement.

- Gareth Thomas, DFID
- Stefano Manservisi, EC
- Abdoulie Janneh, UNECA
- Erastus Mwencha, AUC
- Oby Ezekwesili, WB
- Gilbert Mbeshherubusa, AfDB
- Juma Mwpachu, Tripartite
- Alex Rugamba, ICA

17.10 - 17.15 **Closing remarks:** Gareth Thomas

Briefing Notes

Opening Session

The opening session will be chaired by Jon Snow with the following participants taking part in a panel discussion:-

- Donald Kaberuka, President, AfDB
- Erastus Mwencha, Deputy Chair of the African Union Commission
- Pascal Lamy, Director General, World Trade Organisation
- Andris Piebalgs, Development Commissioner, European Commission
- Oby Ezekwesili, Vice President for Africa, World Bank
- Juma Mwapachu, Secretary General EAC and Chair of the Tripartite
- Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary UN Economic Commission for Africa.

The Chair will use a combination of pre-prepared questions and questions from the audience to steer a discussion around the main themes of the day:

- Why does regional economic integration in Africa matter?
- Why is this agenda important for the people on the panel?
- What are some of the key issues and challenges to regional working?
- What are the main practical challenges and opportunities particularly in relation to **trade, transport** and **energy**, the three areas addressed in session one?
- What does greater collaboration mean for your institution?
- What is the relevance of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and the Accra Agenda for Action to regional work and to your organisation?
- What are the key changes you want to see happen and what do you want to achieve by the end of the day?

There will also be questions specifically tailored to individual members of the panel.

Session 1

Jon Snow will be chairing this session. The matrix below outlines the running order and approach.

	Running Order	Framing Questions	Participant/ Role
11:10	Jon Snow introduces panellists to audience		Jon Snow
11:15	Scene setting –	<p>Why is regional infrastructure, including roads, rail, energy, and the flow of goods so important to Africa’s development?</p> <p>How can we work together to overcome the additional challenges of developing regional infrastructure?</p> <p>What is the relevance of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and Accra Agenda for Action to this agenda – i.e. ownership of regional plans, harmonisation of donor activities and alignment of donors behind African led strategies.</p>	Jon Snow to set the context
11:20	<p>Short presentation from panellist</p> <p>(3 content slides per speaker)</p>	<p>What are the challenges for Africa on regional trade, transport and energy?</p> <p>What is the AfDB’s view on how to tackle these challenges, and what is the AfDB’s role?</p> <p>How can we enhance and strengthen donor support and African plans for regional economic integration?</p>	Gilbert Mbeshherubusa, Director of Infrastructure Department, AfDB
11:25	<p>Short presentation from panellist</p> <p>(3 content slides per speaker)</p>	<p>How important are regional transport links?</p> <p>What are the key challenges to improving regional transport links?</p> <p>What are the key opportunities arising from experience of the North South Corridor and the opening of the Chirundu border</p>	Felix Mutati, Commerce, Trade and Industry Minister, Republic of Zambia

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11:30	Short presentation from panellist (3 content slides per speaker)	What is holding back power development in Africa? What are the particular challenges facing regional energy projects? What can we learn from the success of the West African Power Pool? What does this mean for collaboration?	Mr Amadou Diallo, Secretary General, West African Power Pool
11:35	Short presentation from panellist (3 content slides per speaker)	What is restricting trade in Africa? What are the particular challenges facing regional trade? What opportunities do the Aid for Trade and the Trade Facilitation Facility (TFF) provide?	Bernard Hoekman, Director, International Trade Department, World Bank
11:40	Short presentation from panellist (3 content slides per speaker)	What were the key challenges arising from the Africa Infrastructure Country Diagnostic? What will the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) deliver? How can we ensure that PIDA achieves buy in from African countries, Regional Economic Commissions and Donors?	Aboubakari Baba-Moussa, Director, Department of Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission
11:45	Q and A with audience members	Direction of key points made by the panel to pre-selected participants	Jon Snow to highlight key points. Possible pre-selected participants
11:55	Round of questions to panel		Jon Snow to chair
12:00	Panel responses		Jon Snow to summarise key points made by audience and direct them to panellists
12:10	Second round of Q and A		Jon Snow to chair
12:25	Chair summing up and close		Jon Snow to summarise and list out and agrees steps or outcomes.
12:30	Session close		

Session 2 – working with business

This session will be chaired by Simon Maxwell

13:15 All participants meet with Simon Maxwell in the Churchill Bar, 2nd floor for pre-briefing

a) Context – Framing the Session and key facts / figures

This session will examine the opportunities and barriers faced by business in the regional integration context, and explore how to integrate the private sector more effectively in to regional integration programmes.

Challenges:

- Small, fragmented markets hinder Africa's competitiveness in the global economy. It is difficult for companies to achieve the economies of scale required to generate profitable and high growth potential businesses, resulting in low levels of investment.
- Poor soft and hard infrastructure adds significant additional costs to doing business, and acts as a brake on regional and international trade.

Opportunities:

- Larger regional markets offer business greater economies of scale, making investing more viable and profitable, and enabling companies to scale up productive capacity and reduce costs, which consequently will contribute to greater regional competitiveness.
- Stronger linkages between small economies will make it easier to do business, enable greater levels of trade and cross border investment and drive private sector led growth, job creation and development.

b) Panel discussion objectives:

- To examine how the private sector could benefit from greater economic integration, and explore how a lack of integration acts as a brake to private sector development and regional competitiveness.
- To identify how the private sector could be better integrated in to regional integration programmes and ways to improve the quality of government-business collaboration.
- To hear practical examples of how companies are engaging with regional integration, including from the perspectives of the participants.
- To identify 2 – 3 key recommendations that can be picked up by the meeting and taken forward.

Session 3

Simon Maxwell will be chairing this session. The matrix below outlines the running order and approach.

	Running Order	Framing Questions	Participant/ Role
15:30	Chair introduces panellists to audience		Simon Maxwell
15:35	Scene setting –	Why is improving the way we work together at a regional level important? Can we use the outcomes statement from this meeting to agree on some key principles and or next steps?	Simon Maxwell to introduce the outcomes statement (a draft will be in the delegate packs) and the thinking behind the possibility of Paris principles for regional working
15:40	Short presentation from panellist on 3 questions (3 content slides per speaker)	3 key questions to guide each panellist: [1] why is regional integration at the heart of what you do – e.g. promoting trade within the region is at the core of COMESA; [2] how does your organisation work with different partners and what challenges do you face?; and [3] What are your suggestions on how partners can improve the way we work together – How might the Paris and Accra principles be applied at a regional level?	Sindiso Ngwenya, SG COMESA
15:45	Short presentation from panellist on 3 questions (3 content slides per speaker)		Stefano Manservisi, DG, EC DG Dev
15:50	Short presentation from panellist on 3 questions (3 content slides per speaker)		Alex Rugamba, Coordinator of the Infrastructre Consortium for Africa (ICA)
15:55	Short presentation from panellist on 3 questions (3 content slides per speaker)		[to be confirmed]
16:00	Q and A with audience members	Direction of key points made by the panel to pre-selected participants	Simon Maxwell to highlight key points. One or two possibly pre-selected participants to respond to get discussion going
16:05	Round of questions to panel		Simon Maxwell to chair
16:15	Panel responses		Simon Maxwell to summarise key points made by audience and direct them to panellists
16:30	Second round of Q and A		
16:45	Chair summing up and close		
16:50	Session close		

