Occasional quotes, 23/05/17

**Arun Jaitley, Finance Minister of India**

"Joining Africa and India together here in Ahmedabad brings together one-third of humanity, in the birthplace of Gandhi, the greatest ever bridge between Africa and India. There is not a single African country which has not been visited by one of my Cabinet colleagues – of that I am proud. It is my belief that the 21st Century will belong equally to Africa and Asia. The Indian Ocean may separate us, but partnership and collaboration are the bridge between us."

**Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India**

"Nelson Mandela said of Africa’s support for India: ‘you took up our battles as if they were your own’ ... India has outlined a foreign and development policy that is demand-driven, free of conditions and based on countries’ needs. ... India may not be able to compete with Africa in long-distance running, but it will always stand shoulder to shoulder with Africa in the race for development"

**David Vortman, CEO & Co-founder, Lumos Global, providing solar power payable through mobile money to 150,000 people in Nigeria**

"An off-grid electricity power solution is the way to go because the World Bank tells us it takes nine years to build a power plant. Solar energy power is as the AfDB has called it the energy revolution and to take it to 75 million people in Africa, we will need billions of dollars worth of public and private investments. I believe we have very big mission to create a new revolution. I believe the solar energy revolution can be repeatable all over Africa and we can make Africa the leader of new technology in energy."

**Bill Gates, Founder, The Gates Foundation**

"Malnutrition robs children of their future and costs Africa USD 25 billion a year."

**Macky Sall, President of Senegal**

"Nous voulons transformer l’agriculture, qui est un métier pénible, en une activité rentable, et que nos paysans deviennent de vrais agriculteurs."

**Mahatma Gandhi**

1869-1948

"The greatest exchange between Africa and India will be the commerce of ideas and services."

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The work I do here is to ensure that the statutory events – the main purpose of the Annual meetings – go on smoothly. Meetings of the Standing committee, Board of Governors committees etc... Our business is also to do everything possible to ensure the success of the events in general. Our work impacts everything, including knowledge and side events as far as planning and provision of adequate documentation. What has not worked during the Annual meetings? Everything is under control and the Meetings have progressed at a very brisk pace. The issue is not whether we get problems to solve, but how quickly and efficiently they are resolved. Getting on with Indians? I must say that our hosts have been exemplary in this regard. Honestly, it’s a good experience that, we come from such different cultures and backgrounds. I honestly do not have any complaints. The people have had a very good attitude and are very welcoming.

The African Development Bank

We are very interested in what the AfDB is doing, in terms of transforming agriculture in Africa for African youth to make money out of it. At this exhibition, we are currently looking at equipment for processing and preserving cat fish. We produce and process catfish. We are now looking to upskill to international standards and preserving cat fish. We produce and process catfish. We are currently looking at equipment for processing and preserving cat fish. We produce and process catfish. We are currently looking at equipment for processing and preserving cat fish. We produce and process catfish.

The Private Sector

I am Rajkumar, a citizen of the Gujarat State. I am a driver at the India Mamipal Pur, N.D Karachi Tourist Company. I have worked in the KTC for some years now and my role at the African Development Bank’s Annual meetings is to take delegates from the Hotel to the Conference centre. Of course, I do this job with passion because I like it. My job is to drive cars. For the past two weeks, I have driven the Bank’s staff (Communication officers) and I get on well with them. They are pleasant and this gives me a good picture of Africans. You want me to come to Africa with you? No (laughter). I love my country and I have a family. I will not go anywhere else. I prefer living here. Which countries do I know in Africa? I’ve heard of Nigeria, Benin, Kenya, Côte d’Ivoire, Senegal and South Africa. I am aware that Indians live in many African countries, which is good. Which one would I like to visit? Sincerely, I want to stay in India, but I like cooperation between India and Africa. Together, they can change the world.

The ‘third sector’ (civil society), the ‘fourth estate’ (press)

Concernant le Top 5, je dirais que c’est une façon de rendre compréhensibles, les défis de la transformation structurale et de les transformer en actions. Je pense que dans 10 ans, on aura cessé de voir l’Afrique comme un pays. On distinguera plus nettement les pays ou les régions qui ont mis efficacement en œuvre le programme de transformation de leurs économies. En termes clairs, les politiques publiques, selon qu’elles soient bien conçues et mises en œuvre ou non, font une grande différence en termes de développement.

Several countries have shown that agricultural sector can be transformative for young people. Making agriculture appeal to young people, it was clearly shown that agricultural sector can be transformative for young people. As a Pastor, for me, everything was good. The people are very good and friendly. The sessions were informative.

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Tweets of the day, 23/05/17
#AfDBAM2017

@OECD_Centre
“When it comes to creating jobs to #African #youth, growth is not the point: the quality of growth is the key”
@mariopezzini #AEO2017

@JDMahama
Tomorrow, I’ll be speaking on ‘Agriculture is Cool: Engaging Africa’s Youth’ at the @afdbam2017. It’s a cool to be a #farmer. @AfDB_Group

@CMOGuj
Guj CM inaugurated ‘India & Africa: Partners in Growth’ exhibition at 52nd annual meeting of @AfDB_Group at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar

@narendramodi
On Tuesday, I will be in Gandhinagar to participate in the opening ceremony of the meetings of the @AfDB_Group. #AfDBAM2017

@EdsonMpyisi
#Agripreneur finalists from #Agripitch2017 featuring big at #AfDBAM2017 starting today @AfDB_Group @IITA_CGIAR @AAINOnline @CTAflash

@edithbrou
"Les agriculteurs les plus célèbres au Nigéria utilisent à fond les réseaux sociaux pour leur business" - Mme Evelyn Ohanwusi #AfDBAM2017