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Preface
I would like to welcome you to the African Development Bank’s 2015 Annual Meetings in Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire. The Annual Meetings are well-established on the continent as a forum for reflection on Africa’s socio-economic challenges and opportunities. The theme, this year, is “Africa and the New Global Landscape”.

The year 2015 is epoch making in a number of ways, setting the scene for several global development decisions—including how to finance Africa’s development post-2015; how to maximize the benefits from natural resources and confront climate change; and how to approach the new sustainable development goals. For the African Development Bank, 2015 provides an opportunity to mark the Bank’s 50th anniversary; from a fledgling institution with limited means, it has become Africa’s premier development finance institution. The year also marks the completion of the Bank’s return from Tunis, where it spent 11 years.

In spite of signs of steady recovery in the United States, the global economy is still largely in distress, with many structural issues to be addressed among the major European and Asian economies. Emerging economies in many parts of the world are yet to regain their previous growth momentum. Commodity price declines and the Ebola disease have been key challenges for Africa in particular. Within this scenario, Africa’s resilience has been remarkable. Countries in some regions of the continent grew at above 7 percent in 2014, with good medium-term prospects. For the continent, as a whole, growth has been above 5 percent per annum for a decade.

Africa’s unprecedented growth has come with rising inequality between households, groups and regions. Recent estimates indicate that Africa is the second most unequal region of the world, just behind Latin America. This is already proving to be a source of social tension in many countries. Looking forward, how to ensure that Africa’s growth is more inclusive is one of the most important policy quests of the day.

Our 2015 Seminars Series will revolve around these issues and challenges. We have brought together leaders, policymakers, entrepreneurs, academics and civil society organizations to share their views.

Thank you for joining us.

Dr. Donald Kaberuka
President, African Development Bank Group
Introduction
am pleased to write this introduction to the Seminars Series for the 2015 Annual Meetings of the African Development Bank taking place in Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire, where the Bank has just returned following an absence of some 11 years, when it was based in Tunis. The theme of the 2015 Annual Meetings is “Africa and the New Global Landscape.” It is an apt reference to the many interesting opportunities that are available today in Africa and within the global economy. It also alludes to the many challenges that are confronting African countries, including maintaining growth, addressing poverty and breaking into global markets. Solutions must be found in hard work, good governance, and broader economic integration.

This year, the Annual Meetings have acquired extra significance as the Bank marks its 50th Anniversary. In the early 1960s, the institution was the dream of a small group of African leaders, who saw the Bank as an important means of supporting their newly-independent countries. The Bank is a strong and highly-regarded triple A institution, able to undertake a variety of lending operations alone or jointly with others, while also in a position to proffer advisory services and to undertake advocacy for Africa.

Our 2015 Seminars Series is varied but underlying the topics are important questions on the direction of Africa’s future and what needs to be done to avoid the pitfalls of the past. We also need to learn from the experience of countries in other parts of the world that have truly emerged from poverty and embarked on sustainable development. Our debates are also closely related to the three important conferences that will take place later this year on the global scene: the Financing for Development Conference in Addis Ababa in July; the Sustainable Development Goals in New York in September; and the Climate Change Conference in Paris in December. The conferences and related activities are strongly linked to the objectives of our Bank’s Ten Year Strategy which are to inclusive growth and transition to green growth.

This is a Bank wide teams’ effort. While thanking my many colleagues who have worked hard to put this together, I wish all the participants the very best.

Steve Kayizzi-Mugerwa
Ag. Chief Economist and Vice President,
African Development Bank Group
Overview
The 2015 Seminars Series falls into four main categories: High Level Events, which will include the direct participation of Heads of State and Government; Signature Events, for example the launching of flagship reports; Seminars which will focus on recent economic and policy debates in Africa; and Targeted Audience Events which will allow groups to take advantage of being at the Annual Meetings to discuss topics with their constituencies.

In tune with the theme of the Annual Meetings, “Africa and the New Global Landscape”, the seminars explore topics within a broad policy perspective, focusing on how the changing global economy is affecting Africa’s development, and how Africa should respond. They look at how to finance development in Africa, how to address inequalities and create employment, and how to respond to the challenge of climate change. Some of the seminars will be linked to the launching of flagship reports, including the African Economic Outlook, an Index for measuring gender gaps, and launch of the African Futures Report.

Financing seminars will look at ‘Financing for Development’ (the topic of the Addis Ababa global conference in June), insurance, the investment climate, ‘financing for gender’ results, trade finance, bond markets and Stock Exchanges.

A number of panels will look at growth and transformation, with sessions on inequality, gender equality, agri-business and youth employment, the road to sustainable industrialization, and skills and technology for Africa’s transformation. There will also be a panel dedicated to development evaluation and how that impacts development effectiveness.

There will be panels on the climate change agreement and the prospects for a breakthrough in the COP21 Conference in Paris in December. Other panels will review water and sanitation systems and policies, and their implications for a healthier population.

Further topics to be discussed include security and development, as well as the impact of mineral booms and busts on African economies—the so-called “resource curse”. An important debate will be on how to achieve a borderless Africa. Issues surrounding infrastructure development will also be important at this year’s Annual Meetings. Energy will be discussed from the point of view of what will spark the revolution required to reduce Africa’s power deficit. A panel will be dedicated to discussing how the gender digital divide can be closed.

Leadership will be the focus when younger leaders meet older leaders. A report card will also be presented on what has been achieved so far in the area of governance.
Monday
25 May 2015
Day One
09h00 – 10h30

**African Economic Outlook – 2015**

**Venue:** Chapiteau Emergence, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

**Moderator**
Ms. Uduak Amimo, Royal Media Services

**Panelists**
- H. E. Daniel Kablan Duncan, Prime Minister, Republic of Côte d’Ivoire
- Mr. Ayodele Odusola, Chief Strategy and Analysis Team, Regional Bureau for Africa UNDP
- Mr. Mario Pezzini, Director, OECD Development Centre
- Mr. Steve Kayizzi-Mugerwa, Ag. Chief Economist and Vice President, AfDB

**Description**
The African Economic Outlook (AEO) Report 2015 is the product of close collaboration between the African Development Bank, the OECD Development Centre and the United Nations Development Programme. As with previous editions, the AEO 2015 reviews Africa’s past economic performance and provides medium term projections for the continent as a whole, regions and individual countries. The AEO 2015 deepens the analytical rigor of previous editions, highlighting the uniqueness of the report for the continent and the impact it has made across Africa and beyond. The panel discussion on the AEO will share the findings of the report and evidence from research conducted on the Report’s main theme: “Regional Development for Spatial Inclusion in Africa”. It highlights the degree of regional development and spatial inequality in Africa and the factors accounting for widening disparities and the policies required to address them.

**Issues for discussion**
The side-event will present and discuss findings of the AEO Report relating to spatial inclusion and the imperative of sound macroeconomic, structural and governance reforms to address these inequalities. The following issues will be presented and discussed:

1. Africa’s spatial exclusion and how this impacts on the continent’s ability to tackle spatial poverty and inequality.
2. In which regions of the continent, and countries is spatially inequality the highest.
3. What sectors of the economy could foster spatial inclusion across Africa, drawing on the continent’s available resources.
4. The policy environment required to address spatial inequality.

**Rapporteur**
Mr. Anthony Simpasa, AfDB
Monday, 25 May 2015
Day One

09h00 – 17h00

International Dialogue on Peace Building & State Building – Steering Group Meeting (Closed Session)

Venue: Banco, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

Chairs
- Hon. Kaifala Marah, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Republic of Sierra Leone
- Hon. Isabella Lövin, Minister of International Development Cooperation, Republic of Sweden
- Ms. Kathryn Nwajiaku, Head of Secretariat, International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding/OECD
- Mr. Kawusu Kebbay, Director, Ministry of Finance & Economic Development, Sierra Leone
- Ms. Abie Elizabeth Kamara, Deputy Director, Ministry of Finance & Economic Development, Sierra Leone
- Mr. Joran Bjällerstedt, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden

Secretariats Delegation
- Mr. Alan Whaites, Team Leader G4DP OECD.
- Ms. Vanessa Wyeth, Peace and Conflict Advisor, OECD/INCAF.
- Mr. Helder da Costa, Secretary General, g7+/Ministry of Finance Timor Leste.
- Mr. Habib Mayar, Deputy Secretary General, g7+/Ministry of Finance Timor Leste.

Description
The topic of fragility was central to the ADF-13 replenishment and this event provides an opportunity to show the Bank Group’s evolving approach and leadership role in addressing fragility and building resilience Africa, with particular focus on peace-and state-building. The event will be co-organized with the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding. The Steering Group of the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and State-building is a group composed of 20 members that provides guidance and discusses progress on the implementation of the Work Programme, and is a key decision making body of the International Dialogue.

Issues for Discussion
This event will focus on:


Rapporteurs
Ms. Senait Assefa and Mr. Ola Adigun, AfDB.
10h30 – 12h30

Economic Growth in Africa: Leaving No One Behind

Venue: Majestic Ivoire, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Mr. Alan Kasujja, BBC

Presenter
Dr. Abebe Shimeles, Ag. Director, AfDB

Panelists
• Hon. Nhlanhla Nene, Minister of Finance, Republic of South Africa
• Hon. Naglaa Elahwany, Minister of International Cooperation, Arab Republic of Egypt
• Hon. Nialé Kaba, Minister to the Prime Minister in Charge of Economy and Finance, Republic of Cote d’Ivoire
• Mr. Makhtar Diop, Vice President, Africa Region, World Bank
• Dr. Louis Kasekende, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Uganda

Description
Africa has recorded high economic growth since the adoption of the MDGs in 2000, but much more needs to be done to eradicate extreme poverty and reduce inequality on the continent. The MDGs have reached their deadline (2015) and the 2015 edition of the African Development Report (ADR2015) focuses on the growth-poverty nexus and how African countries can overcome barriers to more inclusive and sustainable development.

Issues for Discussion
This event will focus on:

1. Share the main results and conclusions of the ADR 2015 on how Africa has managed to reduce poverty since the adoption of the MDGs.
2. Discuss the findings of the ADR 2015 and how Africa can achieve sustainable and inclusive growth for the coming decade.
3. Expound on possible lessons and best practices in terms of poverty reduction, the MDGs and in the future, sustainable development.

Rapporteur
Ms. Nadège Yameogo, AfDB
10h30 – 12h30

**African Leadership – A Generational Dialogue**  
(part of 50th Anniversary)

**Venue:** Salle des Lagunes, Sofitel Abidjan  
Hôtel Ivoire

**Moderator**  
Ms. Lerato Mbele, BBC

**Welcoming Remarks**  
Dr. Donald Kaberuka, President, AfDB

**Keynote Speaker**  
Mr. Acha Leke, Director, McKinsey & Company, South Africa

**Panelists**
- Mr. Ashish Thakkar, Founder, Mara Group & Mara Foundation, WEF YGL
- Ms. Zeinab Camara, Women in Mining & Africa 2.0 Initiative
- Ms. Estelle Youssouffa, BFM & TV5 Monde
- Mr. Isaac Kwaku Fokuo, CEO African Leadership Network & Sino-Africa Center of Excellence
- Mr. Jean Guy Afrika, Winner of the AfDB Young Leader Competitions

**Description**
In the slightly more than 50 years since the African Development Bank (AfDB) was founded in 1964, countries across the continent have benefited from improved governance, regional and global integration, and advances in access to education, health, electricity and technology. It is an appropriate time to unlock Africa’s potential for the next 50 years is now. Indeed, it is the youth of today who will assume leadership for the Africa of tomorrow. It is therefore imperative for the youth to participate actively in elaborating a vision for Africa in 50 years’ time. The AfDB’s own youth network is led through the Young Professionals Program (YPP), comprised of 16 current YPs and around 110 former YPs.

**Issues for Discussion**
This event will engage networks of young leaders from across the globe, with a view to contributing to the vision for Africa in 50 years’ time.

**Rapporteur**  
Mr. Ralph Olaye, Director, AfDB
14h00 – 16h00

Africa Without Borders: What Will it Take?

Venue: Chandelier, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Mr. Buchizya Mseteka, Managing Director, Leriba Consulting Limited

Welcoming Remarks
Mr. Solomon Asamoah, Vice President, AfDB

Presenter
Mr. Acha Leke, Director, McKinsey & Company, South Africa

Panelists
• Mr. Anaclet Kalibata, Director General, Directorate General of Immigration and Emigration, Rwanda
• Mr. Kadré Désiré Ouédraogo, Secretary General, Economic Community of West African States
• Dr. Nkosana Moyo, Mandela Institute for Development Studies
• Mr. Yonov Frederick Agah, Deputy Director General, WTO

Description
This session will focus on the benefits arising from free movement of labour within Africa and globally. Today, Africans need visas to travel to more than half of countries in Africa. Simplifying visas to unlock the movement of talent would play a significant role in boosting Africa’s competitiveness and boost regional integration. Second, labour mobility is important for the role it plays in generating remittances and the acquisition of skills through exposure to other countries, culture and ways of doing business. For receiving countries, labour mobility can fill skills gaps and counter brain drain. Remittances contributed US$62.9 billion to Africa’s GDP in 2013 up from US$40 billion in 2010. Most African migration is intra-regional, dominated by movement to and from regional hubs such as Côte d’Ivoire, Kenya, Libya, Nigeria and South Africa. However, policy makers generally take a dim view of migrants as opposed to adopting open for business policies.

Issues for Discussion
This event seeks to advance the debate on free movement and share regional and country experiences. The Bank’s flagship report on Enhancing Free Movement of Persons will also be launched.

Rapporteur
Ms. Moono Mupotola, Ag. Director, AfDB
Monday, 25 May 2015
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14h00 – 16h30

Gender Equality: Where Are We?

Venue: Majestic Ivoire, Sofitel Abidjan
Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Mr. Wallace Kantai, NTV

Welcoming Remarks
H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson, African Union Commission

Panelists
• Hon. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Minister of Economy & Finance, Republic of Nigeria
• Ms. Arancha González, Executive Director, International Trade Centre
• Ms. Saran Daraba Kaba, Executive Secretary, Mano River Union, Sierra Leone
• Dr. Frannie Leautier, CEO, Mkoba Private Equity Fund, Tanzania
• Mr. Pape Madiaw Ndiaye, CEO and Founding Partner, Advanced Finance and Investment Group

Description
Over the next decade, the impact of women on the global economy—as producers, entrepreneurs, employees and consumers—will be at least as significant as that of China’s one-billion population. In Africa alone, tapping into women’s economic potential will be the equivalent of having an additional half-billion individuals contributing to the economy and stimulating growth. Women are the next emerging market in Africa, yet there remains a wide gap between potential and reality. In a sizeable number of countries, women have few or no rights to own property, don’t have the same access as men to finance or productive assets.

Issues for Discussion
This event aims to identify some of the hurdles that need to be cleared to level the playing field for women’s equal participation in business, society and the economy. To help frame the debate the Bank will launch a new knowledge product, a special report that charts gender equality in Africa and also ranks African countries on gender equality.

Rapporteur
Mr. Olivier Shingiro, AfDB
17h00 – 18h30

Are We Ready for the Next Epidemic?
Fixing Africa’s Primary Healthcare

Venue: Chapiteau Emergence, Sofitel Abidjan
Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Mr. Eric Chinje, AMI

Welcoming Remarks
Dr. Donald Kaberuka, President, AfDB

Panelists
• H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of Liberia
• Hon. Dr. Awa Marie Coll-Seck, Minister of Health, Republic of Senegal
• Mr. Makhtar Diop, Vice President for the Africa Region, World Bank
• Dr. Carlos Lopes, Executive Secretary, UNECA
• Mr. Andy Wright, Vice President for Global Health & Access Programmes, GlaxoSmithKline

Description
This event aims to enhance Africa’s voice, national ownership and leadership in containing the spread of EVD and shaping post-Ebola recovery; enhance commitments to multi-sectoral collaborative action in addressing Ebola-affected countries; and promote regional and sub-regional solutions in recovery and preparedness efforts. Discussions will also focus on the economic effects of the crisis, and the critical importance of African leadership in reconstruction and prevention of Ebola and future epidemics. Looking ahead, the meeting will also review possible roles for the private sector and donor communities. It will also delve into the multi-sectoral nature of systems required to ensure national and regional health security, including the role of technology.

Whilst media attention has diverted from the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD), this deadly virus remains a critical issue requiring continued commitment and global action. Weekly case incidences increased in all three affected countries during the first months of 2015. There were 124 new confirmed cases reported in the week to 1 February: 39 in Guinea, 5 in Liberia, and 80 in Sierra Leone. Overall, there have been more than 25,000 reported cases and more than 10,000 deaths of (EVD) since the beginning of the outbreak.

The severe humanitarian and economic toll of the Ebola outbreak has unfortunately exacerbated the pre-existing weakness and fragility of the affected and neighbouring countries. It has had disastrous effects on the economic and social fabric of the countries, weakening the growth prospects of the economies. Farmers, traders, investors and a range of economic actors have been affected by the epidemic. The epidemic has reversed many of these achievements, and has left the countries with monumental challenges. This has consequently held back government’s efforts at fighting poverty.

In response to the Ebola outbreak in West Africa, the Bank moved quickly to support the countries in the region and has at the end of 2014 approved nine new operations totalling US$223 million. Overall disbursement to date is 51%. In addition, the Bank is also involved in key dialogue and strategy making fora at both national and global levels. This includes participation in national task forces in Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Côte d’Ivoire, WHO partner meetings, as well as having a staff based in Ghana as part of the UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER).

It is imperative that countries prepare for the post-Ebola challenges and country leadership is of essence. A recent High Level Coordination Meeting held by ECOWAS under the auspices of the President of Ghana (Accra, 16 January 2015) identified socio-economic recovery as one of the priority areas of action for post-Ebola recovery, together with water, sanitation and health; infrastructure and basic services; institutional reconstruction; and governance. The leadership exerted by countries during the response phase needs to be fostered during the recovery phase. This will in particular ensure that development partners work in a coordinated manner so that gaps and overlaps in intervention are avoided.

Issues for discussion
Health is a basic premise to economic development and the EVD pandemic has proven the need for increased global health investments. In this context, this event will explore the following issues:

1. African leaders’ role in managing pandemics must evolve with the shrinking global space. What is their new, critical role in reconstruction and prevention of Ebola, and possibly future epidemics?
2. How best can development partners support African countries in the reconstruction process and beyond that, proactively manage the possibility of future epidemics?
3. What are the economic effects of the Ebola crisis so far? Which policy options can best prevent/mitigate such effects?
4. What are the new roles for the private sector, civil society organizations, and communities during the recovery process and beyond? How can they be best supported in fulfilling that role?
5. Ebola is not just about the health sector: the multi-sectoral nature of systems is required to ensure national and regional health security. Who should do what?
6. How will the anticipated pace of economic growth, democracy and new technology penetration in Africa help move the above forward?

Rapporteurs
Mr. Fabrice Sergent & Ms. Nawsheen Elsheebocus, AfDB.
18h00 – 19h30

**Vox Populi Vox Dei: Africa’s Media, Speaking for Whom?**

**Venue:** Majestic Ivoire, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

**Moderator**
Mr. Trevor Ncube, Mail & Guardian

**Keynote Speaker**
H.E. Thabo Mbeki, Founder, Thabo Mbeki Foundation

**Panelists**
- Hon. Affoussiata Bamba-Lamine, Minister of Communication, Republic of Côte d’Ivoire
- Mr. Eric Chinje, CEO, AMI, Nairobi
- Mr. Zyad Limam, Publisher & Editor, Afrique Magazine
- Mr. Anver Versi, ACET, Accra
- Mr. Venance Konan, Fraternité Matin
- Ms. Julie Gichuru, Citizen TV
- Ms. Bilkisu Labaran, BBC News Day

**Description**
African media has become large and quite lively in the past decade. Electronic and related media have also brought a new element to how news is generated and consumed in Africa. However, recent research by the African Media Initiative shows that only 10% of African media coverage concerns itself with development issues. Politics and domestic news apart, the bulk of print space and air time is given to entertainment, fashion and sport. Africa’s biggest challenges are developmental, but they are clearly not being covered, meaning that whole populations are not being engaged in their countries’ biggest issues.

**Issues for Discussion**
This debate will seek to ask why and how we can rectify the problem of the paucity of coverage of Africa’s media of the issues of development.

**Rapporteur**
Ms. Olivia Nadine Ndong Obiang, AfDB
Monday, 25 May 2015
Day One

19h00 – 22h00

Partnership Program for Talent Mobility (Closed Session)

Venue: Salle des Fêtes, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Mr. Colin Bruce, Director, Regional Integration, Africa Region, World Bank, Washington

Chair
Hon. Aly Coulibaly, Minister of African Integration and Diaspora Affairs, Government of Cote d’Ivoire

Participants
Ministers of Finance of Member Countries of the Regional Multidisciplinary Center of Excellence.

Description
This forum will bring together ministers from 12 African countries that are implementing the Intra-Africa Talent Mobility Partnership (TMP), which is financed by the World Bank’s Development Grant Facility. The TMP is a 3-year program beginning in 2014 with an annual grant amounting to USD1.7 million. The objective of the Program is to build capacity and implement reforms for establishing Schengen-type mechanisms and common policies on mobility of professionals, businesspersons and investors within Africa. The forum will enable dialogue at ministerial level, and facilitate finalization of the agreements that outline key areas on which the countries will be committed to implement reform and build capacity for facilitating movement of professionals and businesspersons across borders. It will also address other measures for skill gaps, productivity enhancement and inclusive economic growth in the continent.

Issues for Discussion
The overall ministerial dialogue would allow:

1. The finalization of the agreements that outline key areas on which the countries will be committed to implement reform and build capacity for facilitating movement of professionals and businesspersons across borders.

2. The setting up of measures for skill gaps, productivity enhancement and inclusive economic growth in the continent.

Rapporteur
Mr. Bakri Abdul Karim, Division Manager, AfDB
07h30 – 08h30

Financing for Gender Results
( Breakfast Closed Session)

Venue: Salle des Fêtes, Sofitel Abidjan
Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Ms. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi, Special Envoy on Gender, AfDB

Panelists
• Hon. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Minister of Economy &
  Finance, Federal Republic of Nigeria
• Hon. Moctar Ould Diay, Minister of Finance, Islamic
  Republic of Mauritania
• Hon. Kaifala Marah, Minister of Finance and Economic
  Development, Republic of Sierra Leone
• Hon. Claver Gatete, Minister of Finance, Republic of
  Rwanda
• Hon. Saada Mkuya Salum, Minister of Finance, Republic of Tanzania

Description
A global Community of Practice for Finance Ministers—
Financing for Gender Results first met at the 2014
WBG/IMF Spring Meetings on the proposal of Ngozi
Okonjo-Iweala, Minister of Finance and Coordinating

Minister for the Economy, Nigeria. To capitalize on the
momentum in Africa where most of the active finance
ministers come from, an Africa Chapter termed Africa
Regional Community of Practice appointed AfDB as its Secretariat.

Issues for Discussion
The purpose of this meeting is

1. To advocate for financing for gender results, including
   through the fund recently advised by the Heads of State
   at the African Union Commission Heads of State Summit

2. Discuss ways national budget and public finance can
   be made more effective in supporting gender equality and
   equity/reducing gender gaps

3. Advocate for innovative finance through sharing of best
   practices

4. Ensure a continuum of discussions, decisions and
   related implementation/delivery on gender equality goals
   and associated financial commitment and ensure
   momentum is kept at the highest level and by concerned
   entities

Rapporteur
Mr. Basil Jones and Ms. Emanuela Gregorio, AfDB
Tuesday, 26 May 2015
Day Two 50th Anniversary Commemoration

08h30 – 09h30

Presidential Forum 1: Our Bank@50

Venue: Palais des Congrès, Sofitel Abidjan
Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Mr. Amadou Mahtar Ba, Founder & CEO, African Media Initiative

Keynote Speaker
Sir Dr. Kwame D. Fordwor, Dean of Former Presidents of the AfDB

Dialogue with Leaders
- H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia
- Hon. Alexander Chikwanda, Minister of Finance, Republic of Zambia
- Hon. Graca Machel, Founder, Graca Machel Trust
- Hon. Trevor Manuel, Vice Chair, Rothschild, Former Minister of Finance, South Africa
- Mr. Babacar N’diaye, Former President of AfDB
- Mr. Omar Kabbaj, Former President of AfDB
- Mr. Harold Doley, Former Executive Director, AfDB
- Mr. Kiyoshi Kodera, Former Executive Director, AfDB

Description
In the past 50 years, the Bank, like Africa itself, has gone through major challenges, including the financial crises, widespread pockets of poverty, increased fragility. But, the Bank has grown steadily since its establishment. It has expanded its resource base, enlarged its membership, now covering the entire continent’s 54 countries and 26 non-regional members. In recent decades it increased the level of financial assistance that it provides to its Regional Member Countries, and today has a capitalization of some US$100 billion. Above all, it has been able to weather the economic storms that have characterized the global economy, notably the recent global financial crisis.

In the process of supporting its regional member countries, the Bank has developed programs to tackle poverty on a sustainable basis, by developing and financing projects across a range of areas, including socio-economic infrastructure. It has also emphasized economic integration, which is a central pillar of the Bank’s work. Its financing of regional infrastructure, including transport, one-stop border posts, and power pools, is contributing to the regional integration of the continent, notably in East and West Africa.

Issues for Discussion
This forum brings together former Presidents of the Bank as well as the Bank Governors and Stakeholders to discuss the road that the Bank has traversed in the past 50 years and the experience learnt.

Rapporteur
Ms. Nadège Yameogo, AfDB
11h00 – 12h20

Presidential Forum 2: A Single Market for Africa in our Lifetime

Venue: Palais des Congrès, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Mr. Jenerali Ulumwengu, Editor & Publisher

Welcoming Remarks
H.E. Alassane Ouattara, President of the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire

Dialogue with Leaders
• H.E. Robert Gabriel Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe
• H.E. Jakaya Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania
• H.E. John Dramani Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana
• H.E. Filipe Nyusi, President of the Republic of Mozambique
• H.E. Augustin Matata Ponyo, Prime Minister, Democratic Republic of Congo
• H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson, African Union Commission
• H.E. Boni Yayi, President of the Republic of Benin
• H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal

Description
The Abuja Treaty (1991) envisages the creation of an African Economic Community (AEC) by 2034 in six stages which include the establishment of a continent-wide African Economic Community (AEC) by 2023 with a continent-wide common currency, an economic and monetary union by 2028. Africa’s Regional Economic Communities (RECs) are expected to form the building blocks of the AEC and the ACM, and also serve as the key implementing arms of the AU’s socio-economic agenda in their respective regions by promoting inter-regional trade and regional economic cooperation. However, progress towards meeting regional integration objectives and convergence targets has varied widely across the different RECs. In some instances the process has stalled due to lack of resources, institutional weaknesses and low levels of implementation of regional agreements by member states.

To help address some of these challenges the Bank’s ten-year strategy 2013-2022 identifies regional integration as one of the Bank’s operational priorities and widely supports the Africa 2063 Vision. Looking forward, the Bank realizes that today’s global economic landscape and development challenges are quite different from those of 1960s. African economies are facing the formidable challenge of sustaining job-creating, and therefore inclusive, growth against periodic global economic headwinds and achieving greater social inclusion. At the same time the world has opened up new opportunities for the continent, not least in the exploitation of natural resources and linking to global value chains.

Against the background of these challenges and changing socio-economic dynamics, we ask a panel of African leaders whether A Single Market for Africa is achievable in our life time? And if so, how can we accelerate progress towards such a Single Market?

Issues for Discussion
1. How confident is the AU that will Africa meet the Abuja targets, especially since the establishment of the ACM?
2. Are the RECs sufficiently resourced by their own members?
3. What are the priorities for North Africa in integrating into the ACM?
4. Which are the priorities for Central Africa to support its regional integration agenda and to strengthen its RECs?
5. How best can the establishment of the ACM benefit weaker economies in Africa?
6. Which are the new ideas that can facilitate the free movement of skills within and across the continent?
7. Is a Single Market for Africa achievable in our life time? And if so, how can we accelerate progress towards such a Single Market?

Rapporteur
Mr. Adeleke Salami, AfDB
Tuesday, 26 May 2015
Day Two 50th Anniversary Commemoration

12h30 – 14h00

Our Future Is Now! Launch of the African Ecological Futures Report

Venue: Patinoire, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Mr. Jeff Koinange, Chief Reporter, K24, Kenya

Welcoming Remarks
Dr. Donald Kaberuka, President, AfDB

Lead Speakers
- H.E. Jakaya Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania
- H.E. Ali Bongo Ondimba, President of the Republic of Gabon

Panelists
- Hon. Remi Kouadio Alla, Minister of Environment, Urban Sanitation and Sustainable Development, Republic of Côte d’Ivoire
- Hon. Naglaa Elahwany, Minister of International Cooperation, Arab Republic of Egypt
- Dr. Marco Lambertini, Director General, WWF International, Switzerland

Description
Africa has a very rich natural resource endowment, but its exploitation over the past four hundred years has left out the majority of Africans. For example, in spite of holding the largest tracts of fertile land globally, Africa imports billions of dollars’ worth of food annually. In spite of massive renewable energy generation potential, access to electricity is less than 25%. However, Africa is on the cusp of moving to another level of economic development. The continent has six of the ten fastest growing economies in the world, a growing middle class, expanding sectors like manufacturing and retail, and one of the fastest-growing telecommunications markets in the world. Therefore, the choices Africa makes today will greatly affect its development trajectory far into the long-term.

Issues for Discussion
This event will seek to use an approach of building scenarios of Africa’s Ecological Future, based on expert analysis and public participation, to better understand the major choices that will determine whether Africa’s development trajectory will be ecologically sustainable and socially inclusive and launch the “Africa Ecological Futures” report.

Rapporteur
Mr. Chiji Ojukwu, Director, AfDB
14h00 – 15h30

Climate Change: The Last Mile to Paris

Venue: Palais des Congrès, Sofitel Abidjan
Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Ms. Lerato Mbele, BBC

Panelists
• H.E. José Maria Pereira Neves, Prime Minister, Republic of Cabo Verde
• Hon. Ségolène Royal, Minister of Environment, Republic of France
• Hon. Trevor Manuel, Vice Chair, Rothschild, Former Minister of Finance, South Africa
• Dr. Carlos Lopes, Executive Secretary, UNECA
• Mr. Makhtar Diop, Vice President, Africa Region, World Bank

Description
In the recent report on global threats published by the World Economic Forum climate change occupies second position, next to terrorism. The recent 20th Conference of Parties (COP 20) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) which took place in Lima, Peru in December 2014, constituted an important milestone for climate change negotiations towards adopting a new and binding international agreement at COP 21 in Paris in December 2015. This Agreement will come into effect in 2020. The Lima Conference also presented Africa the opportunity to examine the implications of the proposed agreement on the continent and the imperative for its leaders to prepare to take on binding commitments as being proposed.

One of the key features of the agreement will be the preparation and submission to the UNFCCC Secretariat Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) to address mitigation, adaptation, finance, capacity development and technology development and transfer by the end of March, 2015 for review. African countries, like all others, are also expected to take commitments and submit their INDCs. How prepared is Africa to take on these commitments? Can African countries, especially the LDCs, adequately prepare INDC’s considering that they are currently struggling with submitting their Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions as agreed at COP15 in Copenhagen in 2009? What can the African Development and its partners do to assist the African countries to meet their obligations under the INDC? How can African countries take advantage of the opportunities provided by climate change to support green growth, and develop low-carbon and climate-resilient economies? What is expected of Africa’s leaders to make this happen? These are some pertinent questions that need answers as we move towards a binding climate change agreement.

The main objective of this event is to critically examine the proposed new climate change agreement and its implications for Africa while opening conversations on issues related to inclusive green growth in Africa as well as opportunities to attract climate finance to the continent. This event will specifically create an enabling environment for a proactive and positive discourse and debate on the ongoing climate change negotiation process leading up to a new climate change agreement expected to be adopted in December 2015.

Discussions will also explore ways to ensure Africa’s meaningful contributions to the proposed climate change agreement and suggest approaches that African countries can unify the three post-2015 agendas – climate change, MDGs and the SDGs to ensure coherence and efficient implementation. It will also be an opportunity to raise awareness and discuss existing efforts for improving accessibility by African countries to climate finance particularly the Green Climate Fund and evaluate the Bank’s interventions to promote green growth through climate-resilient and low-carbon development in Africa.

Issues for discussion
Based on the general concept that an economy goes green when it grows through investments in sound natural resource management, renewable energy, clean
industries and sustainable agriculture, the following issues may be worth exploring in this context:

1. Will there be a Binding Climate Change Agreement in December? If not, what can African and other world leaders do to make this happen?
2. Is the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution a distraction? Are African countries able to meet this obligation? If not, what needs to be done to help them?

3. How prepared is the African continent to take on binding commitments and how should the African Common Position on Climate Change play a critical role in the proposed new climate change agreement?

4. What would be the basic ingredients of this agreement that Africa should focus on and how prepared is the continent to operationalize this agreement?

5. What are the opportunities for assisting African countries achieve inclusive and green growth, in order to ensure a climate-resilient and low-carbon development within the continent?

6. What is the current situation regarding the climate finance and what are the major impediments in Africa to date in accessing this finance?

7. How can we ensure that financial resources from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) could be used to build climate resilience and a low-carbon development pathway in Africa?

8. How can the forthcoming post-2015 international agreements be made more coherent and mutually reinforcing? And what specific role should Africa play in achieving that?

**Rapporteur**

Mr. Anthony Nyong, AfDB
15h30 – 17h00

**Financing Africa’s Transformation: Billions to Trillions**

**Venue: Palais des Congrès, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire**

**Moderator**
Ms. Uduak Amimo, Royal Media Services

**Welcoming Remarks**
Dr. Donald Kaberuka, President, AfDB

**Panelists**
- H.E. Augustin Matata Ponyo, Prime Minister, Democratic Republic of Congo
- Hon. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Minister of Economy and Finance, Republic of Nigeria
- Hon. Trevor Manuel, Vice Chair, Rothschild, Former Minister of Finance, South Africa
- Dr. Carlos Lopes, Executive Secretary, UNECA
- Mr. Mohamed El Kettani, CEO, Attijariwafa Group
- Mr. Daniel Zelikow, Global Head of Public Sector Group, JP Morgan

**Description**
This year, the global community will adopt the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the platform to support global development aspirations for the next 15 years. The SDGs go well beyond the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), highlighting a comprehensive vision of sustainable and inclusive development that embraces the economic, social and environmental dimensions. The transformative vision of the SDGs is to meet the dual challenge of overcoming poverty and protecting the planet. Investment needs for the SDGs are estimated at USD 5 to 7 trillion per year globally and USD 3 to 4 trillion per year for developing countries alone, mainly for basic infrastructure, food security, climate change mitigation and adaptation, health, and education. In order to mobilize the financing resources needed to achieve the SDGs, the global community needs to move the discussion from “billions” in Official Development Assistance (ODA) to “trillions” in investments of all kinds; public and private, global and national, in both capital and capacity. Prior to the adoption of the SDGs, on 31 January 2014, the African Union established a Common African Position (CAP) on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, based on six pillars: structural economic transformation and inclusive growth; science, technology, and innovation; people-centred development; environmental sustainability, natural resources management and disaster risk management; peace and security; and finance and partnerships.

The financial resources needed to achieve the SDGs in Africa are well above what can be financed from ODA flows and other current development financial flows. The financing requirement to close Africa’s infrastructure deficit alone is estimated at USD 48 billion annually over the next ten years. The estimated investment requirements to adapt to climate change in Africa are USD 18 billion per year. If other needs required for reaching the SDGs—such as agriculture and human development—are included, financing requirements would increase significantly (estimates for Africa’s financing needs post 2015 are being prepared).

This event will discuss how Africa is responding to the Post-2015 Financing for Development Agenda and the role that the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) is playing to support the continent in achieving the related goals. It will also serve to disseminate the CAP. It covers areas such as global financial flows for Africa’s development, global and regional public goods, particularly climate finance, and the landscape of development financing solutions including public and private sector roles in financing Africa’s development, and initiatives and areas of engagement that will be needed to achieve the SDGs. The event will also contribute to the Third International Conference on Financing for Development that will take place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in July 2015. This trajectory will continue with the WBG-IMF Annual meetings in Lima in October 2015, and with the 21st Conference of the Parties (COP21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Paris in December 2015, which seeks a new international agreement on climate change.

**Issues for discussion**
Financing Africa’s development post 2015 will require a diversity of policy responses depending on the ability of
each country to leverage available resources. The AfDB and other Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) help to design and implement demand-based, country-driven, cross-sectoral technical and financial development solutions. Financing solutions therefore need to be tailor-made to each regional member country’s circumstances. In this context, the following issues may be worth exploring:

1. At the national level, what are the priority actions to be undertaken by the regional member country and by the AfDB and other MDBs to harness the necessary resources to finance the post-2015 national development?

2. What are the key impediments to scaling up the role and engagement of the MDBs, and in particular the AfDB? How can regional member countries as shareholders alleviate these impediments?

3. How can the AfDB and other MDBs add value to their existing products and services to support African countries in financing their post-2015 development agenda?

4. Is there a more significant role for the Regional Economic Communities in supporting their individual member states to achieve the SDGs? How can this be articulated at the outset?

5. Did African countries have sufficient statistical monitoring capabilities in order to accurately report progress on the MDGs? Is there sufficient awareness of this handicap for monitoring the SDGs?

Rapporteur
Mr. Kapil Kapoor, Director, AfDB
16h30 – 18h30

Deepening Africa’s Bond Markets

Venue: Majestic Ivoire, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Mr. Godfrey Mutizwa, CNBC

Welcoming Remarks
Mr. Stefan Nalletamby, Director, Financial Sector Development Department, AfDB

Panelists
• Mr. Paul-Harry Aithnard, Head, Securities and Asset Management Ecobank, France
• Ms. Arunma Oteh, Former Director General, Securities and Exchange Commission, Nigeria
• Mr. William Mast, Business Manager, Bloomberg Indices, USA
• Dr. Frannie Leautier, CEO, Mkoba Private Equity Fund, Tanzania

Description
There has been a decade of strong improvement in Public Financial Management across the continent which now calls for leveraging new ways of raising resources within the domestic financial system. This therefore entails strengthening of the role of domestic bond markets. With this in mind, the Bank is launching innovative and tailored solutions – the African Domestic Bond Fund (ADBF), African Fundamental Bond Index (AFBI) which allow long term investors to diversify their investment portfolios. In collaboration with Bloomberg, the AfDB has launched the African Bond Index (ABABI) which is a rules-based market value weighted composite index calculated by Bloomberg.

Issues for Discussion
This event will raise awareness on the role of local currency bond markets; enable a broader understanding of the key role indices can play in bringing transparency in local currency bond markets in Africa; and create a platform of dialogue between the parties to address the practical aspects and impediments of increasing liquidity in Bond markets in Africa.

Rapporteur
Ms. Stella Kilonzo, AfDB
Tuesday, 26 May 2015
Day Two 50th Anniversary Commemoration

17h30 – 19h00

Development and Security: Dealing with the New Threats

Venue: Palais des Congrès, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Mr. Marc Perelman, France24

Opening Remarks
H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson, African Union Commission

Panelists
• H.E. Ali Bongo Ondimba, President of the Republic of Gabon
• H.E. John Dramani Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana
• H.E. Filipe Nyusi, President of the Republic of Mozambique
• H.E. Issoufou Mahamadou, President of the Republic of Niger
• H.E. Olusegun Obasango, Founder, Olusegun Obasanjo Foundation
• H.E. Thabo Mbeki, Founder, Thabo Mbeki Foundation

Description
This Panel will discuss the link between security and development in Africa. It will look at the factors that cause socio-economic and political stress on the continent and ask what leaders and other stakeholders can do to address them and engender peace—the true basis for development.

Issues for Discussion
1. What are the key causes of socio-economic and political fragility in Africa?
2. What early warning mechanisms should be developed in countries to arrest economic fragility and political crises?
3. Which policies should be pursued to address pockets of national and regional fragility?
4. What role can regional integration play?

Rapporteur
Mr. Albert Mafusire, AfDB
19h00 – 22h00

Association of African Development Finance Institutions – (By Invitation Only)

Venue: Pavillon Restaurant, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Timothy Turner, Vice President, AfDB

Welcoming Remarks
Mr. Stefan Nalletamby, Director, Financial Sector Development Department, AfDB

Keynote Speaker
Mr. Solomon Asamoah, Vice President, Private Sector and Infrastructure, AfDB

Panelists
• Mr. Jean-Louis Ekra, President, Afreximbank, Egypt
• Mr. Admassu Tadesse, President, PTA Bank, Kenya

Description
The main objective of the AADFI Dinner will be to show the role that State and non-State actors can play in addressing constraints that impact negatively on resource mobilization, trade and foreign direct investment (both intra and extra African FDI). The event will strive to raise awareness on the range of instruments available to RMCs and firms and could be harnessed to increase cross-border trade. It will also suggest solutions aimed at managing and/or improving the high risk perception (both trade & investment) of African markets by international financiers with a special focus on the role of regional DFIs in facilitating.

Issues for Discussion
Discussions will focus on the entry of international insurers and financiers into African markets; bridging and filling gaps in financial and insurance capacity; and to raise awareness of the Bank’s Trade Finance Programme, its objectives and roll out plan.

Rapporteur
Mr. Stefan Nalletamby, Director, Financial Sector Development Department, AfDB
**07h30 – 09h00**

**Insuring Africa**

**Venue:** Toit d’Abidjan, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

**Moderator**
Mr. Godfrey Mutizwa, CNBC

**Keynote Speaker**
Hon. Henry Kiplagat Rotich, Minister of Finance, Republic of Kenya

**Panelists**
- Ms. Esther Baur, Head, Swiss Reinsurance Company, Switzerland
- Mr. Mehdi Tazi, Director General, Saham Group, Morocco
- Mr. Corneille Karekezi, Group MD/CEO, Africa-Reinsurance, Nigeria
- Mr. Moustapha Sow, Director, Africa, ICIEC, Senegal
- Mr. Jean Kacou Diagou, CEO, NSIA Group
Wednesday, 27 May 2015
Day Three

08h00 – 10h00
Trade Finance in Africa – What Next?
Venue: Salle des Lagunes, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Mr. Wallace Kantai, NTV

Welcoming Remarks
Mr. Solomon Asamoah, Vice President, AfDB

Keynote Speakers
- Hon. Jean Louis Billon, Minister of Trade, Republic of Côte d’Ivoire
- Mr. Stefan Engels, CFO Commerzbank AG

Panelists
- Dr. Benedict Oramah, Vice President, African Export Import Bank
- Prof. Emmanuel Nnadozie, Executive Director, African Capacity Building Foundation
- Mr. Sebastian Ashong-Ketai, Group Head, Corporates and FI, Ecobank
- Mr. Florian Witt, Managing Director & Head of Africa, Commerzbank AG
- Dr. Stephen Kwabena Opuni, Chief Executive, Ghana Cocoa Board

Description
The main objective of this event is to raise the Bank’s profile in the trade finance market, underscore the successes of the Bank’s interventions since inception of the Trade Finance program in 2013, and refine its strategic trajectory going forward. This panel will bring together trade finance practitioners to draw attention to the changing dynamics of African trade: growing trade flows between Africa and other emerging regions and identify opportunities for enhanced collaboration amongst financial institutions. The occasion will also formally launch the AfDB’s Trade Finance (TF) survey report to increase awareness of stakeholders about the African trade finance market. The target audience includes indigenous and international financial institutions, regulatory organizations, government establishments, business leaders and multilateral development institutions operating in the trade finance market in Africa.

Issues for Discussion
The panel seeks to draw attention to the changing dynamics of African trade. Specific dynamics include: growing trade flows between Africa and other emerging regions and opportunities for enhanced collaboration amongst financial institutions

Rapporteur
Mr. Blending Nekati, AfDB
09h30 – 13h45

Africa-India Partnership: A vision for a new Future

Venue: Majestic Ivoire, Sofitel Abidjan
Hotel Ivoire

Moderator
Mr. Zyad Limam, Director, Afrique Magazine

Welcoming Remarks
• Hon. Jean Louis Billon, Minister of Trade, Republic of Côte d’Ivoire
• Mr. Mathur Yaduvendra, Chairman & Managing Director, Exim Bank

Panelists
• Prof. Ajay Dubey, Jawaharlal Nehru University
• Prof. Aparajita Biswas, Mumbai University
• Mr. Dinesh Bhatia, India’s Ambassador to Côte d’Ivoire
• Mr. Rajiv Mehrishi, Finance Secretary, Government of India
• Dr. Nkosana Moyo, Mandela Institute for Development Studies

Description
India’s economic partnership with African countries is becoming increasingly vibrant, extending beyond trade and investment to technology transfers, knowledge sharing, and skills development. Their economies’ growth and transformation has expanded opportunities for mutual collaboration and synergies along several dimensions, including the energy sector where there are significant upside opportunities. Following a high African Development Bank high level mission to India in 2013, led by President Kaberuka, the Bank has launched an initiative to undertake joint analytical work with the Centre of African Development Studies, India, financed by the India Trust Fund. As part of this endeavour, a book “The India Africa Partnership: a Vision for the Future” is being jointly prepared and will be presented at this side event.

Issues for Discussion
The main objective of this side event is to launch debate on options for a renewed strategy for cooperation between India and Africa and provide African decision makers a perspective in designing their own trade and economic policy agenda towards India.

Rapporteur
Mr. Kapil Kapoor, Director, AfDB
Wednesday, 27 May 2015
Day Three

10h30 – 12h30
Launch of the African Development Bank/World Bank Joint Post-Ebola Economic Recovery Program

Venue: Chandelier, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Mme Madeleine Mukamabano, Free Lance

Welcoming Remarks
Dr. Donald Kaberuka, President AfDB

Panelists
- Mr. Makhtar Diop, Vice President, Africa Region, World Bank
- Mr. Janvier K. Litse, Vice President, AfDB

Description
The joint AfDB-World Bank Group post-Ebola recovery program for the Mano River Union aims to build stronger and more resilient institutional and economic infrastructures. These should be capable of withstanding future shocks from epidemics and other non-health related crises. A critical element of this program is that it reduces the risk of easy roll back of hard won peace dividends by addressing fragility and potential spillovers.

More than 10 thousand people have been killed across West Africa. The epidemic spread through Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone - (core Mano River Union-MRU) countries with fragile health and economic systems and recent histories of civil war or political instability, and caused severe development setbacks.

In launching this program, our two institutions acknowledge that the Ebola virus outbreak has worsened the limited human resources capacity situations in the region. Closer harmonization of all aspects of our assistance will help the countries implement their own post-Ebola recovery programs and also allow them to tape into the expertise that exist in our two institutions.

Rapporteur
Dr. Sibry Tapsoba, AfDB
Wednesday, 27 May 2015

Day Three

10h00 – 12h00

Agribusiness for Youth Employment

Venue: Salle des Lagunes, Sofitel Abidjan
Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Mr. Amadou Mahtar Ba, Founder & CEO, African Media Initiative

Welcoming Remarks
Ms. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi, Special Envoy on Gender, AfDB

Panelists
- Hon. Joseph Sam Sesay, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry & Food Security, Republic of Sierra Leone
- Hon. Isidore Kabwe Mwelu Longo, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries & Livestock, Democratic Republic of Congo
- Hon. Jean Claude Brou, Minister of Industries and Mine, Republic of Cote d’Ivoire
- Dr. Nteranya Sanginga, Director General, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture

Description
Africa is experiencing rapid social and economic transformation, with many economies growing by more than 6% a year. Its youth population is also growing rapidly and also getting better educated with projections that 59% of 20-24 year olds will have had secondary education in 2030. Consequently the youth unemployment problem needs to be addressed within the framework of an interdisciplinary, multi-sectoral, and multi-stakeholder approach. One such initiative is the Empowering Novel AgriBusiness-Led Employment for Youth in African Agriculture (ENABLE Youth) Program. It seeks to reinforce the roles of disenfranchised young African adults by providing information, proven technologies and opportunities to about 800,000 youth in at least 20 African countries.

Issues for Discussion
This event will discuss opportunities and novel approaches for engagement of the youth including women in innovative agriculture and agribusiness enterprises while also examining innovative ways of promoting youth-led agribusiness enterprises, their networks and agricultural market information dissemination.

Rapporteurs
Ms. Hawa Sow and Mr. Jonas Chianu, AfDB
Wednesday, 27 May 2015
Day Three

14h00 – 15h30

The Road to Sustainable Industrialization: What It Takes

Venue: Majestic Ivoire, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Mr. Trevor Ncube, Mail & Guardian

Welcoming Remarks
Hon. Claver Gatete, Minister of Finance, Rwanda

Panelists
• Hon. Jean Claude Brou, Minister of Industries and Mine, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire
• Prof. Justin Yifu Lin, National School of Development, Peking University
• Ms. Helen Hai, CEO, Made in Africa Initiative
• Dr. Hippolyte Fofack, Chief Economist of the African Exim Bank
• Prof. Lemma Senbet, Executive Director, African Economic Consortium

Description
Industrialization via the development of labour-intensive light manufacturing is the key for jumpstarting economic transformation and achieving sustainable, inclusive growth in low-income countries. The pending relocation of light manufacturing from China and other emerging markets due to rising wages in those economies provides a golden opportunity for industrialization in Africa.

Issues for Discussion
The panel examines the current state of economic transformation, the effective approach, the role of multilateral development institutions, and special economic zone in Africa’s industrialization. This panel will also analyse the case of C&H Garments to show how a land-locked country grasps the opportunity of global relocation of export-oriented light manufacturing.

Rapporteur
Mr. Jean-Guy Afrika, AfDB
Wednesday, 27 May 2015
Day Three

14h00 – 17h30
CFO Forum on Local Currency Finance & Capital Markets Development (By Invitation Only)
Venue: Rotary, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

Participants
- András Simor, Vice President and CFO
- André Küüsvek, Director, Local Currency and Capital Markets Development
- Jurgen Rigterink, Chief Risk and Finance Officer
- Pierre Van Peteghem, Treasurer, Asian Development Bank
- Carlos Herrera, Treasurer, Inter-American Development Bank
- Jingdong Hua, Vice President and CFO
- Keshav Guar, Global Head, Treasury Client Solutions
- Andrew Cross, Head, Treasury Client Solutions, Sub Saharan Africa, Latin America and Caribbean
- Martin Habel, Principal Financial Officer
- Charles Boamah, Vice President and CFO, AfDB
- Hassatou N’sele, OIC Treasurer, AfDB
- Stella Kilonzo, Division Manager, AfDB
- Olivier Eweck, Division Manager, Financial Technical Services, AfDB
- Densil Magume, Assistant to the VP, AfDB
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- Nana Spio Garbrah, Senior Analyst, AfDB
Wednesday, 27 May 2015  
Day Three  

16h00 – 17h30  

Africa’s Stock Exchanges:  
The State of Play  

Venue: Majestic Ivoire, Sofitel Abidjan  
Hôtel Ivoire  

Moderator  
Mr. Alan Kasujja, BBC  

Welcoming Remarks  
Mr. Jimnah Mbaru, Chairman, Dyer & Blair and Executive  
Director, Nairobi Securities Exchange  

Panelists  
• Mr. Edoh Kossi Amenounve, CEO and Executive  
Committee Member of Africa Securities Exchanges  
Association, BRVM  
• Mr. Uche Orji, CEO Nigeria Sovereign Investment  
Authority  
• Dr. Frannie Léautier, CEO, Mkoba Private Equity Fund,  
Tanzania  
• Mr. Anthony Fischili, Founder, Africlear Global, Mauritius  

Description  
This event will bring together a select number of African  
stock exchange and bond market specialists and  
executives, senior executives of securities and exchange  
regulators, and institutional investors, to debate on the  
successes being achieved by African stock exchanges  
and key capital market ecosystem providers.  

Issues for Discussion  
The discussion panel will be action-oriented, show-  
casing strategic solutions to hitherto major inhibitions  
affecting the liquidity, market fragmentation and other  
dynamics of both supply and demand aspects of  
securities trading in the majority of African capital  
markets. The discussion will also review factors adversely  
affecting the supply side of both equities and bonds in  
African capital markets. This event will therefore focus on  
a solutions-oriented platform for the exchange of ideas  
and experiences, to further deepen Africa’s capital  
markets.  

Rapporteur  
Mr. Ahmed Attout, AfDB & Ms. Akane Zoukpo, AfDB
19h30 – 21h00

BRICS Outreach to Africa

Venue: Chandelier, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Mr. Jenerali Ulimwengu, Editor & Publisher

Welcoming Remarks
Hon. Nhlanhla Nene, Minister of Finance, Republic of South Africa

Panelists
• Dr. Louis Kasekende, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Uganda
• Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, CEO, NEPAD
• Mr. Sindiso Ndema Ngwenya, Secretary General, COMESA
• Mr. Pape Madiaw Ndiaye, CEO and Founding Partner, Advanced Finance and Investment Group
• Prof. William Lyakurwa, Development Economist

Description
The Sixth BRICS Summit, held in Brazil, themed “Social Inclusion and Sustainable Development” delivered the much anticipated signing of the Agreement on the New Development Bank (NDB). The Articles of Agreement also call for the establishment of the Bank’s Africa Regional Centre (ARC), in Johannesburg, this office is to be launched concurrently with the Bank’s headquarters. The work of operationalizing the NDB and the ARC is currently underway, giving African nations a prime opportunity to influence the creation of an ‘Afro-friendly’ institution.

Issues for Discussion
This meeting will be a platform to brief African Ministers on the BRICS agenda, as well as, to solicit their views on the topics identified below:
1. The New Development Bank
2. The Africa Regional Centre; and
3. The Contingent Reserve Arrangement.

Rapporteur
Mr. Bakri Abdul-Karim, AfDB
Thursday, 28 May 2015
Day Four

08h00 – 18h00

Civil Society Organization Forum
(Day-long Session)

Venue: Chandelier, Sofitel Abidjan Hotel Ivoire

Panelists
- Mr. Mamadou Goita, President, CSO Coalition, AfDB
- Mr. Seth Osafo, AfDB African Negotiator of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- Mr. Aloysius Uche Ordu, Board Member, Partnership for Transparency Fund
- Ms. Saran Daraba Kaba, Executive Secretary, Mano River Union, Sierra Leone
- Mr. Neil Cole, Executive Secretary, Collaborative Africa Budget Reform Initiative, South Africa
- Ms. Christine Andela, Coordinator, CSO Platform, Cameroon
- Mr. Jeff Gutman, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution, USA
- Ms. Lisa Elges, Programme Leader, Berlin

Description
Over the past decade, the AfDB has had more active involvement with civil society organizations (CSOs) and other non-state actors than in the past. As the Bank’s policies have evolved to focus increasingly on promoting poverty reduction through a participatory approach emphasizing accountability, transparency, good governance, and outreach and communication, CSOs have become a part of the AfDB’s country operations and regional policies and programs. The Bank’s Ten Year Strategy (2013-2022) offers opportunities for renewed forms of engagement and collaboration with civil society organizations (CSOs). The Framework for Enhanced Engagement with Civil Society Organizations, adopted by the Bank in 2012 aims to reinforce the partnership with CSOs and to enable the Bank to strengthen development results through improved collaboration with CSOs and strengthened mechanisms of participation and coordination.

Issues for Discussion
This forum will seek to strengthen the partnership between the Bank and CSO’s across Africa, by proving a platform for dialogue and information exchange around important issues concerning “Integrating post-2015 agendas in Africa: the role of CSOs”.

Rapporteur
Ms. Zenab Toure, AfDB
Thursday, 28 May 2015
Day Four

10h00 – 11h30
Financing Infrastructure – Raising the Bar

Venue: Salle des Fêtes, Sofitel Abidjan Hotel Ivoire

Moderator
Mr. Jeff Koinange, K24

Panelists
• Hon. Henry Kiplagat Rotich, Minister of Finance, Republic of Kenya
• Hon. Patrick Achi, Minister of Economic Infrastructures, Republic of Côte d’Ivoire
• Hon. Moebisi Hubert Jonas, Deputy Minister of Finance, Republic of South Africa
• Prof. Lionel Zinsou, Chairman and CEO, PAI Partners SAS
• Mr. Christian Adovelande, President, West African Development Bank
• Mr. Patrick Dlamini, CEO, Development Bank of Southern Africa

Description
Africa’s infrastructure services, whether in the power sector, water, roads or ICT, are twice as expensive as elsewhere. According to the Africa Infrastructure Country Diagnostic, the continent’s infrastructure spending needs stand at about US$93 billion per year, and about 40 percent of the total spending needs are associated with power. In sum, Africa’s infrastructure problems are diverse and more acute in low-income states such as those in the sub-Saharan region. Without a doubt, improving infrastructure should contribute to inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

Issues for Discussion
The objective of this event is to provide a platform to prompt deep thinking between policy makers, private sector and researchers on how to set up policies to finance Africa’s infrastructure gap. More specific questions are:

1. What are the impacts of new borrowing to finance expenditures on infrastructure on the sustainability of public finances?
2. What are the possible safeguards in place in the use of infrastructure bonds to support infrastructure financing? And how can these safeguards address asymmetric information where equity issues, bank debt, and bond financing coexist in equilibrium in infrastructure project funding?
3. Which policy measures that address spatial and gender inclusion and support infrastructure financing?
4. Climate change extremes often challenge the maintenance of existing infrastructure. How can governments support infrastructure design to ensure resilience to climate change concerns?
5. How successful have Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) models been in financing infrastructure and which are the lessons learnt to enhance their effectiveness?

Rapporteur
Mr. Sebutsoe Nkoanyane, AfDB
10h30 – 12h00

**Development Evaluation – Development Effectiveness**

**Venue:** Balafon, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

**Moderator**
Ms. Caroline Heider, World Bank

**Welcoming Remarks**
Mr. Solomon Asamoah, Vice President, Private Sector and Infrastructure, AfDB

**Panelists**
- Hon. Kako Kossivi Nubukpo, Minister to the Presidency in Charge of Forward Planning and Evaluation of Public Policies, Republic of Togo
- Hon. Antonin Dossou, Minister of Evaluation of Public Policies and of Decentralization Programs, Republic of Benin
- Ms. Susan Musyoka, Member of Parliament in Kenya & Vice Chairman, African Parliamentarians’ Network on Development Evaluation
- Mr. Rakesh Nangia, Evaluator- General, Independent Development Evaluation, AfDB

**Description**
The year 2015 has been designated the first International Year of Evaluation. This will advocate for and promote evaluation and evidence-based policy making at international, regional, national and local levels. Events are being organized worldwide to mark the year, passing the Evaluation Torch. At the same time, the international development landscape is changing, moving from the Millennium Development Goals, adopted 15 years ago, to the Sustainable Development Goals. The event aims to celebrate and contribute to the Year of Evaluation while recognizing the changing development landscape, by examining the theme of development evaluation and its contribution to development effectiveness both within and outside the Bank.

**Issues for Discussion**
This event aims to share knowledge of development evaluation concepts, processes and methods; share experiences of how development evaluation can influence policy decision-making and project/program design and discuss how development evaluation contributes to development effectiveness.

**Rapporteur**
Ms. Jayne Musumba, AfDB
Thursday, 28 May 2015
Day Four

10h30 – 12h00

Energy for Africa: The Next Revolution

Venue: Majestic Ivoire, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Mr. Daniel Makokera, Pamuzinda Productions

Welcoming Remarks
• Hon. Mrs. Elham M.A. Ibrahim, Commissioner, Infrastructure & Energy, AUC
• Mr. Alex Rugamba, Director, Energy, Environment and Climate Change, AfDB

Panelists
• Hon. Adama Toungara, Minister of Energy and Petroleum, Cote d’Ivoire
• Mr. Jean-Louis Borloo, Founder, “Energies pour l’Afrique” Foundation
• Mr. Andrew Alli, CEO, AFC, Nigeria
• Mr. Rumundaka Wonodi, CEO & Managing Director, NBET, Nigeria

Description
Power is Africa’s #1 infrastructure challenge. Although the power sector reform process has taken off, progress should not be confused with achievement. Africa’s power sector ought to be tackled holistically through investments in generation, transmission and distribution. Governments must continue to plough through the reform process by strengthening power utilities which must embody commercially-viable business models, and efficient systems, capable of supporting additional generation capacity. Without financially strong and independently run power utilities, electrification rates will stay high, as investment in transmission and distribution will continue to be low.

Issues for Discussion
This event aims to enhance the policy discussion on power utilities and to examine the business model behind power utilities and what the Bank and other regional financiers could do to support power utility strengthening (capacity building, governance structures, funding, and credit enhancement). Discussions will also focus on how to accelerate the discussion on power utilities and to shed light on the enabling environment required to ensure progress

Rapporteurs
Mr. Ousmane Dore and Mr. Fernando Balderrama, AfDB
14h00 – 15h30

**Commodities Boom and Bust: Where Are We?**

**Venue:** Balafon, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

**Moderator**
Mr. Zyad Limam, Afrique Magazine

**Panelists**
- Hon. Jean Claude Brou, Minister of Industry & Mines, Republic of Cote d’Ivoire
- Hon. Kerfalla Yansane, Senior Minister, Mining and Geology, Republic of Guinea
- Dr. David Hobbs, Head of Research, King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Centre, Saudi Arabia
- Mr. Jonas Moberg, Head Extractives Industries Transparency International Secretariat, Norway

**Description**
Most African countries are endowed with significant renewable natural and mineral resources. These resources play a crucial role in their economies, as they account for a significant share of exports. It is also important to note that renewable resources are essential to the livelihoods of African rural populations. However, global economic cycles imply that revenues from these resources experience booms and busts—with implications for economic policies and livelihoods in Africa and other richly-endowed countries. Potential benefits are also marred by the illegal exploitation of natural resources in Africa which result in revenue losses for Governments, thereby impinging on economic development. Several mechanisms have been established to curb the illicit exploitation of both renewable and non-renewable resources.

**Issues for Discussion**
This side-event will be an opportunity to present new strategic directions and to discuss some of the challenges that the Bank’s Regional Member Countries have to address to ensure that the benefits of the exploitation of natural resources benefit their economies and contribute to inclusive development.

**Rapporteur**
Ms. Amani Abou-Zeid, AfDB
Thursday, 28 May 2015
Day Four

14h00 – 15h30

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for a Healthier Africa

Venue: Banco, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Mr. Buchizya Mseteka, Leriba Consult Limited

Panelists
• Mrs. Adele Khudr, Resident Representative, UNICEF, Côte d’Ivoire
• Mr. P. B. Anand, Reader, Faculty of Social and International Studies, University of Bradford, UK
• Mr. Doulaye Kone, Senior Program Officer for Sanitation, Technology and Tools, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
• Mr. Amara Sanogo, Director General, National Bureau, Sanitation and Drainage, Cote d’Ivoire
• Prof. Ali Qurashi, Vice Chancellor, the National University, Sudan

Description
The recent unprecedented Ebola outbreak in West Africa and the prevalence of water-borne and water-related diseases including cholera, typhoid and dysentery remain serious public health threats in most African countries. These epidemics underscore the critical role that provision of safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) plays in protecting human health from disease outbreaks. Sustainable WASH infrastructure and effective public health systems equip countries against epidemics.

Issues for Discussion
This event will highlight the importance of prioritizing WASH infrastructure and related sectors, as well as discuss innovative approaches for building countries’ resilience to future epidemics.

Rapporteur
Mr. Rogers Lubunga, AfDB
14h00 – 15h30

**Sovereign Debt in Africa: Options, Obstacles & Opportunities**

**Venue:** Salle des Lagunes, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

**Moderator**
Mr. Alan Kasujja, BBC

**Panelists**
- Mr. Alexis Taffin De Tilques, Head of Africa Debt Capital Markets, BNP Paribas
- Mr. Peter Sullivan, Senior Vice President at Citigroup
- Ms. Michele Lamarche, Managing Director at Lazard Freres & Co.
- Mr. Michael Atingi Ego, Deputy Director, African Region, IMF

**Description**
In the year 2000, African states had raised over US$1 billion from capital markets. Since the year 2006, 12 African countries issued a total of US$15 billion in sovereign bonds compared to South Africa’s total of US$10.9 billion. During the year 2014 alone, sub-Saharan African states (including South Africa) issued US$7 billion worth of foreign currency denominated bonds. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) warned that the issuance of billions of dollars in sovereign bonds may overload African countries with high debt levels and derail the best economic period for the region in a generation. The objective of this event is to provide a platform for African Ministers of Finance and other government officials to engage with professionals and market commentators involved in sovereign bond issuances.

**Issues for Discussion**
The discussions will focus on the issues and challenges of African countries entering the bond markets. The gathering will also provide an opportunity for African ministers to openly discuss the issues that they face in the issuance of sovereign bonds.

**Rapporteurs:** Ms. Imen Mejai and Ms. Carmen Da Costa, ALSF
Thursday, 28 May 2015
Day Four

15h30 – 17h30

Korean Miracle in Africa?

Venue: Salle des Fêtes, Sofitel Abidjan
Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Mr. Jenerali Ulimwengu, Editor & Publisher

Welcoming Remarks
• Mr. Desire Vencatchellum, Director, Resource Mobilisation and External Finance, AfDB
• Mr. Kim Yoonkyeong, Director General, International Finance Bureau, Ministry of Strategy and Finance, Korea

Panelists
• Hon. Kerfalla Yansane, Senior Minister, Mining and Geology, Republic of Guinea
• Mr. Jaehoon Lee, CEO/Senior Research Fellow, SGI Consulting Inc, Seoul, Korea
• Mr. Yoon Deok Ryong, Senior Research Fellow, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy
• Mr. Abebe Shimeles, Ag. Director, Development Research Department, AfDB

Description
The Korea-Africa Economic Cooperation (KOAFEC) is a comprehensive mechanism for the pursuit of lasting and mutually beneficial partnership between Africa and Korea. Under the KOAFEC framework, the Korean government has supported numerous research projects aimed at improving our understanding of economic development in Africa and Korea. Recent research projects have included the following: Africa’s Vision for Industrialization and Structural Transformation; Inclusive Growth in Africa and Korea; Policies for Shared Prosperity; and Revisiting Development Planning in Africa. Dissemination of results from these studies is critical in fostering strong partnerships between African countries and Korea.

Issues for Discussion
The event will present the findings of the KOAFEC research project on Economic planning in a market economy in Africa and Lessons from Korea. Discussions will therefore stimulate constructive and in-depth discussions among African and Korean policy makers and other stakeholders on key well researched policy issues.

Rapporteur
Mr. Anthony Simpasa, AfDB
**15h30 – 17h30**

**Investment Climate: The Journey So Far**

**Venue:** Majestic Ivoire Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

**Moderator**
Mr. Eric Chinje, African Media Initiative

**Welcoming Remarks**
Dr. Donald Kaberuka, President, AfDB

**Keynote Speaker**
H. E. Mr. Benjamin Mkapa, ICF Co-Chair, Former President, United Republic of Tanzania

**Panelists**
- Hon. Jean Louis Billon, Minister of Trade, Republic of Côte d’Ivoire
- Hon. Naglaa Elahwany, Minister of International Cooperation, Republic of Egypt
- Mr. Tony Elumelu, Chairman of Heirs Holding, Nigeria
- Mr. Ebenezer Essoka, Vice Chair for Africa, Standard Chartered Bank
- Mr. Essien Albert, CEO, Ecobank Transnational Incorporated
- Mr. Christopher Rauh, Head of Division, Development Cooperation with Africa, German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development

**Description**

The global economy is evolving rapidly and Africa has been both a major player and a beneficiary. The continent is becoming an important component of the global economy as evidenced by the rapid growth of trade and overall economic performance. Nearly two decades of robust growth and better policy environment have made the region an increasingly attractive place to do business. However, the private sector still faces challenges in doing business in a large number of countries, e.g., starting a business, obtaining licenses, registering property, protecting investments, enforcing contracts, etc. To increase the pace and deepen the impact of reforms in Africa, the AfDB and ICF are collaborating in a number of areas to enhance the pace and scope of investment climate reforms.

**Issues for Discussion**

The planned side event will underscore the need for increasing the pace and scope of investment climate reforms in Africa and showcase the collaboration between AfDB and ICF and the efforts this collaboration will make to achieve this.

**Rapporteurs**
Ms. Patricia Laverley and Mr. Baboucarr Koma, AfDB
Thursday, 28 May 2015
Day Four

17h00 – 18h30
Skills and Technology for Africa’s Transformation

Venue: Salle des Lagunes, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Mr. Daniel Makokera, Pamuzinda Productions

Welcoming Remarks
Hon. Gnamien Konan, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Republic of Côte d’Ivoire

Panelists
• Hon. Moussa Dosso Minister of State, Senior Ministry of Employment, Social Affairs and Vocational Training of Côte d’Ivoire
• Hon. Martial De-Paul Ikounga, Commissioner, Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union
• Ms. Hendrina Doroba, Executive Director, Forum for African Women Educationalists
• Mr. Moussa Kone, President, Ligue des Jeunes Leaders de la Cote d’Ivoire
• Mr. Getachew Engida, Deputy Director-General, UNESCO

Description
Africa needs new critical skills to improve productivity, raise the employability of graduates and foster enterprise creation. Africa is the world’s youngest region, its second fastest growing continent, and will have the world’s largest workforce by 2040, surpassing China and India. Unemployment remains pervasive as the labour market features increasing skills mismatch and low productivity in the informal sector. This event will highlight the importance of addressing a paradigm shift in the education and training sector away from business as usual to an approach which encompasses both high end science and technology skills with non-formal and informal skills.

Issues for Discussion
The event will specifically increase political awareness of the need to revolutionise education and training in Africa to produce the relevant workforce for tomorrow’s labour market to accelerate economic growth and sustainable development. It will also share proven best practices from Africa and around the world that contribute to effective education and skills development to support job creation and foster economic transformation that Africa needs.

Rapporteurs
Mr. Sergent Fabrice and Ms. Thanh-Hoa Desruelles, AfDB
08h30 – 10h00

Tech It! Leapfrogging the Digital Gender Gap

Venue: Majestic Ivoire, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Ms. Julie Gichuru, Citizen TV

Welcoming Remarks
Mr. Bitange Ndemo, Honorary Chairperson, Alliance for Affordable Internet, Kenya

Panelists
- Mr. Jonathan Wong, Head of Innovation Hub, DFID, UK
- Ms. Shireen Shantosham - GSMA Connect Women Program
- Ms. Juliana Rotich, Executive Director, Ushahidi Inc., Kenya
- Ms. Aissatou Sow, Directrice du Développement des Affaires – Afrique francophone
- Mr. Deme Tidjan, Aid Google Africa

Description
With the advent of mobile technology, Africa has experienced a fundamental transformation in the competitiveness of many businesses, Governments, households and individuals. The technology has brought significant gains to the continent, with the Economist estimating 1.3% GDP increase for every 10% of the population that can access the Internet. Women and girls however face overwhelming obstacles to accessing and shaping technologies. A woman is 20% less likely to own a mobile phone than a man, and when they have a mobile phone, their use is rudimental, as they either lacks the literacy skills to fully interact with the technology, or there are no relevant services provided to meet their needs. Further, women take up less than 11% of the technology work force, which is less than the 15% global average.

Issues for Discussion
This event will bring together a group of industry experts, leading technology companies including Google, Facebook, Intel and Twitter, governments and other stakeholders to deliberate on strategies for gender inclusion and leveraging technology for women’s economic empowerment.

Rapporteurs
Mr. Basil Jones and Ms. Emanuela Gregorio, AfDB
Friday, 29 May 2015
Day Five

10h30 – 12h00

Fashionomics: Creative Industries for the Continent’s Inclusive Growth

Venue: Majestic Ivoire, Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire

Moderator
Mrs. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi, Special Envoy on Gender, AfDB

Panelists
- Ms. Fatoumata Ndiaye Managing Director, JUMIA Nigeria
- Mr. Gilles Touré, Ivorian Designer
- Ms. Sophie Zinga Senegalese Designer
- Mr. Sam Mensah, Founder, Kisua

Description
The side event will bring together industries experts and other stakeholders to discuss about the important role of the Fashion industry as an important sources of job creation, notably for youth and women, economic growth and regional integration. The AfDB is well positioned to support the regional and global integration of the textile and garment industry, working with global and African lead firms and supporting local content, thereby creating job opportunities for youth, many of which are women.

Issues for Discussion
The overall objective is to discuss how the African fashion value chains can be upgraded, taking advantage of the talent, creativity and market opportunities in Africa and at the global level where demand for African fashion is growing.

Rapporteur
Ms. Emanuela Gregorio, AfDB