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INVEST IN THE ENERGY CONTINENT

PROGRAMME

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FORUM AGENDA

DAY ONE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

PRE-FORUM SESSIONS

THE ENERGY OF AFRICA'S PEOPLE

09:30 – 13:30 **PRE-FORUM SESSIONS: AFRICAN CITIZENS' SUMMIT**

PLENARY TENT

This year, the NYFA will again host the African Citizens' Summit to reflect the importance of the continent's youth in its economic development. These special sessions will be designed in collaboration with young people based on the results of the Train My Generation survey, the only truly pan-African canvas of the opinions of 16 – 25 year olds, which was launched by the NYFA 2014.

These vital debates around education and employment for young people will be critical for what will be the youngest continent in the world, and experiencing a huge demographic bulge which could power Africa into its next generation of growth. This 'demographic dividend' however will only be enjoyed if Africa's youth get the support they need with the right policies and priorities in place from both government and the private sector.

As the conversation continues, listening to and learning from Africa's youth will be more important than ever.

Sessions will be run with young African talent as co-moderators, co-interviewers, and co-panellists.

AFRICAN CITIZENS' SUMMIT ACTIVITY TRACK

PLENARY TENT



09:30 – 10:00

OPENING SPEECHES

OPENING OF THE AFRICAN CITIZENS' SUMMIT

The African Citizens' Summit was launched at the New York Forum AFRICA last year, giving a platform to students, job-seekers and young entrepreneurs, and the chance to ask questions to political, civil and business leaders. One year on, what are the main issues concerning young people in Africa? Have we seen any changes – positive or negative – from last year's Summit?

- His Excellency ALI BONGO ONDIMBA, President, Gabonese Republic
- MICHAELLE JEAN, Secretary General, Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (Canada)
- JOSE MANUEL BARROSO, 11th President of the European Commission (2004-14) and Prime Minister of Portugal (2002-04) (Portugal)

10:00 – 11:00

JOBS

GIVE ME A JOB!

UNESCO estimates that less than 5 per cent of Africans enrol in formal technical or vocational training programmes – yet there is a huge deficit in qualified local labour across all sectors. As a result, skilled foreigners have to be recruited, or companies have to reassess their operations – both of which stunt Africa's growth. Why is there such a disconnect? And is it the government's responsibility to generate these jobs?

- KWAME ABROKWA, Managing Director, Avinture Group (Ghana)
 - NEILA BEN ZINA, CEO, Business & Decision (Tunisia)
 - CHARLES BOUKINDA, Director of Marketing and CSR, Airtel (Gabonese Republic)
 - YOSTINA BOULES, Managing Director, Taqa Solutions (Egypt)
 - BARCLAY PAUL OKARI, Founder and CEO, Impact Africa Industries (Kenya)
- Moderated by KARL MILVILLE DE CHENE, President, Ivory-Canadian Council for Business Development (Canada)

11:00 – 12:00

CITIZENSHIP

WHAT'S MY ROLE IN SOCIETY?

Today's young Africans, who are both highly educated and technologically connected, have both the skills and the tools to drive the continent forward to the next stage of its development. This group will provide the next generation of political and civil leaders with a new vision of their country and the continent – a continent that is experiencing a huge demographic bulge that could

power Africa into its next generation of growth – if Africa’s youth gets the support it needs with policies and priorities from government and the private sector. How can this generation engage with its leaders and help shape its own future?

- SAMIR ABDELKRIM, Founder, StartUPBRICS.com (France)

- AISHA KARANJA, Executive Director, The Green Belt Movement (Kenya)

- GEORGE NJENGA, Current and Founding Dean, Strathmore Business School (Kenya)

- ANDY ROLAND NZIENGUI NZIENGUI, President, National Youth Council (Gabonese Republic)

Moderated by CHUDE JIDEONWO, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, Red Media Africa (Nigeria)

12:00 – 12:15

FUTURE FLASH

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EDUCATION

FROM EDUCATION TO ENTERPRISE: GIVE ME A CHANCE

Give me an education and I’ll give you the world

Sub-Saharan Africa is the region with the highest number of people involved in early-stage entrepreneurial activity, with Zambia and Nigeria topping the world rankings. Africa also leads the world in the number of women starting businesses, with almost equal numbers of male and female entrepreneurs, with women outnumbering men in Ghana, Nigeria and Zambia. What steps need to be taken to ensure people starting their own businesses have the best possible chance of success?

- OLUKOREDE ADENOWO, Managing Director, Standard Chartered Bank Africa (Nigeria)

- KINGSLEY BANGWELL, Founder, Youngstars Foundation (Nigeria)

- ISSAM CHLEUH, Founder and CEO, Africa Impact Group (United States)

- MAGATTE WADE, CEO and Founder, Tioosan (Senegal)

Moderated by OMAR BEN YEDDER, Group Publisher, IC Publications (UK)



16:00 – 19:30

OFFICIAL OPENING SESSION

PLENARY TENT

THE ENERGY OF AFRICA'S LEADERSHIP

The New York Forum AFRICA follows the 14th AGOA Forum, hosted by Gabon and held for the first time in Central Africa. The two Summits will join together to host one ground-breaking session.

16:00 – 16:30

OPENING SPEECHES

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The New York Forum AFRICA community of business, finance, policymaker and political leaders met for the first time in Libreville two years ago. What projects, ideas, initiatives, and business emerged in the 12 months since we last met?

RICHARD ATTIAS, Founder and Chairman, The New York Forum Institute (Morocco)

WELCOME AND SPECIAL ADDRESS:

H.E. ALI BONGO ONDIMBA, President, Gabonese Republic

16:30 – 17:15

AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE

AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE: OUR CONTINENT, OUR LEGACY

No more time to lose!

African leaders face challenges from numerous fronts: how to harness economic growth, stimulate job creation, increase political stability, and handle the transition to democratic systems. How will they navigate change on the most rapidly-changing continent in the world? And how can they generate economic growth and the increasing urbanisation of their countries while managing carbon emissions and building sustainable, environmentally-conscious development to improve their nations for the next generation?

- H.E. ALI BONGO ONDIMBA, President, Gabonese Republic

- H.E. ALASSANE OUATTARA, President, Ivory Coast

- HRH THE PRINCE OF WALES (United Kingdom) by video

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF STATE:

Message from FRANCOIS HOLLANDE, President of France, delivered by SÉGOLENE ROYAL, Minister of the Environment, Sustainable Development and Energy (France)

17:15 – 17:45

ADDRESSES FROM LEADERS:

- JEAN-JACQUES BOUYA, Minister at the Presidency for Spatial Planning and Delegate General for Major Public Works, on behalf of H.E. DENIS SASSOU N’GUESSO, President, Republic of Congo
- NAGLAA EL EHWANY, Minister of International Cooperation, on behalf of H.E. ABDEL FATTAH EL-SISI, President, Egypt
- MICHAELLE JEAN, Secretary General, Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (Canada)

17:45 – 18:25

IN CONVERSATION

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- JOSE MANUEL BARROSO, 11th President of the European Commission (2004-14) and Prime Minister of Portugal (2002-04) (Portugal)

followed by:

KEYNOTE SPEECH

- LECH WALESZA, President of Poland (1990-95)

18:25 – 19:15

EMERGING ECONOMIES

HOW TO BUILD AN EMERGING ECONOMY

No more time to lose!

Creating a sustainable, peaceful, prosperous society is top of every leader’s agenda today, whether in the private sector or in government. How can we work together to build a legacy that leaves our country and community better off than today? How do we communicate the urgency of this need for change?

- JOHN KUFUOR, President of Ghana (2001-09) and Founder, John Kufuor Foundation
- KEPING LI, Vice Chairman, President and Chief Investment Officer, China Investment Corporation (China)
- ANDRES PASTRANA, President of Colombia (1998-2002)
- LECH WALESZA, President of Poland (1990-95)

Moderated by NIK GOWING, international TV journalist (UK)

19:15 – 19:30

AWARD

PRESENTATION OF THE INAUGURAL AFRICAN START-UP AWARD

20:30 – 22:00

OFFICIAL DINNER

FORUM AGENDA

DAY TWO: SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

THE ENERGY OF AFRICA'S OPPORTUNITIES PLENARY TENT

09:00 – 09:40

GABON 360

THE MINISTERS' SESSION: TRANSFORMING GABON

The key for Gabon now is to increase the economic opportunities available, rather than merely dividing them. And by creating value-added processes in the supply chain, the country can create jobs revenue. Gabon's economic indicators are good, and the country continues to see GDP growth and low interest rates. But how are infrastructure and investment projects launched over the last five years having an impact on the country and its citizens?

- LEOD-PAUL BATOLO, Director, Moanda Complex (Gabonese Republic)
- GAGAN GUPTA, President, Olam Gabon (Gabonese Republic)
- REGIS IMMONGAULT TATAGANI, Minister of Economy and Investment Promotion (Gabonese Republic)
- YVES MANFOUMBI, General Coordinator, Emerging Gabon (Gabonese Republic)
- FABRICE NZE-BEKALE, CEO, Société Equatoriale des Mines (Gabonese Republic)
- SEDJI ARMEL MENSAH, General Administration, of Nkok SEZ Administrative Authority (Gabonese Republic)

moderated by MARK-ALEXANDRE DOUMBA, Director, Africa Middle-East Resources (Gabonese Republic)

09:40 – 10:20

CEO SESSION

CEO PANEL

In its October 2014 report, the World Bank projected robust African GDP growth in the coming years, in contrast to weak global growth. This growth is attributed to improvements in political stability, an influx of investors drawn to the possibility of high returns, and increasingly peaceful, stable regimes. How has this had an impact on business growth – and expansion – for the private sector?

OPENING SPEECH: JEAN-LOUIS EKRA, President and Chairman of the Board, African Export-Import Bank

- MUSABBEH AL KAABI, CEO, Mubadala Petroleum (United Arab Emirates)
 - DOMINIC BARTON, Global Managing Director, McKinsey & Co (Canada)
 - AMADOU DIALLO, CEO, DHL Freight (Senegal)
 - EBENEZER ESSOKA, Vice Chairman, Africa, Standard Chartered Bank (South Africa)
 - CIRO ANTONIO PAGANO, Executive Vice President, Sub-Saharan Africa, eni (Italy)
- Moderated by ALAN KASUJJA, Presenter, BBC's Newsday (Uganda)

10:20 – 10:30

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

- IVOR ICHIKOWITZ, Founder and Executive Chairman, Paramount Group (South Africa)

10:30 – 11:10

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

How can we encourage women to venture into new frontiers like science and technology? How can we support them through mentoring and encouragement, so they can give back through the private and public sectors?

- TIGUIDANKE CAMARA, Chairman and CEO, Tigui Mining Group (Guinea)
 - GETACHEW ENGIDA, Deputy Director General, UNESCO
 - RAINATOU SOW, Executive Director, Make Every Woman Count
 - RAHAMA WRIGHT, Founder and CEO, Shea Yeleen and Member, President Obama's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa (Ghana)
- Moderated by ELIZABETH TCHOUNGUI, international TV journalist (Cameroon)

THE CLIMATE SOUTH INITIATIVE PRESENTS

PLENARY TENT



11:10 – 11:25

ADDRESS

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JEAN-LOUIS BORLOO, President, Energies for Africa, and Former French Minister of State (France)

11:25 – 12:00

AFFORDABLE ACCESS

POWER TO THE MASSES: AFFORDABLE ACCESS TO ALL

We need power please!

The growth in the African middle class has led to a rise in demand for energy; but the expansion of power grids across the continent lags too far behind demand. Africa needs a new energy model (including distribution channels) to bring power to the masses.

But how do you persuade the population to try something new – especially in rural areas where there is a lack of access to information? Is the solution to Africa's immediate power requirements the growth of the "pay as you go" energy model, or radically different financing and payment options like microloans?

- RUBEN ATEKPE, Executive Chairman, Merchants Company of West Africa (Ghana)

- PAM NAMAI, CEO and Managing Director, African Energy Association (USA)

- BUNKER ROY, Founder, Barefoot College (India)

- DAVID WELCH, President, Europe, Africa and Middle East, Bechtel and former Assistant Secretary of State for International Organisation Affairs (USA)

Moderated by IBRAHIMA CHEIKH DIONG, Founder and CEO, ACT – Africa Consulting and Trading (Senegal)

12:00 – 12:15

IN CONVERSATION

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ANNICK GIRARDIN, Minister of State for Development and Francophony (France)

in conversation with ETIENNE GERNELLE, Editor in Chief, Le Point (France)

Followed by signing ceremony

12:15 – 12:25

FUTURE FLASH

The NYFA will showcase a number of inventions – created and built on the continent – to demonstrate some of the groundbreaking ideas to come from Africa.

- VALERIE DAVID, Head of Sustainable Development, Eiffage Construction (France)

- MICHEL GOSTOLI, CEO, Eiffage Construction (France)

12:25 – 13:00

GREEN BUSINESS

GREEN IS THE COLOUR OF SUCCESS

With \$50 billion in annual investment going into Africa, there is an unprecedented opportunity to leverage the private sector and build Africa into a green continent.

How can we scale up innovation in green businesses so we also maximise their job creation potential? How can we optimise the collaboration between entrepreneurs and lead innovators and 'big business'? What can be done to harness the power of the informal economy in the battle against climate change? What new innovations in energy tech will represent change for the most people in Africa?

- PETER BALLINGER, Managing Director Africa, Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) (United States)

- PATRICE FONLLADOSA, President and CEO, Africa and Middle East, Veolia and President of the Board, SEEG (France)

- THIERRY LEPERCQ, CEO, solairedirect (France)

- HARRY VERHAAR, Head of Global Public and Government Affairs, Philips Lighting (The Netherlands)

moderated by NIK GOWING, international TV journalist (United Kingdom)

13:00 – 14:15

NETWORKING LUNCH, MARKETPLACE

14:30 – 16:00

TASKFORCES: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The New York Forum Taskforces are highly interactive, small discussion groups that will be focused on defining tangible opportunities and solutions. The outputs will be a set of practical, actionable steps for organizations' leadership teams that will be prerequisites or catalysts for success in the near and long term. Our expert facilitator will move participants into small groups, to identify opportunities and challenges on the topic. Taskforces will also include remarks from leading experts on the topic. To jumpstart the discussions, moderators will facilitate participant dialogue. At the close of the session, the summarized list of opportunities will be discussed and participants will vote on them.

This year, we are assigning sectors only: taskforce participants will work together to select the issues within that sector that they would most like to address in the taskforce.

TASKFORCE 1 LIBREVILLE ROOM

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION powered by Africa Caucus, Harvard Kennedy School

Electrification will have a significant effect on employment levels in the short term (within five years), raising employment by enabling micro-enterprises. Yet less than 10% of sub-Saharan rural households have access to electricity with an overall access rate below 25%. Under existing scenarios, that number will increase to about 50% by 2030 – how can we increase access to electricity further and quicker?

- YOSTINA BOULES, Founder, Taqa Solutions (Egypt)

- BUNKER ROY, Founder, Barefoot College (India)

moderated by IBRAHIMA CHEIKH DIONG, Founder and CEO, ACT – Africa Consulting and Trading (Senegal)

TASKFORCE 2 PORT GENTIL ROOM

WATER AND SANITATION powered by Africa Caucus, Harvard Kennedy School

Despite the discovery of significant underground aquifers in several regions of Africa, as much as 40% of the continent's population lacks access to clean water. People in rural areas are worst affected with only a quarter of the rural population in sub-Saharan Africa having access to proper sanitation. It is estimated that every \$1 spent on water and sanitation generates \$4 in increased economic opportunity. Are there ways to jumpstart water infrastructure? How can the public and private sectors work together to solve Africa's water dilemma?

- AMERICO FERREIRA, Member of the Board, ADP-Aguas de Portugal Internacional SA (Portugal)

- PATRICE FONLLADOSA, President and CEO, Africa and Middle East, Veolia and President of the Board, SEEG (France)

Moderated by KARINE DE LA GUERRONIERE, Founder and CEO, AKFA, African Project Developer for RWL Water (France)

TASKFORCE 3 ALBERT SCHWEITZER ROOM

MAKING FORESTS SUSTAINABLE Powered by Tropical Forestry Alliance

Demand for industrial agricultural commodities such as soy and palm oil is predicted to increase by 30% by 2020. What are the prospects for sustainably produced industrial commodity crops such as palm oil in Africa, and what are the implications for local economies and forests? What is the role of the private sector in creating demand for sustainable products through its supply chains? What are possible solutions to overcoming barriers in creating sustainably produced agricultural commodities in Africa?

Co-chairs:

- NOEL NELSON MESSONE, Minister of Water and Forestry (Gabonese Republic)
- GAGAN GUPTA, President, Olam Gabon (Gabonese Republic)

Speakers:

- SAMUEL AVAALA AWONNEA, President, Oil Palm Development Association (Ghana)
- SAAH DAVID, REDD+ Coordinator, Forestry Development Authority (Liberia)
- HARRISON KARNWEA, Managing Director, Forestry Development Authority (Liberia)
- EMMANUEL NGOM, Coordinator, Ministry of Agriculture (Cameroon)
- ODGHA ODIGHA, Former Chairman, Cross River State Forestry Commission (Nigeria)
- SANDRA RATIARISON, Conservation Director, WWF Gabon (Gabonese Republic)
- LEE WHITE, Executive Director, Agence Nationale des Parcs Nationaux (Gabonese Republic)

Moderated by DAVID HOYLE, Director, Proforest (TFA 2020) (United Kingdom)

14:15 – 16:15 PLENARY HALL

SPECIAL SESSIONS: THE CLIMATE SOUTH INITIATIVE

Following on from the morning session on natural resources, and concluding with the sessions on innovation, the NYFA will host special breakout sessions from the Climate South Initiative (CSI), focusing on alternative energy, investment, innovation, and green city strategies. CSI will offer a platform for proactive leaders (private and public sector) from the South to convene to discuss our common future as it relates to the adaptation and mitigation of climate change. The CSI sessions will consist of two focused workshops and culminate in a plenary discussion on the main NYFA stage.

WORKSHOP 1: GREEN STRATEGIES FOR CITIES AND REGIONS

Cities and regions do not need to wait for global climate agreements to be reached, and can start acting immediately with nimble policies designed to encourage energy efficiency and tackle climate change affordably. What examples on policy innovation can be learned from regions around the world? How can these be scaled up to be implemented by cities across Africa?

- THIerno BOCAR TALL, Head of Project, African Biofuel and Renewable Energy Company (ABREC) (Togo)
- JEAN-JACQUES GUILBAUD, Chief Administrative Officer, Executive Committee Member, Total (France)
- NARCISSE MBUNZAMA, Founder, Avonax Research Group (Sweden)
- MICHEL RENTENAAR, Special Envoy for Climate and Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (The Netherlands)

Moderated by ELIZABETH TCHOUNGUI, international TV journalist (Cameroon)

WORKSHOP 2: FOOD SECURITY AND LAND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Powered by London School of Economics

The wealth of the African continent lies in its land, with two-thirds of Sub-Saharan Africa's population relying on agriculture, freshwater fishery and forestry for their livelihoods. An increasingly dry and hot climate will make Sub-Saharan Africa prone to drought and its land less suitable for agriculture, with ever-shorter growing seasons and lower yields – and shrinking revenue. Some projections state agricultural yields will decrease by 50% by 2050 in some African countries. How can we develop more efficient use of land, water, soil nutrients and increase yield without bringing about further climate change? More than 1 billion people suffer from hunger today, and in the next 50 years, the world will need to produce the same amount of food as it did over the last 10,000 years to ensure everyone is fed. How can we balance this with the issue of land grabbing, and its effect on rural and indigenous communities who depend on agriculture?

- LÉANDRE BOULOUBOU, General Coordinator, Graine (Gabonese Republic)
- DANIEL COTTA, Business Development Director, Gregori International (France)
- WILLIAM KWENDE, Chairman, Agritech Group (Burkina Faso)
- ALBERT SASSON, Director, Life Sciences & Biotechnology Section, Hassan II Academy of Science and Technology (Morocco)
- LEYTH ZNIBER, Founder and CEO, Eiréné4Impact (Morocco)

Moderated by DAWOOD AZAMI, Senior Broadcast Journalist, BBC World Service (UK)

16:00 – 16:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

16:30 – 16:45

IN CONVERSATION

PLENARY TENT

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- CINA LAWSON, Minister of Post and Telecommunications (Togo)
moderated by ALAN KASUJJA, Presenter, BBC's Newsday (Uganda)

16:45 – 17:30

DEBATE: DIGITAL

THE DIGITAL REVOLUTION

Broadband access in Africa is modifying all sectors of the African economy, and triggering a radical transformation of society, from mobile banking, to healthcare diagnosis apps. Implementing new technologies is one of the top investment priorities for African CEOs – so represents a huge opportunity for African entrepreneurs and start-ups as well as international players.

- ERNEST TEWELYO AKENDEGUE, General Manager, eDoleyCash (Gabonese Republic)
- CINA LAWSON, Minister of Post and Telecommunications (Togo)
- KOFFI FABRICE DJOSSOU, Senior Director of Sales, ABS (South Africa)
- DANIEL JAEGER, Vice President Africa, Alcatel-Lucent Africa (South Africa)
moderated by BRIGHT SIMONS, President, mPedigree (Ghana)

17:30 – 17:45

FUTURE FLASH

FUTURE FLASH: INVENTED AND MADE IN AFRICA: A label for 2015

The NYFA will showcase a number of African inventions – created and built on the continent – to demonstrate some of the groundbreaking ideas to come from Africa.

- CARLOS LOPES, Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Africa (Guinea-Bissau)
in conversation with RICHARD ATTIAS, Founder and Chairman, The New York Forum Institute (Morocco)

17:45 – 18:35

REVERSE INNOVATION

REVERSE INNOVATION: AFRICA'S BIG OPPORTUNITY

We have an abundance of genius; we just need trust and support!

The other huge national resource of each country in Africa – outside of mining and energy – is its capacity for innovation, which continues to generate new products, ideas, services and revenues that place African inventors at the forefront of emerging technology. Reverse innovation – trickle-up innovation that is developed in the emerging world and exported to the rest of the world – that focuses on “need” not “want” represents ever-increasing potential for African businesses. With need as the mother of all invention, how can Africa continue to grow in areas of healthcare, energy, mobile communications and finance innovation – and how can governments and the private sector fast-track this growth?

- SAMIR ABDELKRIM, Founder, StartupBRICS.com, and Tech Reporter, Africa, Le Monde (France)

- IVOR ICHIKOWITZ, Founder and Executive Chairman, Paramount Group (South Africa)

- CARLOS LOPES, Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Africa (Guinea-Bissau)

- VERONE MANKOU, CEO and Founder, VMK (Republic of the Congo)

- DENVER PHIRI, Health Economics Specialist, GE Healthcare (United Kingdom)

moderated by ALAN KASUJJA, Presenter, BBC's Newsday (Uganda)

19:00 – 21:00 CULTURAL EVENING

FORUM AGENDA

DAY THREE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 PLENARY TENT

THE ENERGY OF AFRICA'S PEOPLE

09:00 – 10:50 **REPORT BACK: AFRICAN CITIZENS' SUMMIT** PLENARY TENT

This year, the NYFA will again host the African Citizens' Summit on the opening day of the Forum. For the first time, we will ask back students who played a role in the ACS to join leaders from the public sector and from business on the main stage to report back with the results of their discussions 48 hours before.

AFRICAN CITIZENS' SUMMIT SESSIONS

09:00 – 09:50 **REPORT BACK**

**REPORT BACK: CAN WE FIX IT?
FROM WHERE WILL THE JOBS COME?**

Powered by the African Citizens' Summit

The discussions held during the African Citizens' Summit focused on jobs, education and opportunities. A panel of students report back on the outcomes of their discussions and challenge business and government leaders to deliver real change.

- ABDELMALEK ALAOUI, Founder and Managing Partner, Guepard Group (Morocco)
 - MELISSA COOK, Founder and Managing Director, African Sunrise Partners and Member, President Obama's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa (USA)
 - JUN LIU, Senior Vice President, AVIC International Holding Group (China)
 - ANDY ROLAND NZIENGUI NZIENGUI, President, National Youth Council (Gabonese Republic)
- moderated by **NIK GOWING**, international TV journalist (UK)

09:50 – 10:50 **DEBATE**

IS THE AFRICAN EDUCATION SYSTEM BROKEN?

Powered by the African Citizens' Summit

Deliver students that are qualified for the jobs that are available

Does the African education system deliver young people that are equipped for the jobs

available? Is there enough funding available for vocational training and apprenticeships to get young people into work as quickly as possible?

- MOSSADECK BALLY, Founder and CEO, Azalai Hotels (Mali)
- KINGSLEY BANGWELL, Founder, Youngstars Foundation (Nigeria)
- VINCENZO FAZZINO, Head of Office and UNESCO Representative to Gabon
- MORATUOA HLONGWA, Founder and Managing Director, Image Evolution Lesotho (Lesotho)
- ALLON RAIZ, Founder and CEO, Raizcorp (South Africa)

moderated by ALAN KASUJJA, Presenter of BBC's Newsday (Uganda)

10:50 – 11:05

IN CONVERSATION

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LIONEL ZINSOU, Prime Minister, Benin

in conversation with ELIZABETH TCHOUNGUI, international TV journalist (Cameroon)

11:05 – 11:45

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

CREATING A LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR A NEW AFRICA

Powered by the AAIL

A clear, effective and transparent legal framework is essential for the ongoing development of Africa's finance sector, as well as the empowerment of its financial regulators.

- STEPHEN KARANGIZI, Director, African Legal Support Facility (hosted by the African Development Bank) (Zimbabwe)
- JEAN-LUC KONAN, CEO, COFINA (Senegal)
- VINCENT NMEHIELLE, Legal Counsel and Director of Legal Affairs, African Union Commission
- SIDONIE OUWE, Attorney General (Gabonese Republic)
- PIERRE-OLIVIER SUR, Batônnier of the Paris Bar (France)

moderated by MALICK DIAWARA, Journalist, Le Point (France)

11:45 – 12:05

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ETIENNE MASSARD, Secretary General of the Presidency of the Gabonese Republic

MICHELE SABBAN, President, R20 Regions of Climate Action (France)

in conversation with STEPHANIE ANTOINE, TV Anchor, France 24 (France)

12:05 – 12:45

INVESTMENT

BEYOND THE BOOM

Africa's recent economic boom – and its healthy forecasts – has been built on predictions of robust prices for oil and gas. Finance ministers predict that the drop in oil prices could see economic growth decrease a percentage point. How do we encourage investment in Africa at a time of fluctuating oil prices – or has the continent diversified enough of their economies to weather the storm?

- MADELEINE BERRE, President, Gabonese Employers' Confederation and Managing Partner, Deloitte Juridique et Fiscal (Gabonese Republic)

- ISABELLA DA COSTA MENDES, Consultant, FKS Capital Partners (UK)

- JEAN-LOUIS EKRA, President and Chairman of the Board, African Export-Import Bank

- CHRISTOPHER MARKS, Senior Advisor, African Development Bank (UK)

- BRIAN MENELL, Founder and CEO, Kemet Group (UK)

moderated by ELENI GIOKOS, international TV journalist (South Africa)

12:45 – 14:00

LUNCH AND NETWORKING BREAK

14:00 – 15:30

TASKFORCES DAY 3: HUMAN RESOURCES

The second day of task forces address key issues brought up in the 2014 Train My Generation survey, an initiative of the New York Forum AFRICA. These issues, raised by an entire generation of under-26 year olds across Africa, are fundamental to developing the next generation in the workforce – and tomorrow's corporate leaders. You can read the full survey results here: <http://bit.ly/1KuSTpp>

TASKFORCE 4 ALBERT SCHWEITZER ROOM

ENTREPRENEURSHIP Powered by Columbia University SIPA Pan-African Network

Three quarters of respondents in the Train My Generation survey were interested in starting their own business, seeking either to develop their own idea or work for themselves. Ambition was also high, with over half of the entrepreneurs questioned saying that in 10-15 years they see themselves running a business of 15-40 people. But there are significant barriers to starting new businesses, including access to start-up capital, support for start-ups from the government, and high levels of bureaucracy and red tape. How do we reduce these barriers to the next generation of entrepreneurs?

- HAMET AGUEMON, Founder, Hodari Partners (United Arab Emirates)
- ERIC BENQUET, CEO, Eben Industry (Gabonese Republic)
- ESMEL EMMANUEL ESSIS, Director General, CEPICI (Ivory Coast)
- ISABELLE MACQUART, CEO, HODEA Agency to Innovate (France)
- ALLON RAIZ, Founder and CEO, Raizcorp (South Africa)
- THOMAS VAN HALEN, Research Director, VC4Africa (South Africa)

moderated by MARK-ALEXANDRE DOUMBA, Director, Africa Middle-East Resources (Gabonese Republic)

TASKFORCE 5 LIBREVILLE ROOM

SOCIAL MEDIA Powered by SOAS, University of London

In the 2014 Train My Generation survey, the most common source of information for young Africans was the internet and social media, which was more popular than television and newspapers combined. How can we increase the standards and regulation of social media (if it is indeed possible) to ensure that we are receiving accurate and relevant information?

- BONY DASHACO, CEO, Acmar Media Group (Cameroon)
- TEBOGO DITSHEGO, Group CEO, Ditshego Media (South Africa)
- CHUDE JIDEONWO, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, Red Media Africa (Nigeria)
- ROMANOU KOUFERIDJI, President and CEO, Groupe Africoncept Broadcast Telecom (Benin)

- KEVIN MEYET, CEO, I'm UP2YOU (Gabonese Republic)

Moderated by THEBE IKALEFENG, Founder and Managing Director, Brand Leadership Group (South Africa)

TASKFORCE 6 PORT GENTIL ROOM

THE RIGHT TO WORK Powered by AAIL

Assisted by London School of Economics

For the millions of Africans working in the informal sector, they don't have access to employee rights such as sick pay, unemployment benefit, and workers' protection. How can we work together to persuade the informal sector that moving to the formal sector is the best long-term choice; and how do we make this move more appealing?

- AKINOLA AKINTAYO, human rights expert and Lecturer, University of Lagos (Nigeria)

- AMADOU DIAW, Founder and President, ISM (Senegal)

- ROMY KLIMKE, Research Lecturer, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg (Germany)

- VIVIEN PEA, President, UJPDG (Youth Branch of the Democratic Party of Gabon) (Gabonese Republic)

- DIDIER PRINCE-AGBODJAN, Deputy Director, Institute for Human Rights, Lyon (France)

moderated by ELENI GIOKOS, international TV journalist (South Africa)

OFFICIAL CLOSING SESSION

OF THE NEW YORK FORUM AFRICA 2015

THE ENERGY OF AFRICA'S IMAGE

16:00 – 18:45 **PARTNERSHIPS WITH AFRICA: PROFITS MUST EQUAL JOBS**

PLENARY TENT

Over the past two days of the NYFA, we have looked at Africa's key exports and value – energy, natural resources, innovation, and its human capital. The closing session of the NYFA will focus on looking at the partnerships for African countries and corporations that will deliver economic stability and growth in the continent.

And how do we ensure the private sector gives back to the public sector and to communities and share the wealth?

16:00 – 16:15 **IN CONVERSATION** PLENARY TENT

These conversations, held at intervals during NYFA, are in-depth dialogues with unique personalities – across business, politics and culture – covering their careers, their ideas and vision, and their proposals for Africa.

- DOMINIC BARTON, Global Managing Director, McKinsey & Co (Canada)
in conversation with NIK GOWING, international TV journalist (UK)

16:15 – 16:55 **HEAD TO HEAD: EAST AND WEST**

AFRICA: THE BRIDGE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST

Economically and geographically, Africa lies between the East and the West: how can the continent continue to build trade relationships overseas, to deliver economic benefits for all?

- HAMMAD ALMUTIB, Special Advisor, Saudi Fund for Development (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
- MIGUEL MELO AZEVEDO, Head of Investment Banking and Head of Corporate and Investment Banking, Citigroup (Portugal)
- INYANG EBONG-HARSTRUP, Deputy Director, UN Office for South-South Cooperation, UNDP
- REGIS IMMONGAULT TATAGANI, Minister of Economy and Investment Promotion (Gabonese Republic)
- SIDI OULD TAH, Director General, Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA)
Moderated by NIK GOWING, international TV journalist (UK)

16:55 – 17:25

EGYPT THE FUTURE

EGYPT THE FUTURE: THE NEW AFRICAN CHAMPION

Egypt is not only a high potential market in itself but also a gateway and partner to wider markets. An example of a nation that has diversified its economy, Egypt has also implemented key reforms, including gradual lifting of energy subsidies, tax reforms, amendments and implementation of investment laws and regulations. The Suez Canal - Egypt's gift to the world - was an USD8 billion investment to facilitate and increase trade at the global and regional level. What can African economies learn from Egypt's successful reform and diversification? How can Egypt provide capital, technology and partnership to African businesses?

- NAGLAA EL EHWANY, Minister of International Cooperation (Egypt)
- HISHAM FATHY, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Gabonese Republic (Egypt)
- IBRAHIM MABROUK, Head of East & West Africa, Arab Contractors (Egypt)
- OSAMA ABDEL SATTAR, Chairman & CEO, Memphis Company for Pharmaceutical and Chemical Industries (Egypt)

Moderated by RICHARD ATTIAS, Founder and Chairman, The New York Forum Institute (Morocco)

17:25 – 17:45

LEADERSHIP

THE LEADERSHIP ROADMAP: THE YEARS AHEAD

Jobs, climate change, security, financial stability

You see ebola, terrorism, unrest, poverty; we see growth, peace, leadership, and energy. Major challenges facing Africa in the next 48 months include falling oil prices, civil unrest, a lack of jobs, climate change, national security, the economic impact of environmental policies, and ongoing food scarcity. How can these leaders prove their countries have upward growth momentum, rather than countries stricken by poverty and starvation? How are today's leaders – public and private sector – addressing these challenges? And what are the potential consequences if we don't act quickly enough?

- ANDREW ALLI, CEO, Africa Finance Corporation (Nigeria)
- ANDRES PASTRANA, President of Colombia (1998-2002)
- TOM PELLETTE, Group President, Caterpillar Construction (United States)

moderated by KARL MILVILLE DE CHENE, President, Ivory-Canadian Council for Business Development (Canada)

Followed by signing ceremonies

17:45 – 18:00

MUSIC

IN CONVERSATION

Plato said that music gave wings to the mind and flight to the imagination. But music is also a huge asset in education and in the lives of young people – and it is also creates many business opportunities.

- JOEL KATZ, Chair, Global Entertainment and Media Practice, Greenberg Taurig, and *Billboard's* number one ranked entertainment attorney (United States)

- BOB SANTELLI, President, Grammy Museum (United States)

- LARRY SIMPSON, Provost, Berklee College of Music (United States)

Moderated by ALAN KASUJJA, Presenter, BBC's *Newsday* (Uganda)

Followed by signing ceremony

18:00 – 18:15

YOUTH

THE YOUTH COMMITMENT

The discussions held during the African Citizens' Summit focused on jobs, education and opportunities. A panel of students and young leaders report back on the outcomes of their discussions and challenge business and government leaders to deliver real change.

- PRECIEUX MASSOUEME, President, Youth Association of CEMAC (Republic of the Congo)

- FATIMA MOAHMED, Youth Advisor (Education), National Youth Council (Gabonese Republic)

- MAGALIE NGUEMA, Youth Advisor (Culture), National Youth Council (Gabonese Republic)

- FABRICE NTCHANGO, Director of Employment and Economic Inclusion, National Youth Council (Gabonese Republic)

- ANUSHKA FATIMA NTOUTOUME, Vice President, National Youth Council (Gabonese Republic)

- ANDY ROLAND NZIENGUI NZIENGUI, President, National Youth Council (Gabonese Republic)

Introduced by RICHARD ATTIAS, Founder and Executive Chairman, The New York Forum Institute (Morocco)

18:15 – 18:30

SPECIAL ADDRESS

- SYLVIA BONGO ONDIMBA, First Lady of the Gabonese Republic

18:30 – 18:45

CLOSING SPEECH

- H.E. ALI BONGO ONDIMBA, President, Gabonese Republic

18:45

FORUM ENDS