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## AFRICA

### **New York Forum AFRICA will host three pan-African platforms in 2015** *New initiatives centred on climate change, African international law and youth opportunities will have special sessions during August business summit*

Libreville, Gabon, July 21 2015 – **The New York Forum AFRICA (NYFA), the most significant pan-African business summit to be held this year (August 28-30) will this year host three far-reaching initiatives under the Forum umbrella, covering climate change, job and education opportunities for Africa’s youth, and international law in Africa.**

In addition to plenary sessions on natural resources, the NYFA will host special breakout sessions from the Climate South Initiative (CSI), focusing on alternative energy, investment, innovation, and green city strategies. In advance of Cop21 in Paris in December, CSI will offer a platform for proactive leaders (private and public sector) from the South to convene to discuss their common future as it relates to the adaptation and mitigation of climate change.

Richard Attias, founder of The New York Forum, said: “This is the fourth edition of the NYFA and we are delighted to continue to add to the important topics covered within the three days. By broadening our reach, we hope to broaden the impact of the NYFA, through partnerships with public and private sector organisations.”

“We decided to diversify our economy, thereby our partnerships. This is indispensable in order to create more wealth and more jobs. It is also aligned with our national policy aimed at promoting local processing of raw materials, also consistent with our strategy for sustainable development.” said H.E. Ali Bongo Ondimba, President of the Gabonese Republic.

The second African Citizens’ Summit, in association with Train My Generation, this year moves to the plenary stage after a successful first Summit last year. The Summit was created to bridge the gap between young educated Africans and the job market - a key challenge that requires collaboration between government, education providers and the private sector. The Summit sessions will be designed in collaboration with young people based on the results of the Train My Generation survey, which was launched by the NYFA 2014 (the survey results can be found on <http://bit.ly/1pWvDpl>).

The NYFA is partnering with the African Association of International Law (AAIL) to host the first-ever forum dedicated to exploring a new international legal framework for Africa. AAIL member Adetola Onayemi explained: “There is a dire need to formulate new legal frameworks that utilise the instrumentality of international law, particularly investment law and international economic law, to increase Africa’s phenomenal average economic growth rate of 5%, deliver development objectives for African people, and accentuate the current attractions of investment within the African industry space.”

More than 1,500 business and political leaders are expected to attend this year’s NYFA. The theme of the Forum is ***Invest in the Energy Continent***; it will focus on the new dynamism in the continent, from entrepreneurs and inward investment, as well as the growing energy sector. Key topics include: economic dynamism; energy sector opportunities; entrepreneurship and enterprise; job creation and economic diversification; education and innovation. **The New York Forum AFRICA is the only pan-African business summit to be held in Africa in 2015.**

The NYFA is composed of vibrant, action-orientated debates and panels, as well as sector-specific breakout

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sessions and workshops. In addition, the NYFA 2015 will again host the **Marketplace**, a virtual and traditional meeting-place for participants to book one-on-one meetings with Gabonese stakeholders as well as international corporations, which will increase in size for NYFA 2015.

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