



AFRICAN DIASPORA INVESTMENT FORUM

MOBILISING THE AFRICAN DIASPORA FOR AFRICA'S PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

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Program

Day 1 – Thursday 29th June 2006

8.30 - 9.00	Registration
9.00 - 9.10	Opening remarks and introduction Welcome remarks, Sir John Kaputin , General Secretary, ACP
9.10 – 10.00	Keynote presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minister Armand De Decker, Minister of Development Cooperation, Government of the Kingdom of Belgium• Minister Fidelis Tapgun, Minister of Industry, Federal Republic of Nigeria• H.E. Ambassador René Makongo, Ambassador of the Republic of Gabon to the Benelux and the European Union and President of the African Group of Ambassadors, Brussels, Belgium• Dr. Hamed Sow, Director, Center for the development of Enterprise, Brussels, Belgium
10.00 – 11.00	Session 1: Africa's investment prospects: opportunities & challenges <p>This session is designed to provide a general overview of Africa's private sector development prospects (opportunities and challenges) in general and the role that the African diaspora should play in investing and in mobilizing the international business community to investing in the continent.</p> <p><u>Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Africa's investment landscape: opportunities and challenges / From micro and small enterprises to medium sized and large enterprises: the missing link in Africa's private sector / Challenges of diaspora investment in Africa development / Contribution of the African diaspora in meeting the continent's millennium development goals: private sector development perspective / Q&A <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Page, Chief Economist, Africa region, World Bank, Washington, USA• Jasmina Gasnolar, Regional Director – asset finance, Small business and emerging markets, ABSA Bank, South Africa• Vincent Okele, Managing Partner, IMS Europe and President, African Axis, Brussels, Belgium <p><u>Chairperson:</u> Bernard de Gerlache, President, CBL-ACP</p>
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 12.30	Session 2: Show-casing diaspora investment initiatives and projects in Africa

Investments:

- **Bwalya Mwali** (Zambia – Jewellery, fashion accessories), Managing Director, Bantu Styles
- **Beatrice Gakuba** (Rwanda – Flowers), Chief Executive Officer, Rwanda Flor, Kigali, Rwanda
- **Jean-marie Rumirije** (Burundi – Finance), President, Mutualités de Grands Lacs, Burundi

Projects:

- Presentation of two diaspora investment projects in Africa

Chairperson: **Dr. Iiyassou Danjouma**, General Secretary, African Axis

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 **Session 3: Enabling (diaspora) investment in Africa: role of multilateral institutions**

This session examines measures and instruments made available by national and international institutions to enable (diaspora) investments into the continent.

Topics

- Facilitating and guaranteeing investment into Africa / Instruments for investment promotion in Africa / Key programmes and initiatives / Q&A

Panel:

- **Thierry Tanoh**, Director Africa region, International Finance Corporation, Johannesburg, South Africa
- **Bram schim van der Loeff**, Communication & Information manager – ACP Investment Facility, European Investment Bank, Brussels, Belgium
- **Patrice Dufour**, Communication and External Relations officer, Centre for the Development of Enterprise, Brussels, Belgium
- **Dina Ionescu**, Research officer, International Organization for Migration, Geneva
- Member of african diaspora: **Jean Ndimubandi**, President, Competences without borders.

Chairperson: **H.E. Ambassador C. Umelo**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Kingdom of Belgium, to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and to the EU.

15.30 – 16.00 • Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30 **Session 4 : Meeting the challenges of fostering (diaspora) investments in Africa - Role of governments**

In this session, we explore the role that governments play (and should play) as well as examples of instruments made available in enabling (diaspora) investment into the continent /Q&A

Topics:

- Creating an enabling environment for attracting foreign direct investment / Making Africa's private sector attractive to (diaspora) investment / Public sector instruments for fostering (diaspora) investment / Learning from existing initiatives

Panel

- **Yves Dricot**, Adviser, Policy advisory unit (private sector), Directorate-General for Development Cooperation, Kingdom of Belgium
- **Marie MISSOULOUKAGNE**, Minister for the promotion of the private sector, social economy and the crafts industry, Republic of Gabon
- **Sunil Prasad**, Secretary General, Europe India Chamber of Commerce and President, Global organization of people of India origin (GOPIO), Belgium

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- **Nosimo BALINDLELA**, Premier of the Eastern Cape Region, south Africa
 - Member of African diaspora: **Oscar Kombila**, President, Raffia Synergies.

Chairperson: **Peter von Bethlenfalvy**, Regional Representative, International organization for migration (IOM), Brussels, Belgium

Day 2 – Friday, 30th June 2006

- 9.00 – 9.30 Registration
9.30 - 9.40 Opening remarks and introduction
- **H.E. Brian Bowler**, Ambassador of the Republic of Malawi to the Benelux and the European Union (to be confirmed)
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9.40 – 10.40 **Session 5: Financing investments in Africa through the private sector: microfinance, joint partnerships and equity investment.**

Topics:

- Microfinance – what impact on the development of Africa's private sector / The anatomy of a joint partnership between an African and European firm / How can Africa attract international private equity investment? / Venture capital – Financing Greenfield operations in Africa / Legal aspects/ Harnessing remittances for private sector development / Q&A

Panel:

- Loic de Canniere, Managing Director, Incofin - Impulse Microfinance Investment Fund, Belgium
- **Cécile Carlier Parnotte**, Industrial adviser, United Nations Organisation for Industrial Development, Paris, France
- **Paul Goosens**, Senior Investment officer, Belgian Investment Organisation (BIO), Brussels, Belgium
- Member of african diaspora: **Jules Tchuente**, Economic affaires, African Axis

Chairperson: **H.E. Ambassador Peter Katjivivi**, Ambassador of the Republic of Namibia to Belgium

10.40 – 11.10 Coffee break

11.10 – 12.30 **Session 6: Opportunities in Key sectors of the African economy**

This session provides key actors in the African private sectors to present opportunities for diaspora investment.

Topics:

- Investment prospects in Africa's ICT sector (telecommunication, outsourcing) / Connecting the diaspora through telecommunication / The tourism sector – a neglected investment growth area / Agro-allied – feeding the continent / Real estate prospects – enabling migration reversal

Panel:

- **M'Hamed Cherif**, Director, ACP Private sector enabling environment facility, Brussels, Belgium
- **Barbara Kasekende**, International and Corporate Marketing Manager, Akright Projects, Ltd, Uganda
- **Ze Belinga**, Consultant, International commerce, Paris, France
- **Désiré Nawezi**, Manager, SOS industrie (Brussels, Belgium) and African consulting and Construction polymers solutions, Kinshasa, Congo

Chairperson: **H.E. Ambassador Deo Rwabita**, Ambassador of the Republic of Uganda to Italy, Rome, Italy.

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30	<p>Session 7: Investment promotion into Africa – best practices</p> <p>This session will bring together representatives of investment promotion agencies of EU and African countries to share best practices. African countries that are represented will have the opportunity to provide a quick overview of their country's selling points and share best practices with each other.</p> <p><u>Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment promotion – best practice/ Engaging with the diaspora to “sell” Africa to the international business community/ <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stéphane ROMANS, Attaché, Agence Wallonne à l'Exportation, Brussels, Belgium • Rita Saeys, Director business development (SAM, CEE, AME), Flanders Investment and Trade, Brussels, Belgium • Frances B. Marshoff, Premier, Free State Province, South Africa • Daden Venkatasawmy, Chargé de mission, Board of Investment of Mauritius, Paris, France • Edward Ashong-Lartey, Deputy Director, Ghana Investment Promotion Center, Accra, Ghana • Other investment promotion agencies or commercial attachés of the diplomatic representations
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 16.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of final report including recommendations to the various institutional stakeholders: African Union, ACP, World Bank and Belgian government • Presentation of African Axis project designed to support African diaspora investment in the continent
16:30 – 17.00	Closing remarks
17:00 – 19:00	End of forum Reception
