

DAY ONE: MARCH 14, 2016

DAY TWO: MARCH 15, 2016

08:00-08:45 Registration

08:45-09:30

Opening Session

Claver Gatete, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Republic of Rwanda, will chair the opening session. Speakers will be **K.Y. Amoako**, President of the African Center for Economic Transformation, and **Carlos Lopes**, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

09:30-09:45

Convening Partners' Remarks

Welcoming remarks from our Convening Partners, **Reeta Roy**, President and CEO of The MasterCard Foundation and **Darren Walker**, President of the Ford Foundation.

09:45-11:15

Plenary I:

Creating National Transformation Strategies

The most important foundational element to successful transformation is devising a coherent medium and long-term strategy that is nationally owned and widely informed by all stakeholders. But how do countries go about creating these national strategies? Who should be involved? How is consensus gained and support built? This session will explore the best ways and processes for governments to produce a transformation plan that establishes a vision, sets priorities, and encourages engagement from the private sector and civil society.

Moderator:

- Lanre Akindola**, Editor, *African Business* magazine

Invited Panelists:

- Mona Quartey**, Deputy Minister of Finance, Republic of Ghana
- Neway Gebreab**, Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister and Executive Director, Ethiopian Development Research Institute
- Makhtar Diop**, Vice President for Africa, The World Bank
- Ibrahim Mayaki**, CEO, New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)
- Nkosana Moyo**, Founder and Executive Chair, Mandela Institute of Development Studies

11:15-11:45

Keynote Address

A special Guest of Honor will deliver the forum's keynote address.

12:00-13:30

Breakout 1:

Developing Youth Skills and Employment

Africa has the fastest rising youth population in the world, creating a workforce that is expected to be younger and larger than that of China or India by 2050. The implications of this trend for the labor market are enormously promising, if the skills match the jobs available; alarming if not. This session will explore different ways in which countries could invest in Africa's youth to develop skills, create productive jobs, and retain future generations of African talent.

Moderator:

- James Mwangi**, Executive Director, Dahlberg Group

Invited Panelists:

- Patrick Awuah**, Founder and President, Ashesi University
- Amini Kajunju**, President and CEO, Africa-American Institute
- Steve Cumming**, Manager of Learning, The MasterCard Foundation
- Solomon Assefa**, Director, IBM Research – Africa
- Kelvin Bologun**, President, Coca-Cola Central, East and West Africa

12:00-13:30

Breakout 2:

Promoting Financial Inclusion

Africa's small enterprises and farmers need the right financial tools to expand production, adopt innovations, embrace technology, and propel transformation. This session will focus on ways in which the public and private sectors can increase access to affordable financing and essential services such as savings, credit, and insurance for those who need it the most.

Moderator:

- Yvonne Okwara**, News Anchor/Producer, KTN

Invited Panelists:

- John Rwangombwa**, Governor Central Bank of Rwanda
- Amolo Ng'weno**, East Africa Regional Director, Bankable Frontiers Associates
- Henry Kerali**, Country Director for Ghana, Liberia and Sierra Leone, World Bank
- Louis Otieno**, Director, 4Afrika Initiative, Microsoft
- Mawuli Ababio**, Director and Partner, PCP Capital Partners

12:00-13:30

Breakout 3:

Facilitating Trade and Regional Integration

An integrated regional market that facilitates trade would open new windows of opportunity to African enterprises and spur them to boost production and hire workers not to mention attract more foreign direct investment. This session will offer lessons in how successful facilitation including reforming customs policies and procedures and other border roadblocks enables transformation. Also, it will identify strategies to hasten progress on current African initiatives.

Moderator:

- Eveline Herfkens**, former Minister of Development Cooperation, The Netherlands

Invited Panelists:

- Valentine Rugwabiza**, Minister of East African Community, Republic of Rwanda
- Richard Newfarmer**, Country Representative, International Growth Centre
- Richard Sezibera**, Secretary General, East African Community
- Witney Schneidman**, Nonresident Fellow, Africa Growth Initiative, Brookings Institute
- Matthew Rees**, Deputy Coordinator, Trade Africa, USAID

12:00-13:30

Breakout 4:

Transforming Agriculture

A more modern, efficient, and productive agricultural sector offers Africa its most immediate pathway to poverty reduction, and it also offers many countries their most immediate pathway to transformation. This session will focus on how to modernize African agriculture and, in the process, drive transformation by creating new platforms for expanded industrialization and new jobs along the value chain from farms to factories to logistics and more.

Moderator:

- Yaw Ansu**, Chief Economist, African Center for Economic Transformation

Invited Panelists:

- Dina Umali-Deiniger**, Practice Manager for East Africa, The World Bank
- Alemayehu Konde Koira**, Program Manager, Economic Opportunities for Youth/Agriculture, The MasterCard Foundation
- MD Ramesh**, President and Regional Head, South and East Africa, Olam
- Dede Amanor Wilks**, Development Specialist/Consultant, Economic Commission for Africa
- Kenneth Quartey**, Managing Director, Sydal Farms

13:30-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:00

Featured Address:

The AfDB and Africa's Transformation

As the continent's premier financial development institution, the African Development Bank occupies a unique place at the intersection of policy and practice, a unique place and implementation. AfDB President **Akinwumi Adesina** will deliver a featured address on the Bank's critical role in ensuring that African transformation initiatives secure the resources and support they need to be carried out successfully.

15:00-16:30

Plenary II:

Implementing National Transformation Strategies

Creating a national plan that flows from broader goals and objectives is just the beginning of a transformation process. The next step – how a country goes about allocating its resources – is of equal importance. This session will follow the format of Plenary I, with practitioners sharing strategies for implementation and explaining how institutional arrangements are determined and how key stakeholders come together such as through formal planning commissions and public-private sector alliances to budget, coordinate, and carry forward its national plan.

Moderator:

- Yvonne Okwara**, News Anchor/Producer, KTN

Invited Panelists:

- Francis Gatete**, CEO, Rwanda Development Board
- Emmanuel Nnadozie**, Executive Secretary, African Capacity Building Foundation
- Dirk Willem te Velde**, Head, International Economic Development Group, Overseas Development Institute
- Michael Chege**, former Policy Advisor, Treasury and National Economic and Social Council, the Republic of Kenya

16:30-16:45 Closing Remarks

17:00 Cocktail Reception

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Plenary III:

Mobilizing and Utilizing Resources for Transformation

As Africa's investment needs and opportunities have evolved in recent decades, so have its primary sources of development financing. ODA is declining, and while new partners like China and Brazil have emerged, philanthropies and global foundations are playing a greater role than ever in addressing issues at the core of inclusive growth and poverty reduction. Moreover, as espoused in the AU Agenda 2063 there is a greater recognition that domestic resource mobilization be the principle means for financing Africa's economic transformation. This session will explore innovative ways to prioritize and mobilize domestic resources for transformation, as well as the most effective ways to channel both domestic and external resources to ensure maximum impact.

Moderator:

- Lanre Akinola**, Editor, *African Business* magazine

Invited Panelists:

- Antoinette Sayeh**, Director, Africa Department, International Monetary Fund
- Jean-Louis Sarbib**, CEO, Development Gateway
- Ed Brown**, Director, Advisory Services, African Center for Economic Transformation
- Haddis Tadesse**, Deputy Director, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-12:15

Breakout 5:

Seizing New Opportunities in Manufacturing

Can Africa become the world's next great manufacturing hub? With abundant labor, available resources, and attractive investment climates, the opportunity is there. Yet in 2010, the region's average share of manufacturing value added in GDP an indicator of diversity in production was less than 10%, much lower than the 25% seen in earlier transformers. This session will examine the prospects, constraints, and realistic opportunities in manufacturing for African countries as they attempt to follow in the footsteps of Asia and other success stories.

Moderator:

- Tony Oteng-Gyasi**, former President of the Association of Ghana Industries, and Managing Director and Chairman of Tropical Cable and Conductor Ltd

Invited Panelists:

- François Kanimba**, Minister of Trade and Industry, Republic of Rwanda; former Governor of the Central Bank of Rwanda
- Phyllis Wakiaga**, CEO, Kenya Association of Manufacturers
- Yaw Ansu**, Chief Economist, African Center for Economic Transformation

10:45-12:15

Breakout 6:

Managing Extractives for Transformation

Africa's abundant mineral, oil, and gas resources can boost GDP, but how do they support sustainable development and drive economic transformation? By creating stronger linkages across a country's broader economy such as stimulating growth in local employment, industrial development, and entrepreneurship. This session will explore the best policies and practices to develop local content and value addition so that extractive resources are maximized.

Moderator:

- Ibrahima Cheikh Diang**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Africa Consulting and Trading

Invited Panelists:

- Evode Imena**, Minister of State for Mining, Republic of Rwanda
- Kojo Busia**, Senior Mineral Sector Governance Advisor, Economic Commission for Africa
- Sheila Khama**, Director, Africa Natural Resources Center at African Development Bank
- Joe Amoako-Tuffour**, Director of Research, African Center for Economic Transformation
- Tutu Agiyare**, Non-Executive Director, Board of Directors, Tullow Oil

10:45-12:15

Breakout 7:

Managing and Financing Energy Infrastructure

Infrastructure remains a major constraint to transformation, and perhaps no constraint is more pronounced than electricity – the demand for power is set to rise fivefold by 2040. Priority regional projects identified by the Program for Infrastructure Development in Africa would substantially boost power access, but what will it take to finance and manage such large-scale investments? This session will explore how public-private partnerships hold the key to advancing Africa's power infrastructure needs at both the national and regional levels.

Moderator:

- David Ofosu-Dorte**, Senior Partner, AB & David

Invited Panelists:

- James Musoni**, Minister of Infrastructure, Republic of Rwanda
- Kwabena Donkor**, former Minister for Power, Republic of Ghana
- T.J. Zhai**, CITIC Construction
- Mark Carrato**, Chief, Office of Economic Growth and Power Africa, Kenya Team Leader

12:15-13:15 Lunch

13:15-13:45

Featured Address:

DfID and Africa's Transformation

The United Kingdom is one of the continent's longest-standing development partners, and as such, DfID Director General for Economic Development **David Kennedy** will share the UK's commitment and vision for economic transformation in Africa, initiatives the UK believes could propel transformation, and the role of governments, private sector firms and individuals, foreign investors, civil society and development partners.

13:45-15:00

Plenary IV:

Young Entrepreneurs: Key Drivers of Transformation

One of the most promising developments of the past decade is the increased attention and support through foundations, investors, and media exposure given to Africa's rising crop of young entrepreneurs, the lifeblood of the continent's future. That's because transformation requires that the private sector learn and master new technologies, break down barriers, and take bold but informed risks. In this session, **Ibrahima Cheikh Diang** will dialogue with a panel of young African entrepreneurs who will share their innovations, ideas, and aspirations for growing African enterprises while supporting transformation goals.

15:15-16:45

Closing Session:

A Coalition for Transformation

National transformation strategies and policies should be specific to country circumstances including resource endowments and capabilities. But it is also true that most African countries face similar challenges in framing and implementing their transformation strategies for inclusive growth and towards meeting the Sustainable Development Goals. In this circumstance, peer-to-peer learning and knowledge sharing around what works and doesn't work is critical.

In of this closing session, we will introduce the Coalition for Transformation in Africa – a new leadership network organized in chapters, each focused on a specific issue covered during the previous forum sessions. Comprised of like-minded country representatives and other stakeholders with relevant experience and knowledge, these chapters will take the lead in promoting policy and institutional reforms to drive transformation. Chapters will report back at subsequent African Transformation Forums, sharing their progress and ensuring that the ATF becomes the premiere results-oriented event at the continental level in pursuit of transformation.

Reports from some of the breakouts will be shared followed by a panel discussion on the Coalition, moderated by **Yvonne Okwara**.

Co-Chairs:

- Claver Gatete**, Minister of Finance and Development Planning, Republic of Rwanda, **K.Y. Amoako**, President, African Center for Economic Transformation

- Selected breakout session reports
- Panel discussion on the Coalition for Transformation in Africa

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