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Leveraging Partnerships for Economic diversification and Jobs Creation in African Economies

September 10-12, 2019, at Centre International de Conférence de Kintélé, Brazzaville, Congo

AGENDA

DAY 1 – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

09.00 – 12:00

OPENING SESSION

Introduction:

Bienvenu Boudimbu, *Presidential Adviser, Official Master of Ceremonies, Republic of Congo*

Welcoming Remarks:

Ms. Ingrid Olga Ghislaine Ebouka Babakas, *Minister of Planning, Statistics and Regional Integration, Republic of Congo and World Bank Group Governor for Congo*

Honorary speakers:

Mr. Jean Jacques Bouya, *Minister of Spatial Planning and Major Projects, Congo*

Mr. Xu Hongcai, *Vice Minister, Ministry of Finance, China*

Mr. Liu Jin, *Executive Vice President, China Development Bank*

Mr. Sergio Pimenta, *World Bank Group, IFC Regional Vice President for Middle East and Africa*

VIDEO PROJECTION: AFRICA OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Speeches by High Personalities and Heads of States

H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission

H.E. Félix Tshisékédi, President, Democratic Republic of Congo

H.E. Joao Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President, Angola

H.E. Faustin Archange Touadéra, President, Central African Republic

H.E. Paul Kagame, President, Rwanda

H.E. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President, Equatorial Guinea

Opening Speech by H.E. Denis Sassou Nguesso, President, Republic Congo

**VIDEO PROJECTION: SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES,
REPUBLIQUE DU CONGO**

12:00 – 12:30

Signing ceremony

12:30 – 13:00

GROUP PICTURE (Heads of States and Designated Officials)

13:00 – 14:30

High Level Roundtable “The Future of Work in an Integrated and Digitized Africa”

Background: The future of work in Sub-Saharan Africa will look different from the rest of the world. The potential of digital technology, if harnessed effectively, will transform the nature of work for all Africans. This panel will discuss the choices and investments that need to be made by policy makers and private sector partners to pave the way for the next generation of African workers, entrepreneurs, and innovators to thrive.

Moderator:

Mr. Albert Zeufack, Chief Economist, Africa Region, World Bank

Speakers:

Mr. Jean Jacques Bouya, Minister of Spatial Planning and Major Projects, Congo

Mr Sergio Pimenta, World Bank Group, IFC Regional Vice President for Middle East and Africa

Mr. Zhou Yuxiao, Ambassador of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China

Mr. Alex Segura, Mission Chief for Congo, International Monetary Fund

Mr. Abebe Hailey-Gabriel, Assistant Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO

Mr. Lassané Kabore, Minister of Economy, Finance and Development, Burkina Faso

Ms. Rima Le Coguic, Director Africa, Agence Française de Développement (AFD), France

Ms. Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, UNECA

Ms. Recheal Blankson, Blog4Dev 2019, Ghana

14:30 – 15:30

Working Lunch: Supporting Investments in Africa: Perspectives from IFC

Chair:

Mr. Sergio Pimenta, World Bank Group, IFC Regional Vice President for Middle East and Africa

Moderator:

Mr. Aliou Maiga, Director for West and Central Africa, International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Speakers:

Mr. Ibrahima Abe Diallo, Head of “Bourse de Sous-Traitance et de Partenariats” - BSTP, Guinea

Mr. Tony Chan, SUNDA

Mr. John Irungu Ngahu, Operations Officer, International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Ms. Mehita Fanny Sylla, Country Manager, Representative - Pays Central Africa Sud Region, International Finance Corporation (IFC)

15:30 – 17:00

Session I: Human Capital Development

Background: Sub-Saharan Africa lags in most indicators of human capital, and estimates show that the continent is operating at only 40 percent of its potential despite recent progress on health and education indicators. At the same time, a notable skills gap hinders countries' competitiveness in the global economy. This session will focus on where to invest, not only to bridge the gap in basic services, but also to help people become innovators, entrepreneurs, leaders and empowered citizens, no matter their income level. It will examine the scope for knowledge exchange and collaboration between African countries, China, and the rest of the world on key institutional, regulatory, and technological reforms.

Moderator:

***Mr. Steven Shalita**, Manager, Africa External Relations (ECR), World Bank*

Panelists:

***Mr. Amit Dar**, Regional Director, Human Development Global Practice Group, World Bank*

***Mr. Antoine Nicéphore Thomas Fylla de Saint-Eudes**, Minister of Technical and Professional Education, Skills Training and Employment, Republic of Congo*

***Margaret Malu**, Deputy Regional Director for Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean States Region for the United Nations World Food Program (WFP)*

***Mr. Xu Xiaodong**, Vice President, China International Intellectual Corporation Ltd, Co., China*

***Mr. Randall Riopelle**, Senior Manager for China, Korea and Mongolia, International Finance Corporation (IFC)*

***Mr. Philipp Krause**, Senior Advisor, the Bill Melinda Gates Foundation, BMGF, United of States*

***Mr. Patrick Kabisi**, Chief Executive Officer, United Bank for Africa, Democratic Republic of Congo*

***Dr. Cristabel Ngwashi** (Blog4Dev 2019, Cameroon)*

***Mr. Abubakar Suleiman**, Chief Executive Officer, Sterling Bank Plc., Nigeria*

17:00 – 18:30

Session II: Digital Revolution, Innovations and the New Service Economy

Background: Digital technologies can unlock new pathways for economic growth, innovation, participation, job creation and access to services in Africa. New technologies can help Africa tap directly into the US\$11.5 trillion global digital economy. This session will examine ways to build the foundations of a thriving digital economy—including digital infrastructure and platforms, digital financial services, and an environment that is supportive of digital entrepreneurship—and to mitigate risks including cybersecurity, data privacy and protection and market concentration.

Moderator:

Mr. Steven Shalita, Manager, Africa External Relations (ECR), World Bank

Panelists:

Mr. Yves Castanou, General Manager of the Regulatory Agency for Posts and Electronic Communications, Republic of Congo

Mr. Michel Rogy, Practice Manager, Digital Development, Infrastructure Practice Group, World Bank

Mr. Karim Sy, President of Digital Africa Initiative

Mr. Verone Mankou, Founder, Vox Medias Congo, Republic of Congo

Mr. Zhang Jianyu, General Manager, BSCA Bank, China

Mr. Abasi Ene-Obong, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of 54Genes, BioBanking, Nigeria

Mr. Karim Koundi, Partner at the International Audit & Consulting Firm Deloitte, France

Mr. Amour-Freddy Bilombo, Blog4Dev 2019, Republic of Congo

19:00 – 21:30

Welcome Dinner, hosted by the Government of the Republic of Congo

DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

09:00 – 09:30:

Introduction:

Mr. Bienvenu Boudimbu, Presidential Adviser, Official Master of Ceremonies, Republic of Congo

Honorary Speaker:

H.E. Macky Sall, President, Republic of Senegal

09:30 – 11:00:

Session III: Public and Private Partnerships and Investment Climate

Background: Infrastructure is an indispensable foundation for growth and connectivity. Africa's infrastructure gaps are large and financing gap is estimated at \$US 68-108 billion per annum, even though the continent has abundant sources of renewable energy, including solar and hydro. Public-private partnerships are therefore essential for financing the provision of these public goods. This session will examine the opportunities for PPPs in building Africa's infrastructure as well as the efficient delivery of public services. The session will also highlight examples of African countries which have created a conducive environment for private investment by undertaking a range of business-friendly reforms that are necessary for a successful Public Private Partnership.

Moderator:

Ms. Elizabeth Tchoungui, Journalist, Producer, TV Host and Writer

Panelists:

Mr. Amadou Hott, Minister of Economy, Planning and Cooperation, Senegal

Ms. Soraya Hakuziyaremye, Minister of Trade and Industry, Rwanda

Mr. Zhang Zhiqing, Deputy Director-General, Foreign Capital Utilization Department, National Development and Reform Commission, China

Ms. Yang Baohua, Chairwoman, China Africa Development Fund, CAD-Fund, China

Mr. Kay Parplies, Head of Unit – Investment and Innovative Financing, Directorate-General International Cooperation & Development, European Commission

Mr. Alain Ebobissé, Chief Executive Officer, Africa50

Mr. Stefan Rajaonarivo, Senior Investment Officer, International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Mr. Wenhe Zhang, Senior Underwriter, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)

Mr. Jeremy Riro, Blog4Dev 2016, Kenya

Mr. Maleye Diop, Resident Representative for the Republic of Congo, United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

11:00 – 11:15

Coffee & Tea Break

11:15 – 12:45

Session IV: Industrialization and Global Value Chains

Background: Industrialization is necessary for Africa's transformation, and yet since 2008, the share of manufacturing in the GDP of Sub-Saharan African economies has stagnated around 10%, and more than 80% of employment is created in low-productivity sectors. At the same time, despite vast agricultural potential, Africa has remained a net importer of agricultural products, with an annual food import bill of around US\$40 billion. The session will explore ways to tap into China and other countries' experience and mobilize private investments to establish a competitive and climate-resilient agriculture sector. It will also discuss new industrialization strategies that take stock of past mistakes in the continent and successful stories in Eastern and South Asia, while addressing new opportunities and challenges brought about by the Fourth Industrial Revolution and today's global economic environment.

Moderator:

Ms. Elizabeth Tchoungui, Journalist, Producer, TV Host and Writer

Panelists:

M. Gilbert Ondongo, Minister of State, Minister of Economy, Industry and Public Portfolio, Republic of Congo

Aliou Maiga, Director for West and Central Africa, International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Mr. Diego Arias, Lead Agriculture Economist, World Bank

Mr. Liu Yong, Chief Economist, China Development Bank (CDB), China

Ms. Li Zhiping, Deputy Director-General, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Economy, China

Ms. Donata Garrasi, Director of Political Affairs in the Office of the Special Envoy of the Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary General for the Great Lakes region, UN

Mr. Musopa Kalenga, Blog4Dev 2019, Zambia

Mr. Cheng Fubo, Vice President, Commercial Aircraft Corporation Ltd., China

Mr. Dejene Tezera, Director of Agribusiness Development Department,

12:45 – 14:15

Lunch

14:15 – 16:00

Session V: Climate Smart Energy Solutions

Background: A prerequisite for powering productive economies and creating jobs in African countries is access to modern and sustainable energy services. Given the continent's growing population and demand for energy, it will take innovative solutions and partnership to provide affordable, quality energy to fuel the economy, create jobs and mitigate the impacts of climate change. The session will explore China and other countries' experience with climate-smart energy policies and opportunities for the World Bank to leverage institutional and private investors in transforming Africa's energy sector.

Moderator:

Mr. Steven Shalita, Manager, Africa External Relations (ECR), World Bank

Panelists:

Mr. Bruno Jean Richard Itoua, Minister of Higher Education, Republic of Congo

Mr. Racine Kane, Deputy Director General for Central Africa, African Development Bank (AfDB)

Mr. Ian Crosby, Principal Investment Officer, International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Mr. Christian De Gromard, Senior Expert, Department « Energy and Digital Transition, Agence Française de Développement (AFD), France

Mr. Long Jisheng, Chairman, SUS Environment, China

Ms. Martha Wakoli, Blog4Dev, Kenya

Mr. Sidy Diop, Directeur, Deloitte Economic Advisory, France

Mr. Michael Konadu, Commercial Growth Director, GE Power Africa, GE Power Africa, United States

Mr. Issa Diaw, Program Leader, Infrastructure, World Bank Group

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee & Tea Break

16:30 – 17:30

Closing Session

Chair:

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Mr. Sergio Pimenta, World Bank Group, IFC Regional Vice President for Middle East and Africa

Mr. Jean Claude Tchatchouang, Executive Director, Africa Group II, World Bank

Mr. Jean Jacques Bouya, Minister of Spatial Planning and Major Projects, Congo

17:30 – 18:00

Press Conference

Moderator:

Sylvain Elenga, Journalist

Speakers:

Mr. Jean Jacques Bouya, Minister of Spatial Planning and Major Projects, Congo

Mr. Jean Christophe Carret, Country Director for Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo and Central African Republic, World Bank

Mr. Liu Yong, Chief Economist, China Development Bank, China

18:00 – 20:00

Closing Dinner, hosted by China Development Bank

Moderator:

Ms. Yang Baohua, Chairman, CAD Fund

Speaker:

Mr. Ma Fulin, Chinese Ambassador to the Republic of Congo

Mr. Liu Jin, Executive Vice President, China Development Bank

Mr. Wu Guohua, Deputy Director General, China Development Bank

Mr. Zhou Chao, Vice President, CAD Fund

DAY 3 – September 12, 2019

09:00 – 13:00 ***Field visits*** (three itineraries proposed by the Government of Congo)

Maloukou Special Economic Zone

Université Sassou Nguesso

Les cataractes (Site touristique)