

Schedule at dGORD

DAY 1 – NOVEMBER 3RD Monday

9:00 – 9:30 AM	WELCOME REMARKS Roberto Lagalla, Mayor of the city of Palermo Renato Schifani, Governor, Sicily Region
9:30 – 10:00 AM	OPENING REMARKS Giancarlo Giorgetti, Italian Minister of Economy and Finance (video message) Luigi Federico Signorini, Senior Deputy Governor, Bank of Italy
10:00 – 10:45 AM	CONFERENCE KEYNOTE ADDRESS <i>Growth and Opportunity for Africa</i> Florizelle Liser, President and CEO, Corporate Council for Africa
10:45 – 11:15 AM	COFFEE BREAK
11:15 AM – 12:45 PM	HIGH LEVEL PANEL <i>Jobs and Growth for Africa’s Next Generation</i> MODERATOR: Lukwesa Burak, International News Anchor, BBC News PANELISTS: - Olayemi Cardoso, Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria - Indermit Gill, Chief Economist of the World Bank Group and Senior Vice President for Economic Development, World Bank Group - Florizelle Liser, President and CEO, Corporate Council for Africa - Lorenzo Ortona, Deputy National Coordinator, Mattei Plan
12:45 PM – 2:00 PM	LUNCH

2:00 PM –
2:45 PM

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Jobs Creation in Ghana

Jane Naana Opoku-Agyemang, Vice President of Ghana

INTRODUCTION BY:

Riccardo Barbieri Hermitte, Director General Treasury,
Ministry of Economy and Finance

2:45 PM –
3:30 PM

FIRESIDE CHAT - ENERGY

Investing in Energy

MODERATOR:

Karim El Aynaoui, Executive President, Policy Center
for the New South

PANELISTS:

- Roberta Gatti, Chief Economist for MENAAP, World Bank Group
- Zainab Usman, Author Economist

3:30 –
4:00 PM

COFFEE BREAK

4:00 PM –
5:15 PM

ROUND TABLE

MEF Dialogues: Partnerships for a Resilient and Interconnected Africa

INTRODUCTION BY:

Stefania Lenoci, Special Representative to Southern Europe, the Vatican and the UN Rome-based Agencies, World Bank Group

1st Part: RISE – Resilient and inclusive supply chain enhancement for the green energy transition

PANELISTS:

- Crusivia Hichikumba, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry Permanent Secretary for Investment and Industrialization, Zambia
- Demetrios Papathanasiou, Global Director for the World Bank's Energy and Extractives Global Department, World Bank Group
- Walter Peviani, Director Commercial Management - Africa, RINA Consulting LTD
- Francesca Utili, Director General - Africa and Special Projects for International Financial Cooperation, Department of the Treasury, Ministry of Economy and Finance

2nd Part: A Road Map to connect Africa to Europe for clean energy production

PANELISTS:

- **Belhassen Chiboub**, Director General of Electricity and Energy Transition at the Ministry of Industry, Energy, and Mines of Tunisia
- **Riccardo De Zan**, Head Project Management Center of Expertise, Terna LTD
- **Anita Guelfi**, Head of the Technical Secretariat of the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance
- **Demetrios Papathanasiou**, Global Director for the World Bank's Energy and Extractives Global Department, World Bank Group

**5:15 PM –
6:15 PM**

TED-STYLE PRESENTATIONS

Innovation and Technology to Power Africa

MODERATOR:

Martin Raiser, Senior Representative for European Economic Cooperation, World Bank Group

PANELISTS:

- **Iyinoluwa Aboyeji**, Founder, Future Africa
- **Munir Duri**, Founder and CEO, Kifiya fintech
- **Rose Goslinga**, President & co-Founder Pula Advisors
- **Iacopo Meghini**, CEO, Metalmont LTD
- **Andrea Pestarino**, Strategic Development Financial Institutions Director, RINA Consulting LTD
- **Salma Seetaroo**, Co-Founder & CEO, Cashew Coast

**7:00 PM –
10:00 PM**

DINNER

RESTAURANT “VILLA AIROLDI”

DAY 2 – NOVEMBER 4TH

Tuesday

9:00 – 9:15 AM	WELCOME REMARKS Gaetano Galvagno, President of the Sicilian Regional Assembly OPENING REMARKS Guangzhe Chen, Vice President of Infrastructure, World Bank Group
9:15 – 10:00 AM	KEYNOTE - ENERGY Meeting Africa’s Energy Needs Jakkie Cilliers, Chairman of the Insitute for Security Studies board of Trustees and Head of the African Futures and Innovation Program
10:00 – 10:30 AM	COFFEE BREAK
10:30 AM- 12:00 PM	PANEL 1 - ENERGY The Energy Mission MODERATOR: Maura Francese, Deputy Head of Structural Economic Analysis Directorate, Bank of Italy PANELISTS: - Benjamin Boakye, Director, Africa Center for Energy Policy - Giulio Boccaletti, Scientific Director, Euro-Mediterranean Center for Climate Change (CMCC) - Simone Borghesi, Director of the Florence School of Regulation and professor at European University Institute - Roberta Gatti, Chief Economist for MENAAP, World Bank Group
12:00 - 1:30 PM	PANEL 2 - ENERGY Agenda 2063 and the Mattei Plan MODERATOR: Demetrios Papathanasiou, Global Director for the World Bank’s Energy and Extractives Global Department, World Bank Group PANELISTS: - Andrew Dabalen, Chief Economist for Africa, World Bank Group - Riccardo De Zan, Head Project Management Center of Expertise, Terna LTD - Pamla Gopaul, Head of the Africa Policy Bridge Tank, Economic Analyst and Foresight Unit, AUDA-NEPAD

**1:30 -
3:00 PM**

LUNCH

**3:00 -
4:00 PM**

MATTEI LECTURE

Trade and Investments

Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General, World Trade Organization (WTO)

INTRODUCTION BY:

Luigi Federico Signorini, Senior Deputy Governor, Bank of Italy

**4:00 -
5:00 PM**

PARALLEL SESSION

AgriConnect: Driving Jobs and Incomes in Africa through Strategic Partnerships

MODERATOR:

Ivan Ivanov, Senior Operations Officer, International Finance Corporation

PANELISTS:

- **Natasha Hayward**, Global Lead for Food and Nutrition Security in the Agriculture and Food Global Practice, World Bank Group
- **Anup Jagwani**, Senior Manager, International Finance Corporation
- **Paolo Lombardo**, Director, International Cooperation and Development Finance, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti
- **Daniel Njiwa**, Head of Regional Food Trade & Resilience under Policy & State Capability Division, AGRA
- **Salma Seetaroo**, Co-Founder & CEO, Cashew Coast

**4:00 -
5:00 PM**

PARALLEL SESSION

The Future of Economic Research for Policy

MODERATOR:

Abbi M. Kedir, Director of Research, Africa Economic Research Consortium

PANELISTS:

- **Saidou Abdoulaye Sy**, Postdoctoral Scholar, Climate Policy Lab at the Fletcher School, Tufts University
- **Bezawit Bahru**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Hohenheim

**4:00 -
5:00 PM**

PARALLEL SESSION CONTINUED

PANELISTS:

- **Alpha Ly**, Assistant Professor at École Nationale de la Statistique et de l'analyse de l'information (ENSAI) and the Center for Research in Economics and Statistics (CREST)
- **Mai Mahmoud**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, J-PAL Middle East and North Africa
- **Michel Armel Ndayikeza**, Assistant Professor, University of Burundi

**7:30 -
10:00 PM**

DINNER RESTAURANT "ALLE TERRAZZE DI MONDELLO"

DAY 3 – NOVEMBER 5TH

Wednesday

9:00 – 9:15 AM	WELCOME TO DAY 3 Lukwesa Burak, International News Anchor, BBC News
9:15 – 10:15 AM	KEYNOTE - AGRICULTURE <i>Agribusiness for Jobs</i> Agnes Kalibata, Founder and Chair, C4Impact Advisory Group INTRODUCTION BY: Markus Goldstein, Vice President and Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development
10:15 – 10:45 AM	COFFEE BREAK
10:45 – 12:15 PM	PANEL 1 - AGRICULTURE <i>Agriculture-Led Development</i> MODERATOR: Jane Mariara, Executive Director, Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) PANELISTS: - Carola Alvarez, Managing Director, Office of Development Effectiveness, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) - Chris Barrett, Stephen B. and Janice G. Ashley Professor of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University - Brahma Sangafoa Coulibaly, Vice President and Director of Global Economy and Development, Brookings Institution - Mohamed Manssouri, Investment Centre Director, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
12:15 – 1:30 PM	LUNCH
1:30 – 2:45 PM	PANEL 2 - AGRICULTURE <i>Agribusinesses to Accelerate Growth</i> MODERATOR: Emmanuel Owusu-Sekyere, Director Research, Policy and Programs, African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET)

**2:45 -
3:15 PM**

PANEL 2 - CONTINUED

PANELISTS:

- **Saweda Liverpool-Tasie**, Professor, Michigan State University
- **Yaw Nyarko**, Professor of Economics at New York University and Director of the Africa House and the Development Research Institute
- **Robert Darko Osei**, Professor of Development Economics, University of Ghana
- **Johan Swinnen**, Director General, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

**2:45 -
3:15 PM**

COFFEE BREAK

**3:15 -
4:45 PM**

HIGH LEVEL PANEL

Private Sector Development for Growth and Opportunity

MODERATOR:

Lukwesa Burak, International News Anchor, BBC News

FRAMING OF THE SESSION:

Ethiopis Tafara, Vice President for Africa, International Finance Corporation

PANELISTS:

- **Ann Bernstein**, Executive Director, Center for Development and Enterprise, South Africa
- **Rose Goslinga**, President & Co-Founder, Pula Advisors
- **Raffaello Matarazzo**, Head, International Public Affairs Africa, Middle East & Asia-Pacific, ENI
- **Andrea Montanino**, Chief Economist and Director for Sectoral Strategies and Impact Assessment, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti
- **Ethiopis Tafara**, Vice President for Africa, International Finance Corporation

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5:45 PM**

FINAL PANEL

Research in Action

PRESENTATION BY:

Renos Vakis, Program Manager, World Bank Group Institute for Economic Development

MODERATOR:

Lukwesa Burak, International News Anchor, BBC News

PRESENTERS:

- **Andrea Brandolini**, Director General for Economics, Statistics and Research, Bank of Italy
- **Gero Carletto**, Senior Manager, Development Economics, World Bank Group
- **Karim El Aynaoui**, Executive President, Policy Center for the New South
- **Bartholomew Kingsly Armah**, Senior Economist, AUDA-NEPAD
- **Emmanuel Owusu-Sekyere**, Director of Research, Policies, and Programs, African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET)

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6:00 PM**

CLOSING REMARKS

Indermit Gill, Chief Economist of the World Bank Group and Senior Vice President for Economic Development, World Bank Group

**7:00 –
10:30 PM**

SOCIAL EVENT AND CLOSING DINNER

PALAZZO FRANCAVILLA (DINNER AND MUSIC)