

9th African Union Private Sector Forum and the NEPAD African Leaders in Dialogue dinner

Accelerating Africa's Industrialization through Digitization and Youth Technopreneurship



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9th African Union Private Sector Forum

Accelerating Africa's Industrialization through Digitization and Youth Technopreneurship

Background

We are at a nexus period where the global scale of the Internet, the ubiquity of mobile devices, the ever-declining cost of cloud services, an increasingly networked physical world and artificial intelligence are interconnecting people, processes and things, turning data into knowledge and knowledge into actions revolutionizing all spheres of human activity, society, politics, culture and the economy.

Coming late to industrialization, Africa and its young entrepreneurs have opportunity to be the prime beneficiaries of these digital technologies by creating a development model based on a profound understanding of their transformative potential and astounding progress. Africa will not only benefit from orders of magnitude of gain in safety, efficiency and productivity in sectors such as infrastructure, energy, manufacturing, agriculture, transports and logistics, but will also leapfrog directly into decentralized, personalized and digital health, education and government services.

For African citizens, the true promise of connectivity and digitization is the eradication of poverty, equal opportunities for all, enhanced quality of life and opportunities for entrepreneurship. People in historically disadvantaged communities can educate themselves, learn the skills they need to succeed, have access to finance and ever better healthcare.

Strengthening the African digital and technological ecosystems is paramount as they are the foundations for 21st century's knowledge economy and are key enablers of sustainable innovations and new employment opportunities. This will require creating frameworks for supporting multi-sectoral partnerships, intergovernmental and public-private sector collaborations to connect and digitize all aspects of the African economy.

The recent partnership between the African Union (AU) and NEPAD Business Foundation (NBF) has a vision to spearhead a vibrant, private sector driven and entrepreneurship led economy that stays on top of technology trends and that leverages the current African demographic dividend. To materialize this

partnership, the AU and NBF are jointly organizing the 9th African Union Private Sector Forum (PSF) event and the annual NEPAD African Leaders in Dialogue (ALD) dinner, in collaboration with Andalem and supported by the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

About the Private Sector Forum

The African Union Private Sector Forum is an annual public-private engagement platform developed by the AU as an effort to foster stronger public-private collaboration in building a better Africa for all. This forum enables government and private sector to deliberate on a wide range of topics and aligns the efforts of key role players to regional and continental socio-economic development strategies.

The 9th African Union Private Sector Forum is a three day event with multiple plenary; parallel and young technopreneurs' startup pitch sessions. B2B, B2G and G2G interaction stands will be available throughout the event, where companies can demonstrate their technologies and explore partnerships with other companies and governments.

On the evening of the first day, the NBF and the NEPAD Agency with the support of ABSA/Barclays Africa Group will host the annual NEPAD African Leaders in Dialogue dinner. The annual NEPAD ALD dinner is a high profile gala dinner which hosts African and G20 Ambassadors as well as senior level Government Officials and Captains of Industry. The dinner provides a platform for private sector delegates to host attending Ambassadors and senior level Government Officials at designated tables.

The 9th African Union Private Sector Forum will feature plenary and parallel panel discussion on wide variety of topics deliberated by a pan-African roster of industry experts and high level speakers.

Parallel sessions will host domain specific presentations and panel discussions which will dive deep into the use of digital technologies in the sectors of focus. They will also highlight the necessary strategic partnerships and enabling environment to successfully implement digitization and incentivize techpreneurship in Africa's key chosen sectors.

The 9th African Union Private Sector Forum will take place at the CSIR Convention Centre on Meiring Naude Road in Pretoria, South Africa.

The forum will run from Monday, 13 November to Wednesday, 15 November 2017, and the annual NEPAD African Leaders in Dialogue dinner will be hosted on the evening of Monday, 13 November 2017.

The main theme for both the forum and the annual NEPAD ALD dinner is: ***'Accelerating Africa's Industrialization through Digitization & Youth Techpreneurship'***



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Event Programme Overview

DAY 1: Monday, 13 November 2017

OFFICIAL OPENING: Accelerating Africa's Industrialization through Digitization & Youth Technopreneurship

PLENARY SESSION 1: Industry 4.0 - Transforming Digital Disruptions into Opportunities

PLENARY SESSION 2: Robotics & Artificial Intelligence in the African Context

FIRST TECHNOPRENEURSHIP PITCH SESSION:

Technopreneurs pitch their start-ups to Investors and Financiers

Connectivity - Connecting Africa's Entrepreneurs and Industries (First Pitching Session)

PLENARY SESSION 4: Building Africa's capacity in Science and Technology for Industrialization 4.0 and Technopreneurship

PANEL DISCUSSION 5: The Central Role of Private-Public Partnerships

NEPAD AFRICAN LEADERS IN DIALOGUE DINNER

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DAY 2: Tuesday, 14 November 2017

OPENING SESSION: Recap of Day 1 of the 9th AU Private Sector Forum

PLENARY SESSION 1: Pan African Investment Code (PAIC)

PLENARY SESSION 2: African Inclusive Markets Excellence Center (AIMEC)

MORNING PARALLEL SESSIONS:

SESSION 1: The Critical Role of Publicly-funded African Research and Technology Organisations

SESSION 2: Smart & Sustainable Energy

SESSION 3: Gendered Innovation and its impact on STISA 2024 and Africa's Industrialisation

SESSION 4: Digital Manufacturing

AFTERNOON PARALLEL SESSIONS:

SESSION 5: Smart Cities - Smart Infrastructure, Smart Transport & Logistics

SESSION 6: Digital Finance

SESSION 7: Digital Agriculture

SESSION 8: Digital Healthcare

DAY 3: Wednesday, 15 November 2017

SECOND TECHNOPRENEURSHIP PITCH SESSION:

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Connectivity - Connecting Africa's Entrepreneurs and Industries (Second Pitching Session)

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OFFICIAL OPENING - (Venue: Main Auditorium)

Accelerating Africa's Industrialization through Digitization & Youth Technopreneurship

Opening Remarks and Setting the scene with Introductions thanking of the host country organizers and main sponsors of the Event

09h00-09h10

Programme Director

- Lynette Chen – Chief Executive Officer, NEPAD Business Foundation (NBF)

09h10-09h30

Welcoming Remarks

Host government welcomes the African Union to South Africa

- Dr. Phil Mjwara – Director General, Department of Science & Technology South Africa (DST)

09h30-10h00

Opening Remarks

Official opening of the 9th African Union Private Sector Forum

- H.E. Harison Victor – Commissioner, Department Economic Affairs African Union Commission (AUC)

10h00-10h15

Setting the scene

Industry 4.0, Africa's Youth and Future Opportunities

- Lynette Chen – Chief Executive Officer, NBF

PLENARY SESSION 1 - (Venue: Main Auditorium)

Industry 4.0: Transforming Digital Disruptions into Opportunities

Synopsis:

Is there tangible proof of Africa's digitization within the context of the Industry 4.0?

This session will provide an overview on the nature and progress of digital technologies in Africa. It will explore how these new technologies that are affecting every aspect of our lives and our economies. Speakers will highlight Africa's challenges with regards to digitization and industrialization, as well as outline the central role of Private-Public-Partnerships in creating a conducive environment for capacity building in science and technology.

Panellists will deliberate on which elements of Industry 4.0 are practical in Africa and how advancements in global technologies can be used to leapfrog continental socio-economic development.



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10h15-11h30	<p>DAY 1: Monday, 13 November 2017</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Valter Adao – Chief Digital and Innovation Officer, Deloitte Africa <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Harison Victor – Commissioner, Department Economic Affairs, AUC• Dr. Amany Asfour – President, COMESA Business Council• Siyabonga Madyibi – Executive Director, Legal and Corporate Affairs, Microsoft• Tom Wells – Chief Innovation Officer, Synthesis Digital• Imraan Patel – Deputy Director-General, Social-Economic Innovation Partnerships, DST• Ralf Leinen – Vice President, Digital Factory, Process industries & Drives for Southern Eastern Africa, SIEMENS
11h30-11h45	Tea Break
11h45-13h00	<p>PLENARY SESSION 2 - (Venue: Main Auditorium) Robotics & Artificial Intelligence in the African Context</p> <p><i>Synopsis:</i></p> <p><i>How will Africa's economic production be affected by artificial intelligence and advancement in robotics technology? Which industries are at risk of being affected?</i></p> <p><i>Panellists will discuss new emerging business models in Africa that are being shaped by artificial intelligence and big data and how these industries will change the continent and its people.</i></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Jeff Chen – Lecturer, University of Pretoria, Gordon Institute of Business Science <p>Presentation:</p> <p>Case-study on the progress of technology in Africa and cutting edge home-grown developments within the artificial intelligence space.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quentin Williams – Strategic Research Manager, CSIR Meraka Institute <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kefilwe Madingoane – Global Public Policy Sub Sahara & Southern Africa, Intel Corporation• Ralf Leinen – Vice President, Process Industries and Drive, SIEMENS• Nvalaye Kourouma – Chief Digital Officer: RoA, Barclays Africa Group Limited• Quentin Williams – Strategic Research Manager, CSIR Meraka Institute

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13h00-14h00

Lunch

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Synopsis:

How can Africa's young technopreneurs with new local innovations connect to main value chains through dynamic partnerships?

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14h00-15h20

Moderator:

- Dylan Piatti – Senior Industry Chief of Staff, Deloitte Africa

Keynote address:

- Phumlani Mngomezulu – Business Development Director, Directech Automotive Distributions

Technopreneuers: Presentations from 5 finalists

Feedback from Review Panel:

- Lynette Chen – CEO, NBF
- Nvalaye Kourouma – Chief Digital Officer: RoA, Barclays Africa Group Limited
- Mmboneni Muofhe – Deputy Director General, Technology innovation- DST
- Auri Evokari – International Programme Officer, SAIS Programme
- Shirley Gilbey – Head: Rise and Co-creation, Barclays Africa Group Limited
- Senisha Moonsamy – Head of Innovation Skills Development, Technology and Innovation Agency

15h20-15h35

Tea Break



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PLENARY SESSION 3 - (Venue: Main Auditorium)
Building Africa's capacity in Science and Technology for Industrialization 4.0 and Technopreneurship

Synopsis:

How can we ensure that in developing new skills in science and technology, gender balance remains a priority and focus for Africa now and in the future?

Panelists in this session will explore the creation of frameworks for regional collaborations that are as gender sensitive as they are youth focused.

15h35-16h30

Moderator:

- Dr. Robert Nantchouang – Senior Knowledge Management Expert, African Building Capacity Building Forum

Panellists:

- H.E. Sarah Anyang Agbor – Commissioner for Human Resources Science and Technology, AUC
- Warren Shaw – Sales Director, LGIT Smart Solutions
- Siyabonga Mahlangu – Group Executive: Regulatory Affairs and Government Relations, Telkom
- Lisa Van Eck – Regional Coordinator, Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs
- Philani Mdingi – Digital Strategy Director, Maverick Mind
- Songoba Maseko – Chief Operations Officer, Future Nations School

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PLENARY SESSION 4 - (Venue: Main Auditorium) The Central Role of Private-Public Partnerships

Synopsis:

Can connectivity and digitization contribute towards the eradication of poverty, create equal opportunities for all and enhance the quality of life in Africa?

Panellists in this session will deliberate on Africa's industrialization and the future of Private-Public-Partnerships as an enabler of economic transformation and sustainable development in the digital era.

16h30-17h30

Moderator:

- Dr. Barend Taute – Manager: ICT Contract R&D, CSIR Meraka Institute

Panellists:

- Dr. René Kouassi N'Guettia – Director of Economic Affairs, AUC
- Kebour Ghenna – President, Pan African Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Alfred Mashishi – Acting Deputy Director-General, Information Society Development and Research, Department of Telecommunication and Postal Services
- Dawie Coetzee – Acting Executive, BCX Global Services
- Prof. Aboubakary Diakhaby – Director, UFR de Sciences Appliquees et de Technologie
- Mich Atagana – Communications Executive, Google

17h30-17h40

Closing Remarks

Wrap up of day 1 of the 9th African Union Private Sector Forum

- Lynette Chen – Chief Executive Officer, NBF



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18h30-18h50

Welcome and Introductions

- Lynette Chen – Chief Executive Officer, NBF

18h50-19h00

Opening Remarks - overview of the 9th AU Private Sector Forum

- H.E. Harison Victor – Commissioner, Department Economic Affairs, African Union

19h00-19h30

Dinner is served

19h30-19h40

African technopreneurs' journey

Introduction: Youth Technopreneurship in the African context and the importance of including women in technology

- Ethel Cofie – Director, EDEL Technology Consulting

19h40-20h20

Technopreneur Stories

Presentations: Ten minute presentation from young African technopreneurs outlining their solution to an African challenge. Presentation on their product/company; the challenges they face and how they overcame them as well as their own take on Africa's future.

- Moris Atwine – ThinkIT Ltd, CCO, Uganda
- Evelyn Namara – Innovate Uganda, Founder CEO, Uganda
- Joseph-Oliver Biley – WeFly Agri, Cote d'Ivoire
- Phillip Sellwe – Bayon Holdings Pty Ltd, Managing Director, Botswana

20h20-20h30

Business best practice

Private sector's response to Africa's digitization and youth technopreneurship

- Keabaka Mahuma – Head of Enterprise and Supply Chain Development ABSA Capital

Presentation of gifts to participants

20h30-20h40

Closing Remarks, thanking of the host country organizers and main sponsors of the event and Official photo session

- Geoff Rothschild – Chairman, NEPAD Business Foundation

20h40-21h00

Networking

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DAY 2: Tuesday, 14 November 2017

OPENING SESSION - (Venue: Exhibition Room)
Recap of Day 1 of the 9th African Union Private Sector Forum

09h00-09h15

Programme Director:

- Mmampei Chaba – Chief Director: Multilateral Cooperation and Africa, DST

Brief recap of Day 1 and Outline of Day 2:

- Liwaeddine Fliss – AG. Head, Private Sector Development and Investment Division, AUC

PLENARY SESSION 1 - (Venue: Exhibition Room)
Pan African Investment Code (PAIC)

Synopsis:

Increased investment is the key to unlocking Africa's economic potential. How can the region attract more investment to its shores in a highly competitive global investment market?

Panellists will discuss PAIC and its overarching objective of achieving growth that is more inclusive and widespread through promotion and protection of investments. The PAIC aims to promote equality of treatment and opportunity for investors, irrespective of their nationality, whilst reducing investment and trade barriers.

09h15-10h15

Moderator:

- Islam Swaleh – Private Sector Development and Investment, AUC

Panellists:

- Dr. Rene Kouassi N'Guettia – Director, Economic Affairs, AUC
- Dr. Thierry Kalonji – Director, Investment, COMESA
- Seynabou Dia Ndeye – CEO, Global Mind Consulting, Libreville, Gabon
- Lynette Chen – CEO, NBF

10h15-10h30

Tea Break



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PLENARY SESSION 2 - (Venue: Exhibition Room)
African Inclusive Markets Excellence Center (AIMEC)

Synopsis:

AIMEC aims to promote regional economic integration through transformative value chains starting with the food industry. It will do so by supporting the development of more inclusive markets and businesses in Africa, leading to job creation, income generation and poverty reduction.

10h30-11h30

Moderator:

- Elia Karuhanga – Policy Officer, Investment and Resource Mobilisation Economic Affairs, AUC

Panellists:

- Liwaaddine Fliss – AG. Head, Private Sector Development and Investment Division, AUC
- Tomas Sales – Special Advisor to the UNDP Regional office, Ethiopia
- Mohammed Benabdelghafar – Managing Director of Pole TunisiaPrivate
- Lesley Wentworth – Programme Manager, Southern Africa Business Forum, NBF

11h30-11h45

Tea Break

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DAY 2: Tuesday, 14 November 2017

MORNING PARALLEL SESSIONS

11h45-13h00

SESSION 1:
The Critical Role of Publicly-funded African Research and Technology Organisations

Venue: Emerald

Synopsis:

Which are the leading government funded technology research institutions in Africa and what are they currently working on?

Panellists will deliberate on the merits of establishing a platform to silo research by private funded institutions together with research from publicly funded organisations.

Moderator:

- Dr. Ndumiso Cingo – Innovation Manager, CSIR, South Africa

Presentation:

- Dr. Siyabulela Ntutela – Chief Executive Officer, Africa-Bio

Panellists:

- Siyabulela Ntutela – Chief Executive Officer, Africa-Bio
- Dr. Rachel Chikwamba – Group Executive, Industrial Development CSIR, South Africa
- Dr. Charles Kwesiga – Executive Director CSIR, Uganda

SESSION 2:
Smart & Sustainable Energy

Venue: Amethyst

Synopsis:

How ready is Africa to transition into mainstream use of smart, sustainable energy and is it economically viable?

Panellists will explore digitization of developing African renewable energy infrastructure and how digital technologies and artificial intelligence can maximize energy distribution and efficiency for the continent.

Moderator:

- Dr. Rebecca Maserumule – Chief Director, Hydrogen and Energy, DST

Panellists:

- Lungelwa Tyali – Solar Turtle
- David Sekgororwana – Industrial Development Corporation
- Prof. Ben Bladergroen – Professor, SA Institute for Advanced Materials Chemistry (Energy) University of Western Cape
- Liezel Oberholzer – Head of Energy Norton Rose Fullbright
- Johannes Chirwa – Africa Development Bank



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11h45-13h00

SESSION 3: Gendered Innovation and its impact on STISA 2024 and Africa's Industrialisation

Venue: Crystal

Synopsis:

This topic will explore the role of gender in innovation as it relates to STISA 2024 and identify the most promising practices and the impact in the lives of both women and men. The topic will identify new areas of research and the need for specific indicators. The topic will also look at how to improve communication between the producers and users of information in this field, since this will be essential to the effective implementation of the SDGs.

Moderator:

- Roseanne Diab – Chief Executive: Academy of Science of South Africa

Panellists:

- Ethel Cofie - Director, EDEL Technology Consulting
- Anitha Ramsuran – Manager, Innovation Skills Development, TIA

SESSION 4: Digital Manufacturing

Venue: Onyx

Synopsis:

How can we demonstrate the gains in efficiency, safety, productivity & waste elimination achieved through digital manufacturing in Africa?

Panellists will discuss how Africa should integrate digital manufacturing, exploring how robotics & industrial automation can affect the continent's current industrialization strategy & employment creation.

Moderator:

- Dylan Piatti – Senior Industry Chief of Staff, Deloitte Africa

Panelists:

- Beuwen Gerrwyts – Chief Director Technology Localization, Beneficiation and Advance Manufacturing
- Mxolisi Mgojo – Chief Executive Officer, Exxaro
- Lilian Nduati – Knowledge and Engagement Lead, Code for Africa
- Kobus Vorster – Manager, Electronic Manufacturing Services and Training, Technology Station in Electronics, Tshwane University of Technology
- Dr. SJ Jacobs – Assistant Dean, Industry Liaison, Special Projects and WIL & Director, Technology Station in Electronics, TUT

13h00-14h00

Lunch

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DAY 2: Tuesday, 14 November 2017

AFTERNOON PARALLEL SESSIONS

14h00-16h30

SESSION 5:
**Smart African Cities Smart
Infrastructure, Smart Transport &
Logistics**

Venue: Emerald

Synopsis:

Using global standards, where does Africa stand in developing Smart Cities which have modern infrastructure? Panellists will consider the current condition of Africa's cities and their infrastructure in order to ascertain how much improvement is required and what are the realistic timeframes for development. This session will also look at case studies of Africa's critical infrastructure with the aim of optimizing resources, planning preventive maintenance and security.

Moderator:

- Kasirim Nwuke – Chief, New Technologies and Innovation Special Initiatives Division, UN Economic Commission for Africa

Panellists:

- Lungiswa Sangqu – Chief Information Officer, Transnet
- Naudé Rademan – Managing Director, Linebooker
- Jason Blackman – Director: Compliance – Customs and Regulatory Affairs, DHL Sub Saharan Africa
- Peter Varndell – Head, Africa Infrastructure Desk, NBF

SESSION 6:
Digital Finance

Venue: Amethyst

Synopsis:

Africa's financial institutions are aiming to make banking and financial services more accessible to a growing population. How does digitization improve accessibility and what can be done to create an enabling environment that fosters entrepreneurship to democratize finance?

Panellists will deliberate on the impact of mobile banking in parts of Africa and other technologies that are reshaping the finance industry.

Moderator:

- Nadira Bayat – Programme Director, GEG Africa

Panellists:

- Alicia Beilings – Senior Chief of Staff, Deloitte
- Alastair Tempest – Chief Executive Officer, Ecommerce Forum Africa



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SESSION 7: Digital Agriculture

Venue: Crystal

Synopsis:

Agriculture is one of the key economic pillars and has the potential to have the highest impact in alleviating poverty and boosting economic growth in most African countries. How can we tap into the digital revolution in order to increase gains in African agriculture? Panellists will focus on challenges facing African agriculture and discuss technologies that are set to revolutionize this sector.

Moderator:

- Lina Keyter – Managing Director, Agri Academy

Panellists:

- Fahad Awadh – Founder and CEO, YYTZ Agro-Processing
- William Edem Senyo – CEO Impact Hub, Ghanaian
- Komla Prosper Bissi – DREA Nomination, AUC

SESSION 8: Digital Healthcare

Venue: Onyx

Synopsis:

From drone delivery of medicine in inaccessible areas, to mobile diagnostics platforms with the same accuracy as sophisticated medical devices, there are opportunities for Africa to accelerate affordable and best-in-class healthcare without the need for major investment in costly infrastructure. Panellists will discuss and explore solutions to address challenges facing African healthcare.

Moderator:

- Adele Botha – Chief Researcher, CSIR Meraka, Netxt generation Mobile, and ICT Systems

Panellists:

- Andrew Forder – Business Manager, SIEMENS Healthcare
- Warren Hero – Chief Technology Officer, Microsoft
- Michael Reid – Senior Medical Manager, Pfizer South Africa
- Glaudina Loots – Director, Health Innovation, DST
- Kirti Nasai – Senior Director, Government Affairs and Policy, Sub Saharan Africa, Johnson & Johnson
- Ndumiso Tshuma – Public Health Specialist, The Best Health Solutions

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DAY 3: Wednesday, 15 November 2017

SECOND TECHNOPRENEURSHIP PITCH SESSION - (Venue: Exhibition Hall)
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- Auri Evokari – International Programme Officer, SAIS Programme
- Senisha Moonsamy – Head of Innovation Skills Development, Technology and Innovation Agency

10h30-11h00

Closing session and vote of thanks

- Mmampei Chaba – Chief Director, Multilateral Cooperation and Africa, DST
- Dr. Rene Koussasi N'Guettia – Director Economic Affairs



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African Union (AU)

The advent of the African Union (AU) can be described as an event of great magnitude in the institutional evolution of the continent. On 9.9.1999, the Heads of State and Government of the Organisation of African Unity issued a Declaration (the Sirte Declaration) calling for the establishment of an African Union, with a view, inter alia, to accelerate the process of integration in the continent so as to enable it play its rightful role in the global economy while addressing multifaceted social, economic and political problems compounded as they are, by certain negative aspects of globalisation.

The main objectives of the OAU were, inter alia, to rid the continent of the remaining vestiges of colonization and apartheid; to promote unity and solidarity among African States; to coordinate and intensify cooperation for development; to safeguard the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Member States and to promote international cooperation within the framework of the United Nations.

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NEPAD Business Foundation (NBF)

The NBF is a pan-African non-profit organisation, which mobilises private sector to drive economic growth aligned to the NEPAD strategic framework.

It plays the role of neutral facilitator that works with the private sector to support the development of strategic projects of sustainable development importance in order to deliver real impact across Africa.

The NBF's vision is to provide critical linkages between public and private sector with the intention of accelerating development projects, programmes and initiatives from inception to implementation for the prosperity of Africa.

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Andalem is a mission-driven Research and Advisory firm dedicated to enable the power of Technology and Data-Driven decision-making to advance Africa's economic transformation and sustainable development.

Andalem has a global vision built on the backbone of exponential technological progress, and is dedicated to build Private-Public-Social ecosystems that think globally and implement sustainable solutions in Africa. Focusing on Renewable Energy, Connectivity, Agriculture, Water, Health, Education and Financial Inclusion, we are committed to foster international collaborations that build Africa's technological capacity and accelerate its sustainable development.

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