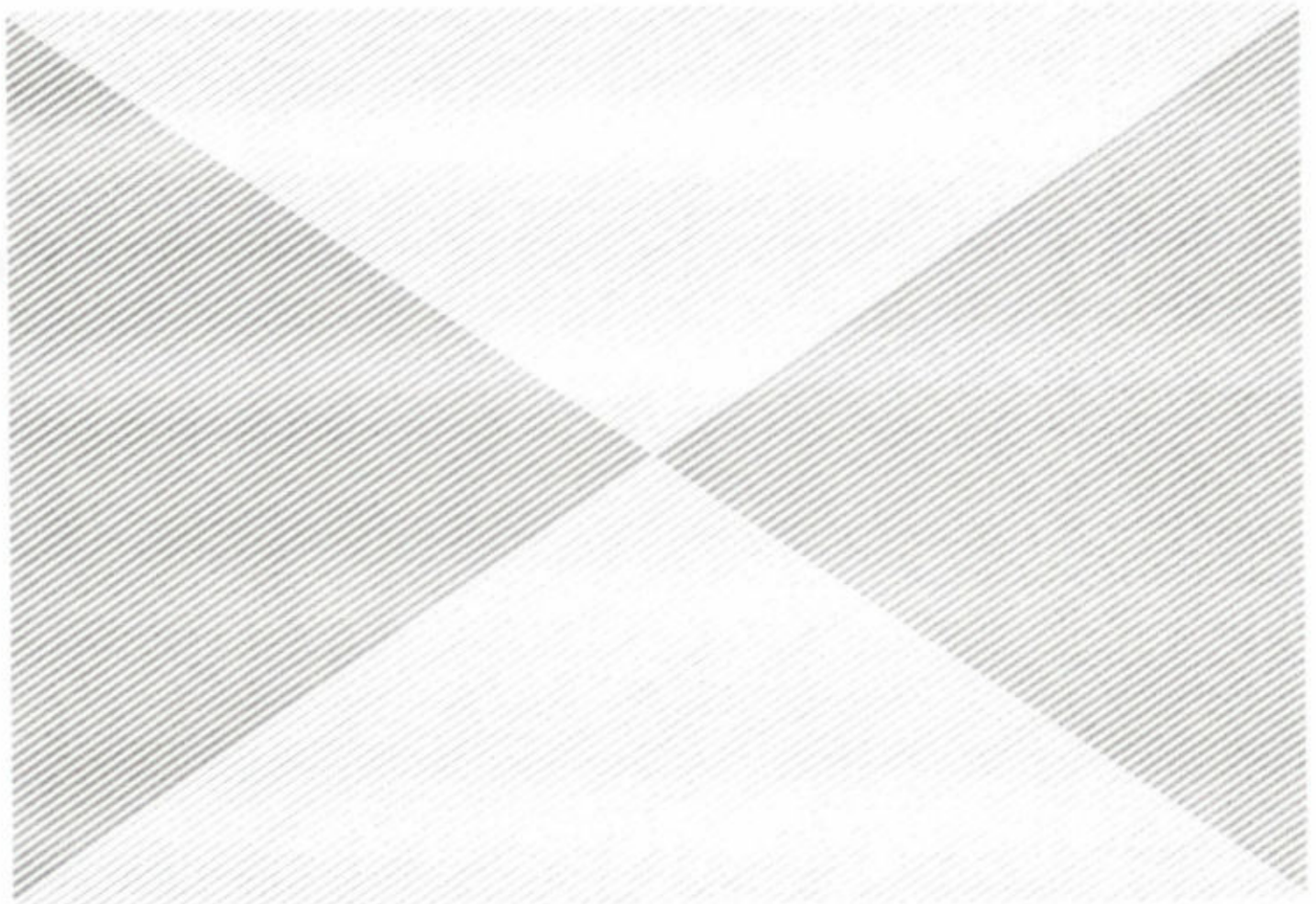


Regional Agenda

World Economic Forum on Africa Meeting Overview

Cape Town, South Africa 8-10 May 2013



Delivering on Africa's Promise

With an expected annual growth of 5% in 2012-2013, sub-Saharan Africa continues its transformative journey from a developing continent to a hub of global growth. According to the World Bank, almost half of Africa's countries have attained middle-income status. At the same time, the continent's positive outlook is threatened by fluctuating commodity prices, rising inequality and youth unemployment. To build on its achievements, Africa's leaders need to strengthen the continent's competitiveness, foster inclusive growth and build resilience in a volatile global environment. Accelerating economic diversification, boosting strategic infrastructure and unlocking talent are critical success factors in this new leadership context.

Meeting Information

We have further improved the interactive, outcome-oriented format of Forum discussions. Speeches are strongly discouraged and all participants are invited to contribute actively to constructive, lively debate.

Interactive Sessions address key issues on the regional agenda in an interactive and informal panel setting. There are no prepared remarks and the moderator encourages a lively discussion among the panellists. Participants in the audience have the opportunity to pose questions to the panellists. **Plenary Sessions** are broadcast on the Forum website. **Televised Sessions** are co-designed with a media partner and broadcast to a global audience.

WorkStudio and Workshop sessions are facilitated group or table discussions focusing on a compelling challenge or complex issue. They are designed with specific tasks and objectives and provide the highest level of interaction between participants and discussion leaders.

New Solutions sessions highlight the creative approaches of the Forum's communities to solving some of the region's most intractable issues. Each panellist presents a concrete solution, followed by a facilitated group discussion on its impact and scalability.

One-on-One interview sessions elicit insightful and challenging perspectives on Africa's transformation from a select group of global and regional thought leaders. Each session introduces a guest who is an inspiring individual from business, government, academia or civil society.

Arena Sessions offer interactive debate with top government, business and civil society leaders. Prepared remarks by the panel are kept to a minimum in favour of intensive discussions under the guidance of a moderator. The panel is surrounded by the audience, creating an intimate and stimulating atmosphere.

For sessions that are not open to the reporting press, please note that the Chatham House Rule applies: When a meeting/session is held under the Chatham House Rule, neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s) may be revealed. The aim is to provide anonymity to speakers and encourage openness and sharing of information. It is used worldwide as an aid to free discussion.

The same rule applies to blogging and tweeting in sessions. To encourage free-flowing debate, bloggers and twitterati are asked not to reveal the identity or affiliation of speakers in sessions without their permission.

FAQs

Where will the meeting take place?

The meeting will take place at the Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town, South Africa.

Where will I stay?

PublicisLive, the Forum's operations and logistics provider, will arrange accommodation at the hotels below. You will receive a hotel booking form upon confirmation of your registration.

The Westin Cape Town****

Convention Square - Lower Long Street
8001 Cape Town - South Africa
Tel.: +27 (0)21 412 9999
Fax: +27 (0)21 412 9001
Website: <http://www.westincape-town.com/>

The One&Only Cape Town****

Dock Road, Victoria and Alfred Waterfront
8001 Cape Town - South Africa
Tel.: +27 (0)21 431 5888
Fax: +27 (0)21 431 5230
Website: <http://capetown.oneandonlyresorts.com/>

Southern Sun The Cullinan****

1 Cullinan Street
8001 Cape Town - South Africa
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Fax: +27 (0)21 418 3559
Website: <http://www.tsogosunhotels.com/hotels/the-cullinan/pages/overview.aspx>

Southern Sun Waterfront Cape Town****

1 Lower Buitengracht Street
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Website: <http://www.tsogosunhotels.com/hotels/waterfront-cape-town/pages/overview.aspx>

What does registration include?

The registration fee (3,500 CHF for Members, 5,000 CHF for non-members) includes access to all sessions.

What is the working language of the meeting?

Sessions will be held in English. Simultaneous interpretation in French will be available for some sessions.

By when do I need to register?

The deadline for inclusion in the printed Participants booklet is 19 April 2013. We therefore recommend you register before this date.

Do I need a visa?

Check with the South African embassy or consulate nearest you for visa requirements. The World Economic Forum is not responsible for providing visas.

Where do I find additional information about the programme?

Basic information on the programme can be found on the Forum's website at <http://wef.ch/af13>. Upon registration, you will receive your personal access information to the meeting's private area on the website.

Who do I contact for more information?

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To achieve sustainable growth in Africa, development must be lodged in strategic cooperation and strengthened partnerships... Africa's future rests in our hands, but is also dictated by today's actions and decisions.

Frannie Léautier
Executive Secretary, The African Capacity
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Nigeria

Programme Objectives

Under the theme "Delivering on Africa's Promise", the 23rd World Economic Forum on Africa will provide an important platform for regional and global leaders from business, government and civil society to deepen the continent's integration agenda and renew commitment to a sustainable path of growth and development by addressing the following issues.

Accelerating Economic Diversification

Africa's fastest growing economies of Angola, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Zambia bear testament that both resource-rich economies and agricultural economies are driving growth across the continent. With rapidly rising consumer spending, non-resource-intensive sectors such as retail, energy and telecommunications are attracting growing numbers of regional and global investors.

- What enabling environment is required to expand globally competitive local industries?
- Which new growth models are delivering structural transformation and inclusive growth?
- How can Africa's new partners unleash the potential of new markets?

Boosting Strategic Infrastructure

Economic, social and soft infrastructure gaps remain critical constraints to economic growth, regional integration and social development. Investments in strategic infrastructure are expected to increase the productivity of businesses operating in the region by 40%. Without an adequate infrastructure endowment, Africa is at risk of sacrificing about 2% of GDP growth every year.

- What crucial infrastructure developments can be accelerated to deliver the continent's potential?
- Which new solutions are bridging the gaps in the provision of infrastructure financing?
- How can cross-border legal and regulatory standards be harmonized to increase intra-African trade?

Unlocking Africa's Talent

Home to the world's fastest growing youth population, the continent faces a demographic dividend if its human resources can be equipped with the capacity to manage and deliver growth effectively. With an estimated job demand of over 10 million annually, efforts to promote innovation and entrepreneurship also need to be intensified.

- How can Africa's entrepreneurs be transformed into global champions?
- What new solutions can scale up job creation and enhance social resilience?
- Which technology innovations and best practices can reap the benefits of the demographic dividend?

Programme at a Glance

Wednesday 8 May

08.30 - 21.30	Private Industry and Constituent Meetings
18.15 - 19.15	Welcome Reception

Thursday 9 May

09.00 - 10.30	Workshop
09.15 - 10.30	Interactive Sessions in Parallel
09.00 - 11.00	WorkStudio
10.30 - 11.00	Community Break
11.00 - 12.15	Opening Plenary Session
12.15 - 13.30	Community Lunch
13.30 - 14.45	Interactive and Collaborative Sessions in Parallel
14.45 - 15.15	Community Break
15.15 - 16.30	Interactive and Collaborative Sessions in Parallel
16.30 - 17.00	Community Break
17.00 - 18.15	Plenary Session
19.00 - 22.00	Cultural Soirée Hosted by the Government of South Africa

Friday 10 May

09.00 - 10.15	Interactive and Collaborative Sessions in Parallel
10.15 - 10.45	Community Break
10.45 - 12.00	Plenary Session
12.00 - 13.30	Community Lunch
13.30 - 14.45	Interactive and Collaborative Sessions in Parallel
14.45 - 15.15	Community Break
15.15 - 16.30	Interactive and Collaborative Sessions in Parallel
16.30 - 17.00	Community Break
17.00 - 18.15	Closing Plenary Session
18.15 - 19.15	Farewell Reception



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