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From Vision to Action, Africa's Next Chapter

Africa has demonstrated greater than expected resilience through the global economic crisis and has become one of the fastest-growing regions in the world. Improved political and macroeconomic stability, strengthened political commitment to private sector investment and better access to basic education and social services are drivers behind this trend. However, the translation of growth into inclusive and sustained development is complex. It will depend on the leadership capacity and political will of its governing institutions to direct taxes, profits and donor funds to much-needed infrastructure investment, better urban design and critical health, and education services. It will also depend on the ability to craft innovative partnerships between business and civil society, as well as the empowerment of small and medium enterprises that continue to be the main providers of income across the continent. Another major challenge will be Africa's increasing exposure to global risks such as prolonged global financial market

instability, commodity price volatility and climate change. Going forward, how can Africa take on a leadership role and guard against newly emerging global and regional risks? How can it further attract global and regional investment, and sustain its growth path through greater industrial diversification and innovation? How can inclusive growth be fostered through partnerships and the promotion of Africa's small and medium enterprises?

“Now the world understands you cannot export development to Africa, you have to work with Africa's own institutions if you want to support the continent in a positive way.”

Donald Kaberuka
President, African Development Bank (ADB), Tunis

Frequently Asked Questions

Where will the meeting take place?

The World Economic Forum on Africa will take place at the Cape Town International Convention Centre.

Where will I stay?

PublicisLive, our operations and logistics provider, will contact you upon confirmation of your registration.

What does registration include?

The registration fee (3,500 CHF for members, 5,000 CHF for non-members) includes access to all sessions, plenaries, workshops, lunches and dinners during the meeting.

What is the working language of the meeting?

All sessions of the meeting will be held in English, with French interpretation in selected sessions.

By when should I register?

The deadline for inclusion in the printed Participants Booklet is Friday 8 April 2011.

Do I need a visa?

Please check with the embassy or consulate of South Africa nearest you regarding visa requirements.

Where do I find additional information on the programme?

In due time, we will send you the information to access the online events platform.

Who do I contact for more information?

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Programme at a Glance

Wednesday 4 May	Thursday 5 May	Friday 6 May
08.00 - 20.00 Registration	09.00 - 10.15 Plenary Session	09.00 - 10.00 Interactive Sessions
13.15 - 14.45 Africa Brainstorming	10.45 - 12.00 Interactive Sessions and Workshops in Parallel	10.15 - 11.15 Interactive Sessions
15.15 - 16.15 Interactive Sessions	12.15 - 13.30 Networking Lunch	11.45 - 13.00 Closing Plenary
16.45 - 18.15 Opening Plenary	13.45 - 15.00 Interactive Sessions and Workshops in Parallel	13.00 - 14.30 Farewell Lunch
19.30 - 21.30 Interactive Dinners	15.30 - 16.45 Interactive Sessions	
22.00 - 23.30 Nightcaps	17.15 - 18.45 Plenary Session	
	20.00 - 23.30 Soirée	