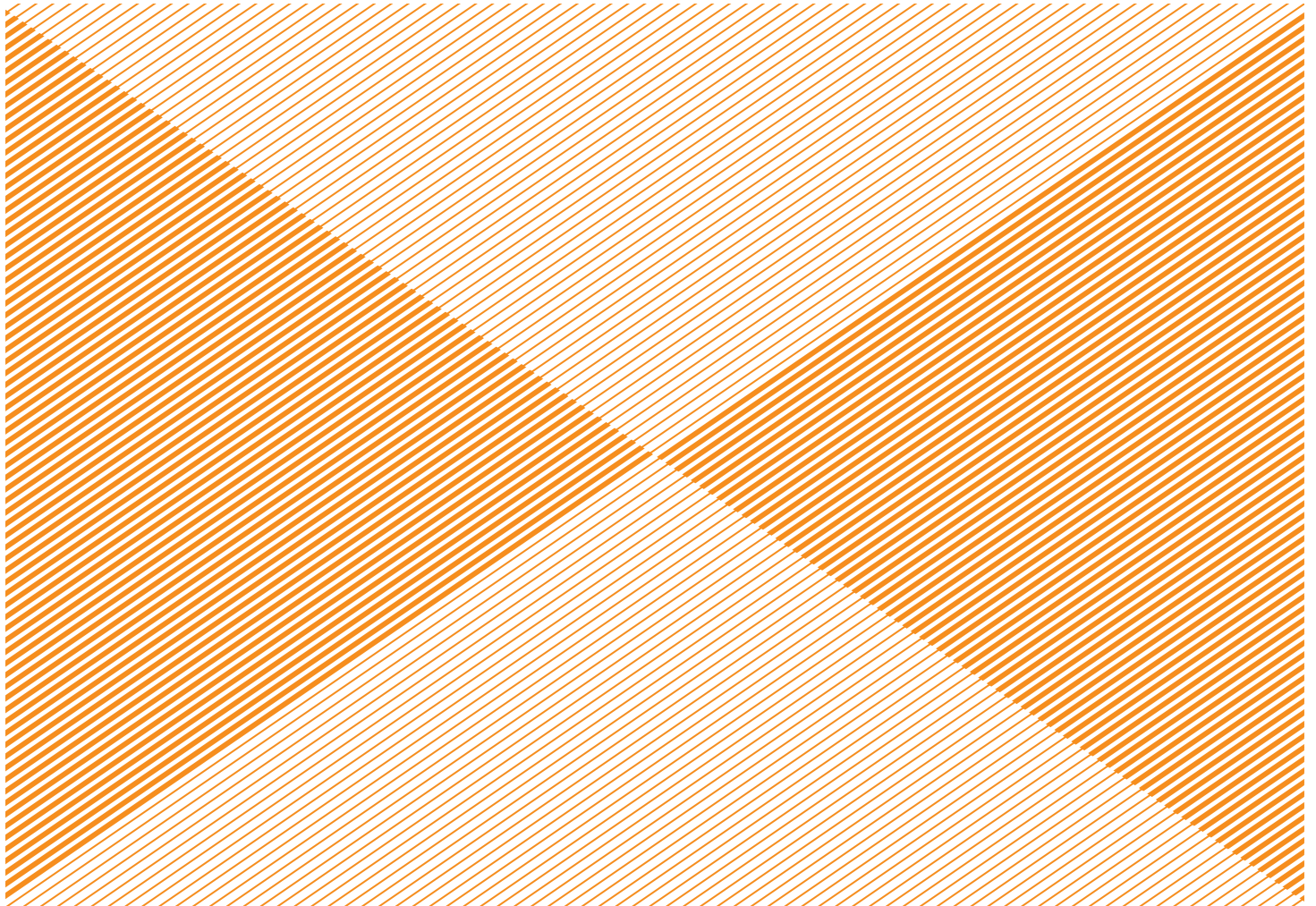


Regional Agenda

World Economic Forum on Africa Meeting Overview

Abuja, Nigeria 7-9 May 2014



Forging Inclusive Growth, Creating Jobs

Africa's remarkable growth trajectory is projected to remain above 5% in 2014, with West Africa the fastest-growing sub-region. Such momentum is a welcome and necessary boon to a region whose youthful population offers the prospect of a significant demographic dividend fuelled by growth in consumer industries, manufacturing and business process outsourcing.

To ensure that economic activity translates into job creation, reduced poverty and lowered inequality, the continent's pan-African institutions are continuing on a reform path, extending cooperation, implementing innovative policies, strengthening institutions and scaling up investments to deliver sustained growth and development. The channelling of revenues from natural resource extraction towards human capital development, particularly in the areas of education and health, continues to be needed to support this transformation.

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We need to adequately educate our people, as it is through education that we can unlock the potential of our youth to enable Africa to compete globally and create jobs in the new knowledge economy.

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Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, President of Nigeria

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Global Managing
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McKinsey &
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Chairman, Telkom
Group, South
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Chairman, Bharti
Enterprises, India

John Rice, Vice-
Chairman, GE,
Hong-Kong SAR

Nigeria, sub-Saharan Africa's second-largest economy and most populous nation – with over 160 million inhabitants – already plays a crucial role in advancing the continent's growth; yet it is also emblematic of the challenges of converting natural wealth into solutions that address persistent social challenges. Under the theme, **Forging Inclusive Growth, Creating Jobs**, the 24th World Economic Forum on Africa will bring together regional and global leaders from business, politics and civil society to discuss how to integrate and structurally reform a rising continent while delivering benefits for all its citizens by addressing the following issues:

Redesigning Growth Models: Acceleration of an enabling environment to transform high growth into inclusive and sustainable growth

- What challenges and opportunities are shaping Africa's growth outlook?
- What metrics and implementation strategies are needed to translate high growth into inclusive and sustainable growth?
- How can African growth strategies be more inclusive and create jobs?
- How can African states better respond to emerging conflicts and geosecurity issues in the region?
- How can increased participation of women accelerate economic growth and development?
- How can a balance between privatization and public good be achieved in managing Africa's natural resource wealth?
- How can Africa's economies accelerate regional integration?
- How can Africa's leaders anticipate the impact of global trends on the region's transformation?
- What tools, technologies and models will shape the future of African governments?

Deepening Investment Partnerships: Identifying opportunities to diversify and grow across national, regional and stakeholder boundaries

- How can investment drive diversification and inclusive growth in Africa?
- How can global, regional and local partnerships be enhanced to strengthen and diversify Africa's growth trajectory?
- How are innovative public-private cooperation models accelerating investment in crucial infrastructure?
- How can African economies overcome the paradox of being energy-resource rich and access poor?
- How can African societies make the most of diverse capital for development?
- How is investing in an African agricultural revolution translating into job creation?
- How are business models evolving to meet the needs of African consumers?
- How can the economic potential of travel and tourism become a driver of growth?
- How can African industries realize the aspiration of moving up the value chain?
- How can financial services support inclusive growth in Africa?

Accelerating Society's Transformation: Building resilience and scaling innovations in education, technology and health

- How are Africans shaping the future development path for the region?
- How can the global narrative on Africa better align with the local perspective?
- How are inclusive development strategies helping to restore peace and security?
- How can innovations in health be ripened for investment and entrepreneurial development?
- How are Africa's youth shaping their own future?
- What is needed to bring all of Africa online?
- How can Africans define and protect human rights in a time of rapid societal transformation?
- How can innovative partnerships to bridge the skills gap create an adaptable workforce?
- How can Africa ensure its investments, infrastructure and growth are resilient to climate change?
- With every second African projected to live in a city by 2035, how can the continent's urban hubs drive sustainable and inclusive growth?
- How can Africa's leaders anticipate the impact of global trends on the region's transformation?
- How can business in Africa deliver both market and social returns?

Meeting Information

This year, the interactive, outcome-oriented format of Forum discussions has been further improved. Participants are invited to contribute actively to constructive, lively debate; speeches are discouraged.

Arena sessions offer an 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.

Interactive sessions provide in-depth understanding of new, emerging or complex issues in various domains. The aim is to expand the dialogue on the panel to include all participants. There are no prepared remarks and most of these sessions are conducted in a question-and-answer format.

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 sessions invite an inspiring individual from business, government, academia or civil society to share their insights on an idea for an important transformation occurring in our lifetime.

Plenary sessions provide strategic insights and raise awareness of important trends and themes. These sessions provide the conceptual framework for further discussions; there are no prepared remarks, with most of the session conducted as a lively discussion among the panellists in a question-and-answer format. The sessions are open to the reporting press and are webcast live.

Televised sessions are co-designed with global media, feature headline topics and raise awareness of important trends by broadcasting the discussion to a global audience.

WorkStudio and **Workshop sessions** promote greater interaction between discussion leaders and participants 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.



This logo denotes GGC track sessions in the programme. Global Growth Company (GGC) tracks comprise a selection of sessions of particular relevance to companies experiencing strong growth and engaging in international expansion. GGC track sessions are an integral part of all Forum regional meeting programmes. Where appropriate, the output of each will be incorporated into subsequent GGC track sessions in the build-up to the Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2014, which will take place in Tianjin, People's Republic of China, from 10 to 12 September.

For sessions that are not open to the reporting press, 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.

The same rule applies to blogging and tweeting of 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 Transcorp Hilton Abuja Hotel, Abuja, Nigeria

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.

Transcorp Hilton Abuja Hotel****

1 Aguiyi Ironsi St, Maitama

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Tel.: +234 708 0603 000

Fax: +234 (0)9 9044 025

Website: <http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/nigeria/transcorp-hilton-abuja-ABUHITW/index.html>

Sheraton Abuja Hotel****

Ladi Kwali Way

Abuja, Nigeria

Tel.: +234 (0)9 4612 000

Fax: +234 (0)9 4601 508

Website: <http://www.sheratonabuja.com/>

Barcelona Hotel***

No 23 Blantyre Street, Wuse II

Abuja, Nigeria

What does registration include?

The registration fee (CHF 3,500 for Members, CHF 5,000 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 17 April 2014. We therefore recommend you register before this date.

Do I need a visa?

Check with the Nigerian embassy or consulate nearest you for visa requirements. The World Economic Forum is not responsible for providing visas. We strongly recommend that you apply for your visa before 10 April to ensure that you receive it in good time before you travel to Nigeria.

Where do I find additional information about the programme?

Basic information on the programme can be found on the Forum website at <http://www.weforum.org/events/world-economic-forum-africa-0>. 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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Programme at a Glance




Wednesday 7 May

08.00 - 22.00	Private Events
18.15 - 19.15	Welcome Reception

Thursday 8 May

08.30 - 09.45	Interactive Session - new solutions/education
08.30 - 10.00	Workshop - industry impact 
08.30 - 09.45	WorkStudio - mapping transformation
09.00 - 10.00	Arena Session - africa rising
09.00 - 10.00	Interactive Session - consumer outlook
09.45 - 10.15	Community Break
10.15 - 11.00	Plenary Session - special addresses
11.00 - 12.00	Plenary Session - job-creating growth
12.00 - 12.10	Award Ceremony - social entrepreneur award ceremony
12.15 - 13.30	Community Lunch
13.15 - 14.30	Interactive Session - new solutions/development finance
13.15 - 14.45	Workshop - climate resilience
13.15 - 14.45	WorkStudio - growth metrics
13.45 - 14.15	One-in-One - one-on-one/lula
13.45 - 15.00	Plenary Session - secure future
14.45 - 15.15	Community Break
15.15 - 16.30	Arena Session - africa investment outlook
15.15 - 16.30	Interactive Session - human rights - new solutions/gender economics 
15.15 - 16.45	Interactive Session - community conversations 1/ democracy
15.15 - 16.45	Workshop - sustainable business
15.15 - 16.45	WorkStudio - skills gap
16.30 - 17.00	Community Break
17.00 - 18.15	Arena Session - health
17.00 - 18.15	Televised Session - bloomberg/ growth partnerships
19.00 - 19.30	Transfer
19.30 - 22.00	Cultural Soirée
22.00 - 23.00	Transfer

Friday 9 May

09.00 - 10.15	Arena Session - infrastructure development
09.00 - 10.15	Interactive Session - new solutions/agriculture - resources - community conversations 2/ education
09.00 - 10.00	Televised Session - channels tv/youth
09.00 - 10.30	WorkStudio - cities
10.45 - 12.00	Plenary Session - beyond 2015
10.15 - 10.45	Community Break
10.45 - 11.15	One-on-One - one-on-one/elumelu
10.45 - 11.45	Interactive Sessions - fragility and prosperity - tourism
12.00 - 12.10	Award Ceremony - ggc award ceremony
12.00 - 13.30	Community Lunch
12.00 - 13.15	Lunches - sub-regional lunch/eastern and southern - sub-regional lunch/western and central
13.15 - 14.30	Interactive Sessions - regionalization  - new solutions/africa online 
13.15 - 14.45	WorkStudio - future finance
13.30 - 14.45	Arena Session - energy
14.45 - 15.00	Community Break
15.00 - 16.00	Televised Session - cnbc africa/africa growth outlook 
16.00 - 16.15	Closing Plenary - closing remarks
16.15 - 17.00	Farewell Reception



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