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Africa Global Business Forum 2013

Dubai-COMESA: Bridging the Continent to the World

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With the strengthening of Africa's position as an attractive destination for investment and its growing and diversifying economies, Africa's large economic community offers an immense scope for bilateral investment and trade making it a lucrative and important business destination. Home to 7 of the 10 fastest growing economies in the world and with a population of over 1 billion people, a combined GDP of close to US\$2trillion, Africa's economic growth in recent years has made it a region of international focus. Held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum - UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, the **Africa Global Business Forum 2013** organised by Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry and COMESA Regional Investment Agency aims to highlight the business opportunities in Africa and Dubai's strategic link between the continent and the rest of the world.

The **Africa Global Business Forum 2013** will offer a platform to over 2,000 policy-makers and global business leaders from Africa, the GCC, Asia and Europe and beyond to discuss current challenges and business opportunities in finance, agribusiness, logistics, and trade across the economic blocs of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), the East African Community (EAC), the South African Development Community (SADC), the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD) and the African Union (AU).

The Forum will highlight Dubai's strategic role as a world-class hub for doing business with Africa. The UAE government has shown great interest in expanding business with the continent seizing opportunities available on the African continent, with an estimated US\$97bn in capital expenditure on the continent in the last 10 years.

The **Africa Global Business Forum 2013** will provide delegates with access to engaging sessions in which they will have the opportunity to exchange with high-level speakers as well as a large array of networking opportunities which can be taken forward in the designated Meeting Zones. The Forum will also give a flavour to what the African continent has to offer to its residents and visitors in terms of investments and tourism via the designated Tourism and African Investment Promotion Agency Zones, where a selection of African countries will display their main attractions, facilities and business opportunities.

Forum Objectives

- To increase bilateral trade and investment flows to COMESA, Africa, Dubai, GCC countries, Asia and the rest of the world, namely in agri-business, logistics, trade, financial services, and tourism
- To market investment projects and opportunities in COMESA, EAC, SADC, IOC, ECOWAS, ECCAS, IGAD and the AU
- To present success stories to support a positive perception of COMESA and Africa as investment destinations of choice
- To highlight the role of Dubai as an international hub for business in and out of COMESA and Africa
- To enlighten the private sector on the major positive changes which have taken place in COMESA Member States and African countries in terms of business and investment climate and the reforms which have made them possible
- To identify the appropriate frameworks which lead to mutually beneficial and fruitful business relations with the African continent and economic growth
- To open dialogue between and create a platform of interaction for African Officials and the private sector, businessmen and government officials from Dubai, the GCC, Asia, Europe and beyond
- To address challenges in Africa and promote related investment opportunities
- To promote bilateral trade with COMESA and the African continent as a gateway to investment, by raising the awareness of African products, imports, exports as well as trade procedures, roles and regulations in African countries

Expected Delegates

- International business leaders with current and potential investment in Africa
- Ministers, policymakers, political leaders, senior government officials from Africa, the GCC, Asia, Europe and beyond
- Analysts/ economists/ legal experts/ academics/ risk professionals
- International organizations and multilateral agencies
- Senior representatives from African Investment Promotion Agencies
- Leading local and international Media

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