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Dubai-COMESA: Bridging the Continent to the World

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Pre-Registration – Tuesday 30th April

14.00–20.00

Venue: Madinat Arena

Day One - Wednesday 1st May

07.30–09.00

Registration and Networking

Venue: Madinat Arena

09.00–10.00

Official Opening Remarks

Language: English/Arabic/French

Venue: Madinat Arena

Speakers:

- H.E. Abdulrahman Saif Al Ghurair, Chairman, Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry, UAE
- Heba Salama, Director, COMESA Regional Investment Agency, Egypt
- H.E. Sultan Al Mansoori, Minister of Economy, UAE (TBC)
- H.E. Sindiso Ngwenya, COMESA Secretary General, Zambia

Keynote Address:

Hon. Amama Mbabazi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda (TBC)

Moderator:

- Mr. Mohamed Salem, Dubai TV

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee Break & Networking

10.30–11.15

Plenary Session I

Language: English/Arabic/French

Venue: Madinat Arena

Government Initiatives and Business Prospects in Africa

- Tapping the private sector to fund government
- Dubai's strong strategic and business ties with Africa
- Highlighting the opportunities of Expo 2020 for African business

In Conversation with:

- H.E. Reem Al Hashemi, Minister of State, UAE

Moderator:

- Mr. Amr Adeeb, Presenter, Orbit Showtime Network, Egypt (TBC)

15 Minute Recess to Adjust Stage Set-Up

P.1 (Agenda is subject to change, without prior notice)

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11.30-12.30**Plenary Session II**

Language: English/Arabic/French

Venue: Madinat Arena

The Business Circle:

- Doing business in Africa: building winning business partnerships and comparing perceptions vs. reality
- What are the key sectors for investors seeking opportunities in Africa??
- Ensuring a conducive business environment for success.

Speakers:

- Hon. Danny Faure, Vice President of the Republic of Seychelles (TBC)
- Dr. Ahmed Heikal, Chairman and founder, Citadel Capital, Egypt
- Jean Louis Ekra, President, Afreximbank, Egypt
- Hakim Bello-Oosagie, Chairman, Etisalat, Nigeria (TBC)

Moderator: Moeletsi Mbeki, Deputy Chairman, South African Institute of International Affairs, South Africa

**Network with your peers at the designated meeting zones****12.30 – 14.00 Lunch & Networking****14.00-15.00****Plenary Session III**

Language: English/Arabic/French

Venue: Madinat Arena

Dubai-COMESA: Bridging the Continent to the World

- Dubai as a hub for trading with Africa
- COMESA as a strategic route to Africa
- Role of Regional Economic Communities for doing business in Africa
- What and where are the new opportunities, sectors and countries for investors from the rest of the world?

Speakers:

- H.E. Osama Saleh, Minister of Investment, Egypt (TBC)
- Hon. Olusegun Aganga, Minister for Trade & Investment, Nigeria (TBC)
- H.E. Sheikha Lubna bint Khalid Al Qasimi, Minister of Foreign Trade, UAE (TBC)
- H.E. Erastus Mwencha, Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission, Ethiopia

Moderator: William Wallis, Africa Editor, Financial Times, UK

15.00-16.00**Parallel Session I: Trade**

Language: English

Venue: Johara Ballroom A

Dubai as the Hub for Trade with Africa

- Inter-African trade has grown substantially and as a result now stands at 10 per cent, with the continent's share of global trade accounting for 3 per cent presenting an immense potential for growth.
- What are the new sectors that will boost trade between Africa, UAE, and the world while taking advantage of regional, interregional and international trade platforms?
- Building winning corporate partnerships for success, a Dubai case study

Panellists:

- H.E. Jabulila Mashwama, Minister of Commerce, Swaziland
- Dr. Carlos Lopes, Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Africa (TBC)
- H.E. Abdulla Ahmed Al Saleh, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Trade, UAE (TBC)

- Zemedeneh Negatu, Managing Partner for Ethiopia and Head of Transaction Advisory for Eastern Africa, Ernst & Young, Ethiopia (TBC)

Moderator: Matthew Tostevin, Deputy Regional Editor, Thomson Reuters, UK

15.00-16.00

Parallel Session II: Finance

Language: English

Venue: Johara Ballroom B

Capital Markets: a Route for Financing Business Expansion and Economic Growth

- Business and government financing through capital markets has grown substantially over the last 5 years particularly through bond issues, IPOs and debt/equity. What role do UAE financial institutions play alongside other international players in this growing area?
- What are some of the success stories and opportunities in COMESA and Africa?

Panellists:

- Dr. Mohamed Omran, Chairman, The Egyptian Stock Exchange, Egypt
- John Ngumi, Director, Standard Bank, Kenya
- Sunil Benimadhu, Executive Director, Mauritius Stock Exchange, Mauritius (TBC)
- Essa Kazem, Managing Director and CEO, Dubai Financial Market (TBC)

Moderator: Henry Obi, COO, Helios Capital, UK

15.00-16.00

Parallel Session III: Logistics

Language: English/French

Venue: Johara Ballroom C

Drawing from the Dubai Model as a Global Hub to Africa

- How is this being done and where are the opportunities?
- The challenges of creating a distribution network
- Creating storage and warehousing capacity
- Driving successful port operations.

Panellists:

- Hon. Raymond Tshibanda Ntugamulongo, Minister of Regional and International Cooperation, Democratic Republic of Congo (TBC)
- H.E. Hisham Al Shirawi, Chairman, Economic Zones World, UAE (TBC)
- Dr. Mohamed Sharaf, CEO, Dubai Ports (TBC)
- Admiral Mohab Mohamed Hussein Mameesh, Chairman and Managing Director, Suez Canal Authority, Egypt (TBC)

Moderator: Richard Mgamba, Senior Editor, The Guardian, Tanzania



Tourism Showcase - Take the Path undiscovered

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break & Networking

16.30-17.30

Parallel Session IV: Finance

Language: English

Venue: Johara Ballroom A

Financing Successful Business Growth: Opportunities and Challenges for Commercial Banking

- Opportunities abound in trade finance, commercial lending, debt market operations and personal finance in COMESA and Africa
- How are international banks and those from the GCC region taking advantage of the opportunities?

- What are the challenges for new entrants and how are they being overcome?

Panellists:

- Hon. Kaifala Marah, Minister of Finance, Sierra Leone (TBC)
- Adamassu Tadesse, CEO, PTA Bank, Kenya
- James Mwangi, CEO, Equity Bank, Kenya (TBC)
- Mark Weston, Director, Nedbank, South Africa (TBC)
- Rick Pudner, CEO, Emirates NBD, UAE (TBC)

Moderator: Peter Enti, Partner, Nubuke Investments, Ghana/ UK

16.30-17.30

Parallel Session V: Agribusiness

Language: English

Venue: Johara Ballroom B

Commercialising Agriculture: Food Security and investment

- Food security remains crucial to all members of the GCC and Africa and has been the catalyst for the region's investment and acquisition of land in COMESA countries and beyond.
- How is agriculture being commercialised and what are the land ownership issues?
- Can Gulf investments trigger the growth of agro-processing on the continent and boost exports back to the Gulf?
- With a population of more than 1 billion people and growing purchasing power, what do integrated African markets offer in terms of opportunities?

Panellists:

- Hon. José Condugua António Pacheco, Minister of Agriculture, Mozambique (TBC)
- Jane Karuku, President, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), Kenya
- Dr. John Atkin, Chief Operating Officer, Syngenta, Switzerland
- Essa Abd Allah Al Ghurair, Vice Chairman, Al Ghurair Foods, UAE (TBC)

Moderator: Edmund O'Sullivan, Chairman, MEED Events, UAE

16.30-17.30

Parallel Session VI: Logistics

Language: English

Venue: Johara Ballroom C

Connecting the Continent for Success:

- Is Road haulage still the main solution for land locked countries?
- Moving across borders: The growing market for inter Africa air travel
- Will the return of rail transport address Africa's logistics challenge?

Panellists:

- Andas Spare, Hinduja Motors Group, India
- Karim Sadek, Managing Director, Rift Valley Railways, Kenya (TBC)
- Nasser Saif Al Mansoori, CEO, Etihad Rail, UAE (TBC)
- Ed Winter, CEO, Fastjet, Tanzania

Moderator: Moeletsi Mbeki, Deputy Chairman, South African Institute of International Affairs, South Africa

20.00-23.00

Gala Dinner

End of Day One

Day Two - Thursday 2nd May

08.30 – 9.00 Networking Coffee

09.00-10.00

Plenary Session IV

Language: English/Arabic/French
Venue: Madinat Arena

In conversation with:

- Dr. Mo Ibrahim, Mobile Communications Entrepreneur, Founder of Mo Ibrahim Foundation, Sudan
- Aliko Dangote, President and CEO, Dangote, Nigeria (TBC)
- Mohamed Alabbar, Chairman, Emaar, UAE (TBC)

Moderator: Peter Enti, Partner, Nubuke Investments, Ghana/ UK

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10.15-11.30

Plenary Session V

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Venue: Madinat Arena

Africa's Young Future:

- The African continent has the youngest population in the world with over 54 per cent of the population below the age of 65
- How Africa's young entrepreneurs are starting to drive its economic future
- The view of the up and coming young entrepreneurs and business people of Africa

Speakers:

- Hon. Dr. Rob Davies, Minister of Trade and Industry, South Africa (TBC)
- Ashish Thakar, Chief Executive, Mara Industries, UAE
- Ndidi Nuweli, Managing Director ACCE industries, Nigeria
- Andrew Rugasira, Owner, Good African Coffee, Uganda (TBC)

Moderator: Imoni Akbofurb, Director, IFC, Switzerland (TBC)

11.30– 12.00 Coffee Break & Networking

12.00-13.00

Parallel Session I: Finance

Language: English
Venue: Johara Ballroom A

Islamic Finance: Africa the New Frontier

- Africa is a new frontier for Islamic finance with emerging opportunities.
- Dubai-based financial institutions can play the role of a bridge to Africa.
- What should the focus for international companies seeking new openings in Africa be?

Panellists

- Dr. Ahmed Mohamed Ali Al Madani, President, Islamic Development Bank, Saudi Arabia (TBC)
- Assad Aziz Ahmed, Managing Director, Gulf African Bank, Kenya (TBC)
- Romanna Bint Abubakar, Qatar Consulting Group, UK (TBC)
- Abdallah Al Hameli, CEO, Dubai Islamic Bank (TBC)

Moderator: Edmund O'Sullivan, Chairman, MEED (TBC)

12.00-13.00

Parallel Session II: Trade

Language: English

Venue: Johara Ballroom B

Boosting Africa's Trade: the Role of Preferential Trade Agreements / Free Trade Areas

- Breaking down the barriers to trade: expanding regional integration in Africa
- How have preferential trade agreements supported African business and African countries?
- Africa Growth & Opportunity Act (AGOA) is due to expire in 2015. What's next?

Panellists:

- Hon. Dr. Arvin Boolel, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, Mauritius (TBC)
- Hon. Robert K. Sichinga, Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia (TBC)
- George Otieno, CEO, African Trade Insurance Agency, Kenya
- Mr. Stephen Karangizi, Director, Africa Legal Support Facility, African Development Bank, Tunisia (TBC)

Moderator: Richard Mgamba, Senior Editor, The Guardian, Tanzania

12.00-13.00

Parallel Session III: Agribusiness

Language: English

Venue: Johara Ballroom C

Agriculture - Driving Economic and Business Growth

- Dubai is a growing agro-processing centre and a base for agro-based exports to the region and the world beyond.
- UAE is a ready market for processing Africa's raw agricultural products and Dubai, a hub and transit point for unprocessed agricultural products to Europe and Asia
- How can African companies benefit as suppliers and business partners in agro-processing?

Panellists:

- Geoffery White, Director and CEO, Lonhro, UK
- Douglas Tough, Chief Executive, International Flavours & Fragrances, Dubai/US (TBC)
- Mr. Sam Jonah, Chairman, Jonah & Cape Concentrate, South Africa
- Mr. Yves, Manghardt, Chairman and CEO, Nestle Middle East (TBC)

Moderator: TBC



Tourism Showcase - Take the Path undiscovered

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Parallel Session IV: Trade

Language: English

Venue: Johara Ballroom A

Expanding COMESA's Trading Reach

- The Region has increased its trading links with the outside world, moving into non-traditional markets.
- What is the regional approach of new retail giants?
- What role can franchise play?
- What products are serving Africa's growing consumer base?

Panellists:

- Hon. Amelia Kyambadde, Minister of Trade, Uganda (TBC)
- Chris Kirubi, Chairman, Haco Industries, Kenya
- Dr. David Luke, Senior Trade Advisor and Coordinator of the Trade and Human Development Unit of UNDP. Switzerland (TBC)
- Mr. Kinam Lee, President, Samsung Electronics Egypt, Egypt (TBC)

Moderator: Richard Mgamba, Senior Editor, The Guardian, Tanzania

14.30-15.30**Parallel Session V: Finance**

Language: English

Venue: Johara Ballroom B

Private Equity: Lessons learnt from Dubai for Africa

- What role has private equity played in the development of Dubai?
- Is it the best route to finance business growth in Africa?
- What alternative financing models could work in expanding and growing African business?

Panellists:

- H.H. Sheikh Maktoum Hasher Al Maktoum, Executive Chairman, Shuaa Capital, UAE (TBC)
- Yvonne Ike, CEO, Renaissance Capital West Africa, Nigeria (TBC)
- Moez Daya, Managing Partner, Satya Capital, UK
- Dirk Herbecke, CEO, Africa Development Corporation, Germany
- Khalid Bin Kalban, Managing Director & CEO, Dubai Investments, UAE

Moderator: Peter Enti, Partner, Nubuke Investments, Ghana/ UK

14.30-15.30**Parallel Session VI: Logistics**

Language: English

Venue: Johara Ballroom C

Overcoming the Distribution Challenge

- Long distances and storage difficulties mean that great opportunities abound in the warehousing and distribution sector right across Africa.
- How are COMESA-based companies meeting the distribution challenges and what are the areas yet to be addressed and thus opened to new entrants?
- How can Dubai's logistical infrastructure tackle the distribution challenge?

Panellists:

- Hon. Prof. Welshman Ncube Minister of Industry and Commerce, Zimbabwe (TBC)
- Lourens De Waal, Managing Director, Commercial Cold Storage, South Africa (TBC)
- Mohammed Al Zarouni, Director General, Dubai Airports Free Zone Authority, UAE
- Fadi Ghandour, Founder and CEO, Aramex, UAE (TBC)

Moderator: Edmund O'Sullivan, Chairman, MEED Events, UAE



Investment Showcase - Golden opportunities await

15.30 - 16:00 Coffee Break & Networking

16.00-17.00

TV Debate

Language: English

Venue: Madinat Arena

Bridging the Continent

- Africa Rising: Building the bridge for success
- Dubai as the bridge to Africa
- Prospective sectors for investment and business success
- The challenges that must be overcome to build win-win partnerships

Speakers:

- Hon. Hannah Tetteh, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ghana (TBC)
- H.E. Sindiso Ngwenya, Secretary General, COMESA
- H.E. Hamad Buamim, Director General, Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry, UAE
- Mohamed Al Shehhi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Economy, UAE (TBC)

Moderator: (TBC)

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17.15-17.45

Closing Ceremony

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- H.E. Hamad Buamim, Director General, Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry, UAE
- H.E. Sindiso Ngwenya, Secretary General, COMESA

Moderator: Mr. Mohamed Salem, Dubai TV, UAE

End of Day Two