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African Entrepreneurship Policy Forum

08:30 Registration and Info Pack

09:00 Opening Remarks

- Ms. Tatiana Krylova, Head, Enterprise Branch, UNCTAD

09:15 Guest of Honor:

Ms. Clare Akamazi, Chief Executive Officer, Rwanda Development Board

09:30 Keynote Address

Dr. Mamphela Ramphela, Global Ambassador, South Africa (tbc)

10:00 Coffee Break

10:30 Session 1: Entrepreneurship and 2016/SDG agenda

This session highlights the role and significance of entrepreneurs in promoting the sustainable socio-economic development of Africa. It will highlight efforts to foster business activity in economically stagnant regions and communities. Social and environmentally-related objectives as espoused by these goals open the door for 'green and social entrepreneurship', which has the potential to create 15-60 million additional jobs globally and at the same time creates vast scope for entrepreneurial innovation and activity.

Moderator: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) -tbc

- H.E. SENIOR OFFICIAL FROM Rwanda (tbc)
- Mr. Carlos Kingsley Ahenkorah, Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry of Ghana (tbc)
- Mr. Arthur Minsat, Head of Unit – Africa, Europe & Middle-East (Acting), OECD Development Centre
- Mr. Edward Kessy, National Economic Empowerment Council, Tanzania
- Mr. Sanjay G. Mungur, Director, Empretec Mauritius
- Ms. Nambula Kachumi, Executive Director, WeCreate
- Ms. Chichi Umesi, SDG Lab Advisor Network

Group Discussion led by Dr. Deogratias Harorimana, Chairman & Global CEO, AiPF Group Ltd (tbc)

12:00 Lunch



14:00 **Session 2: Discussions of EPF Pillars for Africa: Optimizing the Regulatory Environment**

Given the challenges that exist in each African country, what conditions and incentives need to be in place to create an enabling business environment to start and grow new enterprises at regional level.

Moderator: Ms. Fiorina Mugione, Chief, Entrepreneurship Section, UNCTAD

- Ms. Clare Akamanzi, Chief Executive Officer, Rwanda Development Board (tbc)
- Mr. Federico Bonaglia, Deputy Director, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Development Centre
- Mr. David Tarimo, Regional Head of Tax, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)
- Mr. Achille Nagasam, Technical Expert, UNCTAD
- Mr. Aphrodice Mutagana, General Manager, K-Lab
- Minister from Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (name to be confirmed)

Group Discussion led by Mr. Somachi Chris-Asoluka, Head, Government and External Relations, Tony Elumelu Foundation (tbc)

15:30 **Coffee**

16:00 **Session 3: Discussions of EPF pillars for Africa: Enhancing Entrepreneurship Education and Skills Development**

To strengthen African entrepreneurship education and skills development what solutions and challenges are educators facing to enhance entrepreneurial talent, managerial and labour skills.

Moderator: Ms. Jacqueline N. Semakula, Business Instructor, Akilah Institute.

- Mr. Hassan Gaye, Senior Economist, Ministry of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment, The Gambia
- Mr. Johannes Linder, Youth Start (tbc)
- Mr. John Struthers, Professor, University of West of Scotland
- Mr. Awel Uwhanganye, CEO, Léo Africa Institute, Aspen Global Leadership Network
- Mr. Festus Olatunde, Executive Director, Africa Forum Scotland

17:00 Group Discussions by Martin Ruvugabigwi, Secretary General of the Commonwealth Network of Young Entrepreneurs in Rwanda

Evening: Official Dinner



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09:00 Opening Remarks

- Ms. Bisila Bokoko, CEO, BBES International

09:30 Session 4: Discussions of EPF pillars for Africa: Facilitating Technology Exchanges and Innovation

An examination of initiatives facilitating the promotion of innovation and access to technology affect the ability of SMEs to upgrade into high value-added activities, improve their productivity and compete in regional and international markets.

Moderator: Mr. Massimo Diomedi-Camassei, Trade Adviser, European Union Delegation to the Republic of Uganda

- Ms. Rasha Tantawy, Technology and Entrepreneurship Centre, Egypt
- Ms. Alesimo Mwanga, Research Director, SEA Africa & 22 ON SLOANE
- Mr. Ephraim Rwamwenge, CEO, Rwa Business Group
- Mr. Nana Tweneboa-Boateng, Senior Technical Advisor, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ghana

Group Discussion led by Mr. Charles Ocici, Director, Enterprise Uganda

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Session 5: Discussions of EPF pillars for Africa: Improving Access to Finance

The aim of this session is to define the strategy for financial literacy, advancing financial education and financial inclusion. It will highlight key initiatives at regional level and clarify roles of financial inclusion institutions, continental investment funds and private sector.

Moderator: Mr. Regis Rugemanshuro, Chief Executive Officer, BK Techouse (tbc)

- Mr. Mothobo Seseli, Chief Executive Officer, Argon Asset, South Africa
- Mr. Lubega Ibrahim Kaddunabbi, Chief Executive Officer, Insurance Regulatory Authority of Uganda
- Mr. Walter Ogwal, Director - East Africa, GroFin Africa Fund
- Thakhani Makhuvha, Chief Executive Officer, Small Enterprise Finance Agency (tbc)
- Bank of Kigali (tbc)

Group Discussion led by Mr. Jude Muzale, National Programme Coordinator, International Labour Organisation (ILO)



12:30 **Lunch**

13:30 **Session 6: Discussions of EPF pillars for Africa: Promoting Awareness and Networking**

Negative socio-cultural perceptions about entrepreneurship can act as significant barriers to enterprise creation. The session will review regional outreach and awareness campaigns as well as how to strengthen existing regional networks among entrepreneurs. This panel will also provide an overview of regional value chains, including trends, emerging risks, challenges and business opportunities.

Moderator: Ms. Bisila Bokoko, CEO BBES International

- Mr. Momodou Drammeh, Director Enterprise Support and Project Coordinator Empretec Gambia at Gambia Investment and Export Promotion Agency (GIEPA)
- Ms. Mmbodi Rambau-Nesengani, Senior Impact Development Specialist Industrial Development Corporation (IDC)
- Ms. Josephine Mwangi, Communications Lead, Nailab
- Mr. Paul Kariuki, CEO, Safe Motos
- Mr. Charles Ocici, Director, Enterprise Uganda

Group Discussion led by New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)

15:00 **Session 7: Way Forward**

Moderator: UNCTAD

Reports of the chairs of the discussions and breakout sessions on how to measure policy effectiveness by each area, open discussion, and adoption of outcome

15:30 **Closing Remarks**

17:00 **Cocktail**