



CELEBRATION OF THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DJIBOUTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

4 & 5 December 2017, Palais du Peuple, Djibouti

Draft Agenda v4

Day 1: Monday 4th December 2017

08.00 – 09.00 Registration & Morning Refreshments

09.00 – 09.05 Moderator’s Welcome Remarks

09.05 - 09.50 Forum Opening Remarks

Mr. Youssouf Moussa Dawaleh, *President of Chamber of Commerce Djibouti*

H.E. Mohamed Abdoukader Moussa, *Minister of Transport and Equipment, Djibouti*

H.E. Ali Guelleh Aboubaker, *Minister of Investment, Djibouti*

H.E. Ilyas Moussa Dawaleh, *Minister of Economy and Finance, Djibouti*

H.E. Abdoukader Kamil Mohamed, *The Prime Minister of Djibouti*

09.50 – 10.00 Leg Stretch

10.00 – 10.40

Hook: Keynote Session

Session Title: Driving Strategic Economic Priorities, Trade & Investment and Infrastructure Development in East Africa: Towards Regional Integration and Intra-Trade Development

Keynote Speakers:

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Thought Starters:

- *Delivering on key strategic economic priorities: Boosting growth*
- *Aligning the role of government and the private sector to stimulate increased FDI into Africa*
- *Meeting the needs for infrastructure to drive forward regional integration and development*
- *Addressing the lack of infrastructure specifically in the Horn and East of Africa*



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- *Creating effective legal and regulatory systems to enable sustainable infrastructure development*
- *Accelerating the position of Africa as a dynamic hub for infrastructure investment*

10.40 - 11.15

Hook: Boosting Private Investment in Infrastructure

Session Title: Aligning Key Stakeholders and Ensuring Effective Collaboration Between Policymakers, Regulators, Investors and the Private Sector

Keynote Speakers:

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Thought Starters

- *Making private sector funding more attractive to the Government in order to boost economic growth*
- *Tackling the challenges facing policymakers as existing standards and regulations need to be adapted to foster innovation and attract greater private sector participation*
- *Responding to challenges and seizing opportunities: How innovation and collaboration can re-invent models and establish new standards: Examples from Djibouti*

11.15-11.35 Refreshments & Networking Break

11.35 - 12.05

Hook: Special Address

Session Title: Women and Leadership: Boosting Economic Development in Africa

Keynote Speakers:

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12.05-12.45



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Hook: African Success Stories

Session Title: *Unleashing Africa's Full Potential with Innovative Financing Mechanisms for Infrastructure Development*

Keynote Speakers:

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Thought Starters

- *Assessing practical realities on the ground in Africa: Challenges & opportunities*
- *Case study examples of progress being made on the continent - Insights into developments in the Rwanda model, including WiFi in public areas and public transport vehicles, and cashless payment systems in public transport*
- *Investment in infrastructure in strategically vital sectors including: Port & Transport infrastructure, Renewable Energy, Hospitality & Tourism, and the Health sector*
- *Accelerating the journey towards smart infrastructure and sustainable development by making use of new smart solutions and technology disruption and transformation*
- *Exploring African opportunities for digital infrastructure, E-Governance, and the digital economy*

12.45-13.00

Hook: Key Takeaways

Session Title: Interactive Summary & Conclusions

Speakers:

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13.00-14.30: Forum Luncheon

14.30-16.00



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Hook: PPP: Collaborate2Accelerate

Session Title: Assessing Africa's Booming Infrastructure Landscape – Opportunities and Models for Participation

Speakers

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Thought Starters

- Public Private Partnerships: Unlocking value to boost economic growth
- Understanding the African business environment: PPP models for SMEs
- Attracting private sector funding to boost Africa's economic growth

16.00-16.30 Hook: Summary & Conclusions

Session Title: Towards a Stronger and More Dynamic Infrastructure Investments Ecosystem in Africa

Speakers:

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Thought Starters

- *Implementation of policies that make investment in Africa more efficient and drive development in the region*
- *Identifying quality investment opportunities in key African markets and industry sectors*

16.30 Close of Day 1

Day 2: Tuesday 5th December 2017



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08.00- 09.00 Morning Refreshments

09.00-10.15: **Hook:** Building on Strong Legal Foundations

Session Title: Strengthening Legal Frameworks and Arbitration Mechanisms to Support Private Investment in Africa

Speakers:

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Thought Starters:

- *Establishing a strong legal framework to generate more bankable PPP projects and increase the success rate of infrastructure delivery in Africa*
- *Assessment of the legal framework for PPP models for bi-national or multi-national infrastructure projects*
- *Harmonization of the legal framework for PPP within the REC (Regional Economic Community)*
- *Applying arbitration and dispute resolution mechanisms to create the conditions for successful private investment in infrastructure in East Africa*

10.15-10.30 *Refreshments & Networking Break: Engage with the latest innovations and developments in the African infrastructure markets & network with your peers over informal refreshments*

10.30-12.00 **Hook:** Transforming the Financing Environment

Session Title: Unlocking the Potential of Innovative Financing Mechanisms for Infrastructure Development

Speakers

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Thought Starters:

- *Aligning investors and financiers to put the spotlight on **emerging infrastructure projects** and their potential in East Africa*
- *Assessing the models, financial realities and the social & economic value of key infrastructure projects across East Africa*
- *Catalyzing sovereign wealth, pension and provident funds, as well as other financing mechanisms to increase the funding of early stage project development activities*



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12.00 - 12.30 Hook: Industry Insights

Session Title: Key Takeaways

Speakers:

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12.30 - 14.00: Forum Luncheon

14.00 - 15.30 B2B Interactions and Open Networking Session

15.30 Close of the Regional Integration & Private Investment in Infrastructure Forum 2017