

Bloomberg New Economy Gateway Africa

PROGRAM

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

8:30 AM Registration Opens

9:00 AM Welcome Breakfast Reception
Bilaterals & Networking

10:00 AM Opening Video Address

- Michael R. Bloomberg, Founder of Bloomberg LP & Bloomberg Philanthropies and Three-term Mayor of New York City

10:05 AM Welcome Remarks

- H.E. Aziz Akhannouch, The Head of Government, Kingdom of Morocco

10:10 AM Spotlight on Pan-Africanism

- Wamkele Mene, Secretary-General, African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat
- Moderated by David Malingha, East Africa Bureau Chief, Bloomberg News

10:30 AM Seizing Africa's Infrastructure Potential

Nothing could do more to accelerate trade and economic growth in Africa than infrastructure. Without it, the enormous potential in agriculture, renewable energy and raw materials can't be fulfilled, and goods and labor can't flow freely enough. What'll it take to build the roads, ports, dams and pipelines that Africa so desperately needs?

- **Firestarter:** Claudine Uwera, Minister of State in charge of Economic Planning in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Republic of Rwanda
- Ayaan Zeinab Adam, Senior Director and Chief Executive Officer, AFC Capital Partners, Africa Finance Corporation
- Hamza Kabbaj, Director-General, Société Générale des Travaux du Maroc (SGTM)

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- Moderated by Arijit Ghosh, Managing Editor - Africa, Bloomberg News

11:00 AM In Conversation with Andrew Forrest

- Andrew Forrest AO, Executive Chairman, Fortescue
- Moderated by Erik Schatzker, Editorial Director, Bloomberg New Economy

11:20 AM Coffee Break

11:50 AM Spotlight on Sustainable Development

- Alain Ebobissé, Chief Executive Officer, Africa50
- Moderated by Arijit Ghosh, Managing Editor - Africa, Bloomberg News

12:05 PM Realizing Africa's Clean Energy Potential

The pieces of the puzzle seem to fit together perfectly: 1) tap Africa's potential for solar, wind, and geothermal energy 2) build out electricity grids to distribute it 3) meet the continent's fast-growing demand for affordable and sustainable power 4) emit little to no additional carbon in the process. Several countries, including Cameroon, Gabon, Kenya, Morocco and Namibia, are getting there with a range of clean-energy initiatives. Closing the gap requires a combination of clear policies, foreign investment and international support.

- Leila Benali, Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, Kingdom of Morocco
- Otmane Benamar, Chief Technology Officer, Gas Power Europe, Middle East & Africa, part of GE Vernova
- Caroline Eboumbou, Chief Executive Officer, All On
- Martin Ewald, Managing Director and Lead Portfolio Manager, Impact Investments, Allianz Global Investors
- Moderated by Antony Sguazzin, Reporter, Bloomberg News

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12:45 PM The Business of Sports in Africa

It's not just a game. Sports is an industry measured in the hundreds of billions and, played right, can catapult emerging economies to new heights economically and reputationally. In Africa, home to the world's fastest-growing population, football is booming and achievements, such as Morocco's advance to the World Cup semi-final, are piling up. Basketball and boxing are also hot. African nations want a bigger slice of the global sports pie and the right to host major tournaments, like the World Cup or even the Olympics. What's the right playbook? Other countries have struggled with cost overruns and corruption. How do African countries ensure that they pick the right partners and hire the right contractors? Which metrics will define success?

- Herbert Mensah, President, World Rugby's African Association, Rugby Africa
- Moderated by Timothy L. O'Brien, Senior Executive Editor, Bloomberg Opinion

1:00 PM Lunch

Breakout Sessions

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2:30 PM Putting Private Capital to Work in Africa

The good news: Foreign direct investment in Africa reached a record \$83 billion in 2021. The bad news: Africa is still drawing only 5.2% of global FDI. It's hardly for a lack of projects; there are innumerable opportunities to generate returns in Africa. So what's holding back private capital? What can governments do to incentivize investors? How do funds find their way beyond the largest companies to SMEs? Who's had success investing in Africa and why?

- Rajakumari Jandhyala, Managing Partner and Founder, YAATRA Ventures
- Florizelle Liser, President and Chief Executive Officer, Corporate Council on Africa
- Ryosuke Yamawaki, Partner, Verod-Kepple Africa Ventures
- Moderated by Erik Schatzker, Editorial Director, Bloomberg New Economy

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3:00 PM Easing Africa's Debt Burden

Debt is a mounting problem across the African continent. Zambia, Ghana and Mali all have defaulted since the beginning of the pandemic, and in 24 nations the situation is "severe," according to the UN. China has emerged as a major creditor. Even for countries with healthier economies, rising interest rates and the strong dollar are straining finances or putting debt capital out of reach. Now that the G20's temporary relief program has expired, the need for action and multilateral coordination is urgent.

- Anne-Laure Kiechel, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Global Sovereign Advisory
- Nadia Fettah, Minister of Economy and Finances, Kingdom of Morocco
- Abebe Aemro Selassie, Director of the African Department, International Monetary Fund
- Aminu Umar-Sadiq, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority
- Moderated by Amogelang Mbatha, South Africa Bureau Chief, Bloomberg News

3:40 PM Putting Health First: The Future of Drugs & Vaccines in Africa

Africa showed in the Covid-19 pandemic that it can work collaboratively to tackle overwhelming health-care challenges. Yet, with little capacity to manufacture medicines, it remains reliant on organizations like Gavi and cheap imports from India and China. With a "homegrown" pharma industry, Africa could deliver better treatments faster, ensure compliance with health regulations and focus on the diseases that disproportionately affect its people. Which countries and companies are leading the way forward?

- Afsane Jetha, Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer, Alta Semper Capital
- Viraj Rajadhyaksha, Area Medical Director Middle East and Africa, AstraZeneca
- Lamia Tazi, Chief Executive Officer and Chairwoman of the Board, Sothema
- Moderated by Janice Kew, Reporter, Bloomberg News

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- 4:10 PM Closing Remarks
- 4:15 PM Breakout Sessions
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- 7:00 PM Cocktail Reception
- 8:00 PM Gala Dinner

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9:00 AM Registration Opens
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10:00 AM Opening Remarks and Welcome

10:10 AM Connecting Africa's Next Generation

- Strive Masiyiwa, Founder and Executive Chairman, Econet Group
- Moderated by Jennifer Zabasajja, Correspondent, Bloomberg Television

10:30 AM The Next Generation: Can Africa Be a Global Talent Hub?

Nowhere do youth education and employment pose a bigger challenge than in Africa. Already, 70% of the sub-Saharan population is under 30. Many leaders in government and business recognize the need for training to ensure this next generation is equipped with a competitive skillset. Who is showing the way forward? Where are such programs making a difference with tangible results? Which industries offer the best opportunities for job creation?

- Roberta Annan, Managing Partner, Impact Fund for African Creatives and Annan Capital Partners
- Elizabeth Rossiello, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, AZA Finance
- Brian Tippens, Senior Vice President and Chief Social Impact Officer, Cisco Systems, Inc.
- Moderated by Amogelang Mbatha, South Africa Bureau Chief, Bloomberg News

11:00 AM Coffee Break

11:30 PM Leapfrogging the West? The Promise of Fintech in Africa

- Alfred F. Kelly, Jr., Executive Chairman, Visa
- Moderated by Erik Schatzker, Editorial Director, Bloomberg New Economy

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11:50 PM Unearth Africa's Metals Potential

- Kwasi Ampofo, Head of Metals and Mining, BloombergNEF

12:00 PM Mine Your Business: Building Value from the Green Transition

In a world powered by green energy, Africa should be a superpower. It has 30% of all known mineral reserves, including major deposits of cobalt, manganese, copper, nickel, graphite, platinum and lithium. Yet Africa is capturing little of the wealth created in the shift to clean electricity. Will nearshoring and new supply chains tilt the balance in Africa's favor? Will it move up the value chain or remain relegated to raw-materials supplier?

- Samuel A. Jinapor, Minister for Lands and Natural Resources, Republic of Ghana
- Josephine Wapakabulo, TIG Africa and Downforce Technologies
- Moderated by Kwasi Ampofo, Head of Metals and Mining, BloombergNEF

12:20 PM Powering Resilience: Climate Adaptation and Mitigation

At COP15 in Copenhagen, rich countries promised to mobilize \$100 billion a year by 2020 for climate action in the developing world. To date, they've never met the target. Africa, arguably the continent most at risk because of climate change, can't afford to wait. Are there ways to hold advanced economies more accountable? What can nations do themselves to speed adaptation and mitigation? Where is action needed most?

- Eugenia Kargbo, Chief Heat Officer, Freetown, Sierra Leone
- Hannah Ryder, Chief Executive Officer, Development Reimagined
- Kaddu Sebunya, Chief Executive Officer, African Wildlife Foundation
- Moderated by Antony Sguazzin, Reporter, Bloomberg News

1:00 PM Food Security: Building a Self-Sufficient Food System

Africa's long struggle with hunger, undernourishment and famine need no introduction. Yet after decades the continent is no closer to self-sufficiency in food. If anything, Russia's war in Ukraine has exposed a continued dependency on imports of grains and other foodstuffs. Handouts won't solve the problem. Africa has the capacity to fertilize, grow and process what it needs. What's missing? Who's standing in the way of progress?

- Fatmata Binta, Executive Chef, Dine on a Mat and Founder, Fulani

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Kitchen Foundation

- Tatika Catipay, Chief Operating Officer, Degas Ltd.
- Sara Menker, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Gro Intelligence
- Moderated by Jennifer Zabasajja, Correspondent, Bloomberg Television

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3:00 PM Bloomberg New Economy Gateway Africa Concludes