



HLMM ON TRANSFORMATIVE INVESTMENTS IN AFRICA “UNLEASHING JOB CREATION INITIATIVES”

Madrid, 19 December 2023

PROGRAM

Venue: Headquarters of the Spanish Confederation of Business Organizations (CEOE). Calle Diego de León, 50; Madrid.

8:15 am. Registration of participants

9:00 am. Welcome Greetings

- President of CEOE & Vice-President of BusinessEurope, Mr. Antonio Garamendi

9:05 am to 9:30 am. Opening Session:

- Chief Executive Officer of ICEX, Ms. María Peña
- Commissioner for Trade and Industry African Union Commission, Mr. Albert M. Muchanga

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9:35 am to 10:45 am. High-level Panel: EU-Africa Trade.

Topics for discussion:

- EU - Africa Trade Agreements
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Challenges in economic environment

Keynote speaker: Chief of Staff of the Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO), Mr. Bright Okogu

3 Panellists:

- Deputy Minister of the Economy, Planning and Development Ivory Coast, Mr. Nahoua Yeo
- Vice Minister of Trade and Industry of Ghana, Ms. Nana Ama Dokua
- Deputy Head of Africa Desk OECD, Mr. Bakary Traoré
- Member of the International Relations Commission of BusinessEurope, Mr. Álvaro Schweinfurth

Chairperson: Director General of International Trade and Investment, Ms. Alicia Varela



10:45 am to 11:45 am. Round-table 1: Industrial Development in Africa: Agri-Food and Textiles.

Sectors for discussion:

- Agri-Food / Food Security
- Chemical & Fertilisers
- Textile

Panellists:

- Minister for the Maritime Economy, Fisheries and Coastal Protection of Togo, Mr. Edem Kokou Tengue
- Director of Private Sector Development, Ministry of Economy of Senegal, Ms. Ndeye Maguatte
- OCP Sustainability Manager, Mr. Raihani Ghassane (Morocco)
- Investment Officer, Tanzania Investment Centre, Ms. Veronica Mrema
- International Trade Policy Exper of FIAB, Ms. Miriam Gutierrez

Chairperson: International Director of the Chamber of Commerce of Spain, Mr. Jaime Montalvo

11:45 am. Coffee break.

12:00 pm to 1 pm. Round-table 2: Towards Green Transition in Africa.

Sectors for discussion:

- Renewable Energies / Comparative advantages between Green, Blue and Grey Hydrogen
- Water Treatment
- Mining / Critical Minerals

Panellists:

- Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs and Promotion of Productive Sectors of Mauritania, Mr. Yacoub Ahmed Aicha
- Vice Minister Namibia, CEO of Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board, Ms. Nangula Nelulu Uaandja
- EIB Global, Lending for Corporates Africa, Asia and Latin America, Caribbean and Pacific, Mr. Sergio Martínez Guzmán
- CEO AEE Power Ventures, Mr. Hammou Dhia
- Head of Finance Elecnor, Ms. Ángela María Pérez
- Senior Director, Strategy and Fundraising Africa 50, Mr. Jon-Pierre Fourie

Chairperson: General Director of Institutional Cooperation and Coordination of ICEX, Mr. Javier Serra



1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Round-table 3: Enhancing Connectivity and Mobility in Africa.

Sectors for discussion:

- Transport Infrastructures
- Connectivity
- Automotive Industry / Battery Electric Vehicle

Panellists:

- Minister of Finance Planning and Economic Development Uganda, Mr. Matia Kasaija
- CEO Siemens Mobility Southwest Europe, Mr. Agustín Escobar
- Deputy General Manager of the Investment Promotion and Major Works Agency (APIX Senegal), Mr. Mamadou Lamine Bâ
- General Manager of Morocco for Gestamp, Mr. Máximo Pardo

Chairperson: Deputy Director General for Mediterranean Countries, Africa and the Middle East (Spanish Ministry of Economy, Trade and Enterprise), Ms. Ana De Vicente

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Lunch Break (*)

(*) Individual Meetings with African Ministers (tbc)

3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Round- table 4: Mobilizing Investments for Achieving a Sustainable Development in Africa.

Topics for discussion:

- Towards a New Financing Model for Africa
- Experiences from European investors
- New institutional approaches to encourage investments

Panellists:

- Minister of Budget and Economic Planning in Nigeria, Mr. Abubakar Atiku Bagudu
- Director of Communication, International Cooperation and Partnerships (Ministry of Investment, Convergence and Evaluation of Public Policies of Morocco) Mr. Zakaria Farahat
- Secretary of State for Business Development of Cape Verde, Ms. Adalgiza Vaz
- Deputy General Director in charge of the Corporate & Investment Banking division, Attijari Wafa Bank, Mr. Younes Belabed
- Fund for the Promotion of Development (FONPRODE) Manager (Spain), Mr. Ramón Guzmán

Chairperson: President COFIDES, Mr. José Luis Curbelo



4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Round- table 5: Regional Integration for Economic Growth in Africa.

Topics for discussion:

- Regional value chains
- Public-Private Partnerships
- The Role of Business Organizations in Africa

Panellists:

- President of CEOE & Vice-President of BusinessEurope, Mr. Antonio Garamendi
- President of the Portuguese Business Organization (CIP), Mr. Armindo Monteiro
- President of the General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises CGEM (Morocco), Mr. Chakib Alj
- Executive Director of the Senegalese Investors Club (CIS), Mr. Abdoulaye Ly

Chairperson: Vice-President International Relations Commission of BusinessEurope, Ms. Marta Blanco

5:30 pm. Closing Session:

- President of CEOE & Vice-President of BusinessEurope, Mr. Antonio Garamendi
- Commissioner for Trade and Industry African Union Commission, Mr. Albert M. Muchanga