

Invitation

African Economic Outlook 2016

“Sustainable Cities and Structural Transformation”

The Sub-Saharan Africa Initiative of German Business (SAFRI),
the OECD Development Centre and the African Development Bank (AfDB)
present the

African Economic Outlook (AEO) 2016
Tuesday, 6 September 2016, 11.00 to 14.00 hrs,
in Berlin.

The African Economic Outlook (AEO) celebrates its 15th edition this year. A team of over 100 researchers, economists, statisticians and other experts from Africa and other regions of the world collaborate on the AEO. As in previous years AEO 2016 presents the **current state of economic and social development** in Africa and projects the outlook for the coming two years. It provides comprehensive and comparable data and analyses **for all 54 African countries**.

This year's edition focuses on **Africa's rapid urbanisation**. It represents an immense opportunity, not just for Africa's urban dwellers but also for rural development. As two-thirds of the investments in urban infrastructure to 2050 have yet to be made, the scope is large for new, wide-ranging urban policies to turn African cities and towns into engines of sustainable structural transformation.

After the presentation and discussion we invite you to a networking lunch. Please refer to the following programme for further details. The report will be presented in English.

Please register online: www.dihk.de/aeo-16

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Programme

- 10.30 – 11.00 *Registration*
- 11.00 – 11.30 *Opening Session*
Prof. Dr. Heinz-Walter Grosse,
Chairman of Sub-Saharan Africa Initiative of German Business
(SAFRI) and CEO of B. Braun Melsungen AG
- Representative of the African Ambassadors
- Thomas Silberhorn, Parliamentary State Secretary to the
Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development
(BMZ)
- 11.30 – 12.15 *Presentation African Economic Outlook 2016*
Henri-Bernard Solignac-Lecomte, Head of Unit, Europe, Middle
East & Africa, OECD Development Centre
- Abebe Shimeles, Research Director, African Development Bank
(AfDB) (tbc)
- 12.15 – 13.00 *Panel Discussion on “Urbanisation in Africa”*
- 13.00 – 14.00 *Networking and Light Buffet Lunch*