

Invitation

Africa's Development Dynamics 2018

"Growth, Jobs and Inequalities"

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

Africa's Development Dynamics (AfDD) 2018
Wednesday, 19 September 2018, 11.00 to 14.00 hrs,
at Haus der Deutschen Wirtschaft, Breite Straße 29, 10178 Berlin.

What are the major economic and social trends in Africa? What is Africa's role in globalisation? This new annual report presents an Africa open to the world and towards the future.

The report finds that a favourable trend in commodities prices, strong domestic demand, progress in the pursuit of macroeconomic policies and strategies to diversify national economies have been major drivers of the continent's recent growth, which is forecast to reach 4% annually between 2018 and 2020. The decision by certain countries to increase investment in infrastructure and the growing number of commercial partnerships have also proved judicious.

Since the beginning of the century, Africa has ranked second behind Asia on the leaderboard of the world's fastest-growing regions, with average annual growth in gross domestic product (GDP) of 4.7% between 2000 and 2017. This level of growth has, however, been insufficient to trigger fundamental changes. The report focuses on "growth, jobs and inequalities" and highlights the importance of accelerating the structural transformation of African economies.

The report will be presented in English.

Please register online: www.dihk.de/afdd-2018

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Programme

10.30 – 11.00 *Registration*

11.00 – 11.30 *Opening Session*

Isabella Grögor-Cechowicz,
Vice-Chairman of Sub-Saharan Africa Initiative of German
Business (SAFRI) and Global General Manager Public Services
of SAP SE

Dr. Stefan Oswald,
Director General Marshallplan with Africa, displacement and
migration, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and
Development (BMZ)

11.30 – 12.15 *Presentation: Africa's Development Dynamics 2018*

Mario Pezzini, Director, OECD Development Centre

Dr. René N'Guettia Kouassi, Director Economic Affairs, African
Union (AU)

12.15 – 13.15 *Panel Discussion*

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Ambassador Yusuf Tuggar (tbc), Ambassador of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria to Germany

Moderator: Andreas Wenzel, Director Africa, Association of
German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK)

13.15 – 14.00 *Networking and Light Buffet Lunch*