

„Africa as a Partner”

Thursday, May 25, 2017

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Loretánské náměstí 5, Praha

09:00 – 9:30 Registration

09:30 – 10:00 Opening speech

Lubomír Zaorálek, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech

Coffee break

10:00 – 11:30 Panel 1 – Good Neighbourhood: Political and Security Issues in the Relations between Africa and its Neighbouring Regions

Chair:

Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Director, South African Institute for International Affairs – SAIIA (South Africa)

Panellists:

José Costa Pereira, Senior Advisor for Managing Director for Africa, EU External Action Service

Teneng Mba Jaiteh, Ambassador of The Gambia to the EU, accredited also to the Czech Republic

Jakub Landovský, Deputy Minister of Defence of the Czech Republic, Head of the Defence Policy and Strategy Division

Reuben E. Brigety II., former U.S. Ambassador to the African Union, Elliot School of International Affairs of the George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Prof. Dr. Tajjedine El-Husseini, University of Mohammed V Agdal, and at Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences – Souissi in Rabat

Coffee break

11:45 – 13:15 Panel 2 – Africa Rising: Donorship or Economic Partnership?

Chair:

Michal Broža, United Nations, Czech Republic

Panellists:

Tandeka Nkiwane, prof., Special Adviser to CEO, New Partnership for Africa's Development – NEPAD (South Africa)

Roberto Ridolfi, Director for Sustainable Growth and Development, European Commission

Federico Bonaglia, Acting Deputy Director of the Development Centre, OECD

H.E. Souriya Otmani, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco and the Dean of the African group in Prague

Yohann Chaigneau, European Investment Bank

Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 Panel 3 – Windows of Opportunity: Possibilities for Cooperation between the Czech Republic and African Countries

Chair:

Radek Špicar, Vice President at the Confederation of Industry and Transport

Panellists:

Marian Jurečka, Minister of Agriculture of the Czech Republic

Gilberto Silva, Minister of Agriculture and Environment of Cape Verde

Martin Tlapa, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Non-European Countries

H.E. Abderahman Salaheldin Abderahman, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt

Coffee break

15:15 – 16:15 Panel 4 – Doing Business in Africa

Chair:

Aleš Michl, External Economic Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic

Panellists:

Jan Procházka, Director General, EGAP

Miloslav Zelený, Representative of VEBA Company

Miloš Pavlů, Representative of Pavlů-Complex Company

Ilja Mazánek, Chairman of Foreign Section, Czech Chamber of Commerce

16:15 – 16:20 Closing Remarks

16:30 Reception

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Side events

May 20 2017

14:00 – 19:00 **Vaclav Havel Square**

- Arts and culture fair “BENSO – that is Africa” at Piazzetta of the National Theatre organised by the cultural festival “Creative Africa or We All are Africans”

May 24 2017

18:00 – 19:30 **Vaclav Havel Library**

- Public debate “Havel, Mandela and Human Rights in South African Literature, Theatre and Reality”

20:00 – 22:30 **French Institute**

- Film screening of the English-language film Shashamane