8th Africa Day International Conference
Economic Transformation, Inclusion and Jobs: The Role of European and African Partnership

The Republic of Slovenia’s 8th Africa Day conference is co-organised with the London-based Chatham House Africa Programme and the European Commission. Slovenia’s annual high-level Africa event is hosted under the auspices of the President of the Republic and aims to improve policy outcomes for citizens in Europe and Africa as a result of a deeper understanding and strengthened cooperation between the two regions.

Expert policy discussions will examine, among other issues, the future of African and European relations and cooperation in the context of changing demographics, employment opportunities and migration patterns. Themes under discussion will include human capital development, including quality education, technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and skills development; the potential of cooperation on the Alliance for Sustainable Investment and Jobs between Africa and Europe as well as on post-Cotonou EU-Africa partnership; agriculture and climate change; the dynamics of economic migration and ‘brain drain’; urbanization, inequality and rural development; inclusion, cultural and creative industries and of the potential effects of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCTA).

15 May 2019 | Ljubljana
08.00 – 08.45  Registration and Coffee
08.45 – 09.30  Welcome and Opening Keynote Addresses

HE Dr Miro Cerar, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Slovenia
H.E. Mohammed Habib Tijani, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration, Republic of Ghana
HE Luis Filipe Lopes Tavares, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Cabo Verde

Chair: Mr Peter Toš, President, Club of Former Slovenian Ambassadors, Slovenia

09.30 – 11.00  Session 1: Population, Employment and Migration Trends in Europe and Africa

Job Creation and Human Capital Development
Ms Martina Vuk, State Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Slovenia

The Impact of Population Growth and Migration Trends
Dr Marius Mensah, Researcher, Law Faculty, University of Maribor, Slovenia

Job Creation in the Context of Social and Environmental Change
Ms Madelein Mkunu, Founder & President of Leading Women of Africa (LWA), South Africa

Partnership in Practice: Alliance for Sustainable Investment and Jobs between Africa and Europe
Mr Antti Pekka Karhunen, Head of Unit, Private Sector, Trade, DG DEVCO, European Commission

Inclusion - Engaging with Diverse Stakeholders
Ms Martha Chilongoshi, Country Representative, Common Futures Conversations Project, Chatham House; Founder, Revolt Media Africa, Zambia

Chair: Dr Aleksandra Kanjuo Mrčela, Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
11.00 – 11.30  Break

11.30 – 13.00  Session 2: Achieving Inclusive and Sustainable Growth

_Inequality, Urbanization and Rural Outmigration_

**Ms Takyiwaa Manuh**, Emeritus Professor, University of Ghana; Director, Social Development Policy Division, UN Economic Commission for Africa (2014–2017)

_Building International Investments and Partnerships for Diversifying Economy_

**Mr Damir Kurtagic**, Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House

_Promoting Inclusive Growth and Socio-economic Development_

**Mr Raphael Obonyo**, Executive Director, The Youth Congress, Kenya

_Promoting Good Governance for Socio-economic Development_

**Ms Hannah Forster**, Executive Director, African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies (ACDHRs), The Gambia

_The Economic Potential of African Cultural and Creative Industries_

**Mr Audu Maikori**, Founder of the record label Chocolate City, Nigeria

Chair: **Mr Bob Dewar CMG**, Associate Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House

13.00 – 13.15  Closing Remarks

**Mr Matej Marn**, Political Director/Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia

**Mr Bob Dewar CMG**, Associate Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House

13.15 – 14.00  Lunch

**Part Two: 8th International Conference Africa Day**

14.00 – 18.00  Economic and Investment Opportunities

**Day 1: ACCOMPANYING PROGRAMME**

20.00–21.00 Reception and Opening of the Exhibition on Ignacij Knoblehar

Hosted by: **H.E. Dr Miroslav Cerar**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Slovenia; and **Mr Zoran Janković**, Mayor of Ljubljana

13.00–20.00 Cultural Programme of the African Diaspora in Slovenia

21.00–22.00 Concert by WIYAALA (Ghana)

**16 May | DAY 2**

Interested conference participants can also take part in visits of selected Slovenian companies and institutions.

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