

Africa's Future in a Changing Global Order: Agency in International Relations

10-11 July 2019 | Addis Ababa

Conference Agenda

Wednesday 10 July

Registration

08.00 – 09.00

Welcoming Address

09.00 – 09.20

Dr Alex Vines OBE, Director, Risk, Ethics, Resilience; Head, Africa Programme, Chatham House

Keynote Address: African Agency in the International System

09.20 – 10.00

HE Jakaya Kikwete, President of the Republic of Tanzania [2005 – 2015]

Setting the International Agenda: Foreign Policy Priorities, the African Union's Agenda 2063 and the UN Sustainable Development Goals

10.00 – 11.00

HE Professor Robert Dussey, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Togolese Republic; Chief Negotiator and
Chair of the Ministerial Central Negotiating Group, ACP

Chair: **Dr Alex Vines OBE**, Director, Risk, Ethics, Resilience; Head, Africa Programme, Chatham House

Coffee Break

11.00 – 11.30

Partners, Allies or Competitors? The Changing Nature of African International Relations

11.30 – 13.00

Dr Aderemi Ajibewa, Director of Political Affairs, Economic Community of West African States
(ECOWAS) Secretariat

Dr Stefan Cibian, Academy Associate, Africa Programme, Chatham House

Dr Nivedita Ray, Director, Indian Council of World Affairs

Ahmed Soliman, Research Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House

Chair: **Dr Christopher Fomunyoh**, Senior Associate for Africa, National Democratic Institute

Lunch

13.00 – 14.00

Trade, Growth, and Global Economic Interdependence: Africa's Economic Diplomacy

14.00 – 15.30

Treasure Thembisile Maphanga, Director, Trade and Industry, African Union Commission [2012-2019]

Lawrence Dechambenoit, Vice President Corporate Relations, Africa, Rio Tinto

Philip Thigo, Lead, Data and Innovation, Office of the Deputy President, Republic of Kenya

Chair: **Gabriel Negatu**, Director General, Eastern Africa, African Development Bank

Coffee Break

15.30 – 16.00

Food Security, Sustainability and Jobs

16.00 – 17.30

Giza Gaspar-Martins, Former Lead Negotiator for Least Developed Countries, COP21 Climate Talks

Martin Bwalya, Director, Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), NEPAD

Dr Djimé Adoum, Executive Secretary, *Comité Permanent Inter-État de Lutte Contre la Sécheresse au Sahel* (CILSS)

James Murombedzi, African Climate Policy Center (ACPC), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

Chair: **Dr Leena Koni Hoffmann**, Associate Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House

Reception

17.30 – 19.00

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Thursday 11 July

Session 5: International Peace and Security

09.00 – 10.30

Hanna Tetteh, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General to the African Union, and Head of the United Nations Office to the African Union (UNOAU)

Michelle Ndiaye, Director, Africa Peace and Security Programme, Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS); and Head of Secretariat, Tana Forum

Ben Shepherd, Consulting Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House

Séraphin Dedi Nadje, Secretary General, Fishery Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea

Chair: **Elizabeth Donnelly**, Deputy Head & Research Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House

Coffee Break

10.30–11.00

Multilateral Fora and Africa's Global Leadership

11.00 – 12.30

HE Professor Victor Harison, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, African Union Commission

Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Chief Executive, South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)

Professor João Bosco Monte, President, Brazil Africa Institute

Chair: **Markus Lux**, Senior Vice President, Robert Bosch Stiftung

Lunch

12.30 – 13.15

Culture, Knowledge, and Soft Power

13.15 – 14.45

Adam Matan OBE, Director, Anti-Tribalism Movement

Audu Maikori, Group CEO, Chocolate City Group

Dawit Abraham, CEO and Founder, Qene Technologies

Martha Chilogoshi, Country Representative, Common Futures Conversations Project, Chatham House; Founder, Revolt Media Africa

Waihiga Mwaura, News Anchor, Citizen TV Kenya

Chair: **Simon Allison**, Africa Editor, Mail & Guardian

Closing Remarks

14.45 – 15.00

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

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