
Governing for Infrastructure Delivery in Sub-Saharan Africa: Overcoming Challenges to Create Enabling Environments

14 – 15 March 2016
Chatham House, London

This conference will provide a forum for policy-makers, investors, industry representatives, civil society actors and other experts to discuss measures to address the critical challenges to reducing Africa's infrastructure deficit. The conference will place particular emphasis on local business perspectives on infrastructure delivery and the importance of local capacity for sustainable development, in the context of international finance and standards, and engagements and perspectives of foreign firms and donors.

Monday 14 March

0800-0900 *Registration and coffee*

0900-0930 *Welcome and Opening Addresses*

Opportunity, Engagement and Operation: Commercial Reality and the Development Agenda
Jay Ireland, Chief Executive Officer, GE Africa

Urgency vs Planning? Setting Priorities for an Achievable Infrastructure Agenda
Hon. Armando Manuel, Minister of Finance, Republic of Angola

Chair: **Dr Alex Vines OBE**, Head of Africa Programme; Director of Area Studies and International Law, Chatham House

Session One | *Urgency vs Planning? Setting Priorities for an Achievable Infrastructure Agenda*

0930–1100

Commerce, Development, Sustainability: Navigating Competing Priorities in Infrastructure Development

Professor Mthuli Ncube, Professor of Public Policy, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford

Policy and Planning for Infrastructure Development: Why the Long View Matters

Engr. Mustafa Balarabe Shehu, President, Federation of African Engineering Organizations

China, Infrastructure Development and Joint Ventures in Africa: Harmonizing Interest, Priorities and Approaches

Dr Peter Zhang, Managing Director, Sinofortone

Firm Foundations? Enabling Environments and Feasibility Studies

Bob Kottler, Managing Director, Dawnus International Ltd

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1100–1130 *Coffee*

Session Two | Context Matters: Perspectives on Challenges to Infrastructure Delivery

1130–1300

Policy, Legislation and Regulation: Consistency and Communication

Greg Binkert, Senior Advisor, Africa Region, World Bank Group

Understanding the Operational Environment: Navigating Perceived and Real Risk

Geoffrey de Mowbray, Chief Executive Officer, Dints International

Costs, Competition and Claims: International Competitive Bidding and Value for Money

Shem Simuyemba, Division Manager, NEPAD Infrastructure Project Preparations Facility (NEPAD-IPPF), Regional Integration and Trade Department, African Development Bank

Logistics and the Cost of Doing Business: The Case of Tanzania

Lambaji Madai, Executive Councillor, Tanzania Freight Forwarders Association

The Impacts of Corruption in Public Procurement on Infrastructure

Adam B. Elhiraika, Director, Macroeconomic Policy Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Chair: **Ailie MacAdam**, General Manager, Europe and Africa; Infrastructure Senior Vice President, Bechtel

1300–1400 *Lunch*

Session Three | Making Infrastructure Ambitions Achievable: the Role and Risks for Local Actors

1400–1530

Local Content in Infrastructure Procurement

Dr Jill Wells, Senior Policy Adviser, Engineers Against Poverty

Lasting Infrastructure and Local Content: Counting in Local Capacity

John Cox, Project Consultant, Africa Programme, Chatham House

Building a Business in Ghana: Options for Indigenous Firms

Rev. Nana Kofi Ntiamoah Ahenkorah, Managing Director, Beta Construction Engineers Ltd, Ghana

Engaging Government: Local Firms, Corporate Governance and the Policy Debate

Wilfried Aby, General Manager, BRIQ - CI

Chair: **Jaime Comiche**, Head of Operations, Mozambique, United Nations Industrial Development Organization

1530–1600 *Coffee*

Session Four | Unlocking Local Capacity: Whose Responsibility, Whose Benefit?

1600–1730

Challenges to Sustainable Capacity Building in the Infrastructure Sector

Dr Michael Warner, Director, Local Content Solutions Ltd

Closing the Skills Gap: Coordinating Key Actors

Jean Van Wetter, Tanzania Country Director, Africa Private Sector Development Advisor, VSO International

Access to Finance and Local Content: Smart Solutions?

TBC

Expectations of Engagements: Working with Local Partners

Alaa Alessa, Chief Investment Officer, Endeavor Energy

Donor Funds and Capacity Building: The UK Experience

Mark Harvey, Head of Profession (Infrastructure), Department for International Development

Chair: **Dr Sandra Sequeira**, Lecturer in Development Economics, Department of International Development, London School of Economics and Political Science

1730-1900 *Drinks reception*

Tuesday 15 March

0800-0900 *Registration and coffee*

0900-0930 *Opening Addresses*

Infrastructure and Prosperity: Growth, Youth, Jobs and the Importance of Partnerships

James Duddridge MP, UK Minister for Africa, House of Commons

Hon. Rashid Pelpuo, Minister of State at the Office of the President in Charge of Private Sector Development and Public Private Partnership, Republic of Ghana

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Session Five | Levelling the Playing Field: Incentivising Engagement in the Infrastructure Agenda

0930–1100

Trust and Regulation: Change and Priorities for Regulatory Reform

Magdalene Apenteng, Director, Financial Services Division, Ministry of Finance, Ghana

Access to Finance for Complex Projects: Innovations, Adequacy and the Impacts of Low Commodity Prices

Thilasoni Chikwanda, Director, Kurema Africa

Sustainable Standards? Prospects for Adapting Engineering Solutions

David Entwistle, Principal Consultant, IMC Worldwide

Transparency in Infrastructure Procurement in Angola: Why it Matters and How to Achieve it?

Soren Kirk Jensen, Associate Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House

Chair: **Zlatina Loudjeva**, Delivery Director, Infrastructure and Cities for Economic Development (ICED)

1100-1130 *Coffee*

Session Six | Policy, Pragmatic Partnerships and the Future of Infrastructure in Africa

1130–1300

The Policy Environment: Common Interests and Essential Improvements

Elsie Kanza, Head of Africa, World Economic Forum

Prospects for Policy Dialogue: From Discussion to Delivery

Charles Abugre, Chief Executive Officer, Savannah Accelerated Development Authority

The Revised WTO Agreement on Government Procurement and the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa

Kwadwo Osei-Lah, Counsellor, Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division, World Trade Organisation

Counting in Climate Change: Impacts, Adaptation and Policy for Future Infrastructure Development

Dr Amy Schweikert, Doctoral Graduate, Department of Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering, University of Colorado Boulder

Politics, Capacity and Confidence: How Governments can Better Support Infrastructure Development

Dr Nii Moi Thompson, Director-General, National Development Planning Commission, Republic of Ghana

Chair: **Elizabeth Donnelly**, Assistant Head and Research Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House

1300-1315 *Closing Remarks*

Philippe Valahu, Chief Executive Officer, Private Infrastructure Development Group