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9:00–9:30 Welcome addresses

The discussions will be moderated
by **Zeinab Badawi**

9:30–11:00 Opening session



Urban trends: Setting the scene

Chair: Ngaire Woods, Dean of the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford

Akinwumi Adesina, President of the African Development Bank (AfDB)

Aisa Kirabo Kacyira, Deputy Executive Director, Assistant Secretary-General of UN-Habitat

Kumi Naidoo, International Executive Director of Greenpeace

Henri-Bernard Solignac-Lecomte, Head of Unit, Europe, Middle East & Africa for the OECD Development Centre

Alfred Vanderpuije, Mayor of Accra

Although still a mostly rural continent, urban areas in Africa are now growing at a much quicker pace than any other continent has before. In the next 35 years, the African continent is expected to accommodate 866 million new urban dwellers, which is roughly the same amount (915 million) as Europe, USA and Japan combined have managed in 265 years, with much greater resources. Moreover, this immediate challenge is amplified by issues that are specific to Africa. African urbanisation is mainly driven by natural population growth, rather than by rural-urban migration.

Up until now, it has occurred without, or with only a weak link to, industry-driven, job-creating economic growth. Also, on a continent struggling with topographic and natural constraints, and as host to many current conflicts, the demands of the 21st century include climate change, growing migration flows and worsening security threats, all of which exacerbate the urbanisation challenge. This introductory session will set the scene for the discussions to follow, highlighting the main trends and challenges of Africa's urban dynamics.

11:00-12:30 Session 1



Urban structures: Bottlenecks & priorities

Chair: Trevor Manuel, Senior Adviser to the Rothschild Group

Abdelmalek Alaoui, Founder of Guepard Consulting Group

Mokena Makeka, Principal of Makeka Design Lab

James Mwangi, Executive Director of the Dalberg Group

Khalifa Sall, Mayor of Dakar

Vera Songwe, IFC Regional Director for West and Central Africa

Providing sufficient, affordable and sustainable infrastructure for the massive surge of urban dwellers is a central challenge. All sectors require attention, with equal levels of need and urgency, be it housing, energy, transport, water and sanitation or waste management. To be efficiently managed, this requires careful, focused and strategic urban planning, including specific attention on the balance with, and connections to, rural areas, as well as between primate and smaller cities. At the same time, demographic growth represents a huge potential market for the private sector. Properly addressed, with the opportunity to leapfrog, cities could create stronger links between African urban growth and development for the benefit of African citizens.

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12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 Session 2



Urban realities: Potential vs. risks

Chair: Clare Short, Senior Policy Advisor of Cities Alliance

Liz Agbor-Tabi, Associate Director of City Relationships for 100 Resilient Cities

Valerie Amos, Former UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs

Paul Collier, Co-Director of the Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford

Patricia de Lille, Mayor of Cape Town

Arancha González, Executive Director of the International Trade Centre (ITC)

Saïd Ibrahimi, CEO of Casablanca Finance City Authority

Up until now, and counter to the historical trends of other continents, African urbanisation has not been led by economic structural transformation and growth. Any progress that has been achieved in infrastructure and access to basic goods and services has also widened inequality. Almost 50% of African urban dwellers currently live in slums, and the continent hosts more than a ¼ of the world's refugees. Youth unemployment – Africa's ticking time bomb – is 3 times higher in urban areas than in rural areas. The young, urban population need prospects. Indeed, cities have the potential to attract the most productive activities and African cities already generate about 55% of the continent's GDP. Under what conditions could cities become the main drivers of Africa's economic structural transformation, while ensuring that the key challenges of sustainability and equitability are properly met?

15:00-16:30 Session 3



Urban powers: Financial autonomy & political balances

Chair: Zeinab Badawi

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ethiopia

Ian Goldin, Vice-Chair of the Oxford Martin Commission for Future Generations

Donald Kaberuka, Former President of AfDB

Moïse Katumbi, Former Governor of Katanga

Carlos Lopes, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Senior Advisor to Lazard

Parks Tau, Mayor of Johannesburg

Addressing all of these issues requires sound governance and focused leadership. The ability of national governments to properly address daily life, individual concerns and global interdependent cross-border issues, is increasingly being questioned, specifically among the young people who form the overwhelming majority of the population of African cities. Local authorities may also contribute to a renewed sense of participation, public service and citizenship. This requires adequate urban governance policies, strong institutional capacities, sound and regular financial resources and balanced relationships across different levels of governance.

16:30-18:00 Closing Session

Discussion with the Mayors

Aisa Kirabo Kacyira, Former Mayor of Kigali

Patricia de Lille, Mayor of Cape Town

Khalifa Sall, Mayor of Dakar

Parks Tau, Mayor of Johannesburg

Alfred Vanderpuije, Mayor of Accra



Zeinab Badawi

Presenter, Hard Talk for the BBC, Chair of the Royal African Society

Zeinab was born in the Sudan but moved to London at the age of two.

Zeinab studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oxford University and a Masters Degree (awarded with a distinction) on Middle East History and Anthropology at London University. In July 2011 Zeinab was awarded an honorary doctorate by SOAS, London University for her services to international broadcasting. In July 2015 she received a second honorary doctorate for journalism from the London College of Communications - University of the Arts London.

Zeinab has extensive experience in television and radio, working on a range of programmes. She is one of the best known broadcast journalists working in the field today. In 2009 she was awarded International TV Personality of the Year by the Association of International Broadcasters, and in 2012 and 2015 was named in Powerlist one of Britain's top 100 most influential members of the black community.

She is the current Chair of the Royal African Society, a patron of the BBC Media Action (the charitable arm of the BBC), Vice-President of the United Nations Association UK, and a board member of the African Union Foundation. She is also a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council.

She is a former trustee of the National Portrait Gallery. She has been a board member of the British Council, a former Chair of the London based freedom of speech campaign organisation, Article 19, and a board member of the Overseas Development Institute.

Zeinab is currently presenting Hard Talk for the BBC: this programme has, and continues to feature some of the best known personalities and politicians in the world. Zeinab also presents Global Questions, the World Debates and Intelligence Squared Debates on BBC: World TV featured on both radio and television.

Through her own production company she has produced and presented many programmes including currently the definitive tv series of African history in partnership with UNESCO.

Zeinab has four children.



Akinwumi Adesina

President – African Development Bank

Speaker

Akinwumi Ayodeji Adesina became the eighth President of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) in September 2015.

Dr. Adesina previously served as Nigeria's Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (2011-2015) during which time he implemented bold policy reforms in the fertiliser sector and pursued innovative agricultural investment programmes to expand opportunities for the private sector.

He was Vice-President (Policy and Partnerships) of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) and Associate Director (Food Security) at the Rockefeller Foundation.

In 2010, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed him as one of 17 global leaders to spearhead the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), along with Bill Gates, the Spanish Prime Minister and the President of Rwanda.

Dr. Adesina was named Person of the Year by Forbes Africa Magazine in 2013. He received his PhD in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University (USA) and a first-class honours Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Ife (Nigeria). He won the Rockefeller Foundation Social Science Post-Doctoral Fellowship in 1988.



Elizabeth Agbor-Tabi

Associate Director, City Relationships –
100 Resilient Cities

Speaker

Elizabeth Agbor-Tabi is an Associate Director, City Relationships at 100 Resilient Cities (100RC) pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation.

Ms. Agbor-Tabi was responsible for the development and management of global clinical training activities at Orbis International and helped develop and implement health system programs in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and Latin America.

She started her career in healthcare as a critical care nurse and has worked in federal, state and local governments in support of human services development. Having worked with vulnerable populations in New York City, Ms. Agbor-Tabi helped national governments in sub-Saharan Africa implement health programmes.

Ms. Agbor-Tabi served as a Health Policy Analyst and Presidential Management Fellow at the US Department of Health and Human Services where she developed and implemented Emergency Preparedness policies for vulnerable populations.

She received her Masters in Public Health with a concentration in health policy and finance from the Johns Hopkins University - Bloomberg School of Public Health and her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from the University of Maryland in Baltimore.



Abdelmalek Alaoui

Founder – Guepard Consulting Group

Speaker

An MBA graduate from HEC Business School and a graduate in public policy from Sciences Po Paris, Abdelmalek Alaoui is an Editorialist, Author and Founder of Guepard Consulting Group, a consulting firm specialised in strategic communications for CEOs and Governments.

Prior to that, Mr. Alaoui founded Global Intelligence Partners in 2008, a pan-African consultancy firm specialised in strategic analysis and Business Intelligence. Global Intelligence Partners was successfully sold to French global audit and consulting group Mazars in January 2015. Mr. Alaoui then became Mazars' Senior Advisor to its executive committee.

Mr. Alaoui is an editorialist and political analyst for French weekly "Le Nouvel Observateur", and a contributor to Forbes on U.S Policy, North Africa and international relations.

The World Economic Forum of Davos named Mr. Alaoui one of its Young Global Leaders (class of 2015).

Mr. Alaoui is also the Executive President of Moroccan Think Tank AMIE Center for Policy and the author of the acclaimed book "Intelligence économique et guerres secrètes au Maroc", the co-author of "Une ambition Marocaine, des experts analysent la decennie 1999-2009", "Le Maghreb dans les relations internationales", and "Le Maroc stratégique".



Valerie Amos

Former UN Under-Secretary-General
for Humanitarian Affairs

Speaker

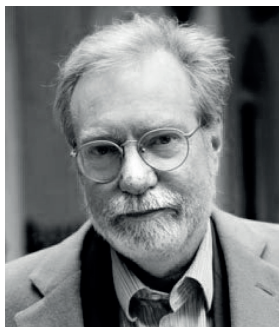
Valerie Amos is the ninth Director of SOAS, University of London. Baroness Amos is a long time campaigner and advocate on human rights, social justice and equality issues.

She served as Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Co-ordinator at the United Nations. From 2003 to 2007 she was a member of the British Cabinet as Secretary of State for International Development and then as Leader of the House of Lords and President of the Privy Council.

Baroness Amos served in a number of roles in the public sector including local government and as Chief Executive of the Equal Opportunities Commission.

She has been involved in a number of charitable and other organisations including the Royal African Society where she served as Chair between 2007 and 2009, the Runnymede Trust, Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) and the Fulbright Commission.

Baroness Amos sits on the Board of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation.



Paul Collier

Professor of Economics – University of Oxford

Speaker

Professor Sir Paul Collier is Professor of Economics and Public Policy at the Blavatnik School of Government, a Professorial Fellow of St Antony's College, and Co-Director of the Centre for the Study of African Economies, Oxford. He is also Director of the International Growth Centre (IGC), a research initiative co-hosted by London School of Economics (LSE) in partnership with the University of Oxford.

He is currently adviser to the Strategy and Policy Department of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and adviser to the Africa Region of the World Bank where he was also Director of the Research Development Department (1998-2003).

Professor Collier's research covers the causes and consequences of civil war; the effects of aid and the problems of democracy in low-income; and natural-resource rich societies.

In 2014, he received a knighthood for services to promoting research and policy change in Africa and he was appointed CBE in 2008 'for services to scholarship and development'.



Patricia de Lille

Mayor of Cape Town, Leader of Independent Democrats – South Africa

Speaker

Patricia de Lille has fought injustice for more than 40 years through her involvement in politics. She is known for her role as a trade unionist in the struggle for equality and as the initial whistle-blower on the infamous Arms Deal in 1999. In 1988 Ms de Lille was elected Vice-President of the National Council of Trade Unions (NACTU), the first woman to do so.

From 1994 to 2010 she was a member of the South African Parliament where she served on many portfolio committees including as the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Transport. In 2003, she went on to become the first female Member of Parliament to form her own political party in a democratic South Africa and won seats at national, provincial and local level.

She was appointed as Minister of Social Development in the Western Cape government from 2010 until 2011, when she became the Mayor of Cape Town in the 2011 Local Government Elections. She was named the world's best mayor for the May 2013 by City Mayors, a publication that monitors the work of mayors "who have served their communities well and who have made contributions to the well-being of cities nationally and internationally."

She is serving in several leadership positions such as the Trustee of the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, an Honorary Colonel in the South African Defence Force and as a former Chancellor of the Durban Institute of Technology

Once described by Nelson Mandela as "a strong, principled woman" and his "favourite opposition politician," she is married with two children, and enjoys playing golf, listening to music and reading in her spare time.



Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Minister of Foreign Affairs – Ethiopia

Speaker

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus is the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. He took up his post in November 2012.

Prior to this, Dr. Tedros served as Minister of Health from October 2005 to November 2012. A globally recognised malaria researcher, Dr. Tedros has co-authored numerous articles on this subject. In 2011, Dr. Tedros became the first non-American recipient of the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian Award conferred by the US National Foundation of Infectious Diseases.

Dr. Tedros is a member of the High-Level Task Force for the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). He has also served as Chair of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership (RBM), Chair of the UNAIDS Programme Coordination Board and member of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) Board.

Dr. Tedros holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Community Health from the University of Nottingham in 2000. He obtained a Master of Science in Immunology of Infectious Diseases from the University of London in 1992 and completed his undergraduate studies in Biology at Asmara University in 1986.



Ian Goldin

Vice-Chair – Oxford Martin Commission
for Future Generations

Speaker

Professor Ian Goldin is Professor of Globalisation and Development and Director of the Oxford Martin School at the University of Oxford. He is a fellow of Balliol College, Oxford and visiting Professor at Sciences Po.

He was Vice President of the World Bank and prior to that the Bank's Director of Development Policy. He served on the Bank's senior management team and led the Bank's collaboration with the UN and other partners as well as with key countries. He co-chaired the Oxford Martin Commission for Future Generations with Pascal Lamy in 2014.

Professor Goldin previously served as Chief Executive and Managing Director of the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) and advisor to President Nelson Mandela. During this period, he sat on several Government committees and Boards, and was Finance Director for South Africa's Olympic bid.

He was Principal Economist at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and Program Director at the OECD Development Centre where he directed the Programs on Trade, Environment and Sustainable Development.

He has a BA (Hons) and a BSc from the University of Cape Town, an MSc from the London School of Economics, an MA and Doctorate from the University of Oxford and an AMP from INSEAD. He has a knighthood from the French Government and was honoured as Global Leader of Tomorrow by the World Economic Forum in 1998.



Arancha González

Executive Director – International Trade Centre

Speaker

Arancha González is the Executive Director of the International Trade Centre (ITC).

Ms. González previously served as Chief of Staff to the Director General at the World Trade Organization (WTO). During her tenure at the WTO, she played an active role in launching the WTO's Aid for Trade initiative and served as its representative at the G20.

She was the European Union spokeswoman for trade and adviser to the European Union Trade Commissioner at the European Commission. She was responsible for conducting negotiations of trade agreements and assisting developing countries in trade-development efforts.

Ms. González began her career in the private sector advising companies on trade, competition and state-aid matters. She served as an associate at Bruckhaus Westrick Stegemann, a German law firm, in Brussels.

Ms. González holds a degree in law from the University of Navarra and a postgraduate degree in European Law from the University of Carlos III (Madrid).



Saïd Ibrahim

Chief Executive Officer – Casablanca Finance City Authority

Speaker

Saïd Ibrahim is the Chief Executive Officer of the Casablanca Finance City Authority, responsible for the institutional promotion and steering of Casablanca Finance City.

Mr. Ibrahim was previously Treasurer General of the Kingdom of Morocco in charge of modernising projects. In 1997, he was appointed Head of Caisse National de Credit Agricole (CNCA) by King Hassan II of Morocco.

He became the Managing Director when the National Bank for Economic Development (BNDE) bought the Moroccan Bank for Africa and the East (BMAO). He worked for BNP Paribas in Paris before moving to Morocco as Central Manager in charge of the operating network.

Mr. Ibrahim graduated from École Centrale Paris where he also worked as an Industrial Strategy Researcher at the school of economics laboratory.



Donald Kaberuka

Former President – African Development Bank

Speaker

Donald Kaberuka was the seventh President of the African Development Bank (AfDB) and Chair of the Board of Directors between 2005 and 2015.

Dr. Kaberuka's ten year tenure has been described as one of the most transformational, maintaining the triple AAA rating, tripling its capital and expanding its resource base and portfolio.

He drove a big push on infrastructure, leading from the front on the private sector which doubled its commitments in ten years, promoting economic integration and providing a robust counter-cyclical response during the global financial crisis.

Dr. Kaberuka was previously Finance Minister of Rwanda and in that capacity Governor for the IMF and World Bank (1998-2005).

He is a recipient of numerous honours, awards and decorations, including 2014 African of the Year and Forbes Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Kaberuka is currently Hauser Fellow in Residence at the Kennedy School, Harvard University and sits on the Board of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation.



Moïse Katumbi

Former Governor of Katanga Province–
Democratic Republic of Congo

Speaker

Moïse Katumbi Chapwe was the Governor of Katanga province in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) from 2007 to September 2015.

Since he took office, the Katanga Province became the largest contributor to DRC's state budget. He boosted job creation by banning the export of raw minerals and installing the capacity to process minerals locally. He contributed to increasing agricultural productivity and improving infrastructure in the province.

He is personally committed to several philanthropic efforts for vulnerable populations. Passionate about football, he led his first team at the age of 17 and then became Chairman of TP Mazembe.



Aisa Kirabo Kacyira

Deputy Executive Director and Assistant
Secretary General – UN-Habitat

Speaker

Aisa Kirabo Kacyira is the Deputy Executive Director and Assistant Secretary-General of UN-Habitat.

Dr. Kirabo is the former Governor of Eastern Province, Rwanda's largest Province with a population of 2.5 million. Prior to that, she was Mayor of Kigali (2006-2011). Under her tenure, Kigali won the UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Award in 2008 in recognition of the high level of cleanliness, greenness, safety, sustainability and affordable housing initiatives, combined with pro-poor urban employment opportunities.

She was previously an Elected Member of Parliament (and member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee in charge of land use and management, settlement and environment). She actively participated in the legislative and oversight functions of parliament in addition to community mobilisation.

Dr. Kirabo received her Masters in Veterinary Science in Animal Production and Economics from James Cook University, Australia and her Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine from Makerere University, Uganda. She is currently pursuing an MBA in the School of Finance and Banking, Rwanda/Maastricht School of Management, Netherlands.



Carlos Lopes

Executive Secretary General – United Nations
Economic Commission for Africa

Speaker

Carlos Lopes is the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).

Mr. Lopes previously served as Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) in Geneva.

He has actively contributed to research on development issues, specialising in development and strategic planning. He currently serves as a Member of Governing Boards and editorial committees of about a dozen institutions including the Kofi Annan Foundation, UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning, Bonn International Centre for Conversion, ISCTE Lisbon University Institute, Institute Ethos and Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies.



Mokena Makeka

Founder and Principal – Makeka Design Lab

Speaker

Mokena Makeka is the Founder and Principal Architect at Makeka Design Lab.

Mr. Makeka has advised the South African Minister of Human Settlements, sat on the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council for Design and was involved with the UIA 2014 Conference as a Scientific Committee member. He is one of only two Africans of the 100 architects selected for the Ordos project where 27 countries each designed a 1,000 square foot villa in inner Mongolia.

He serves on numerous boards, including the Isandla Institute, Bush Radio and the Cape Town Heritage Trust. He is the Founder of a ground breaking initiative MoDILA (The Museum of Design Innovation Leadership & Art, South Africa).

Mr. Makeka is the recipient of many awards, including the inaugural winner of the Gold Loerie Award for Communication Design in Architecture (2011), the SAPS Retreat Station (an MDL design) and the CIA Merit Award for the Khayelitsha Multi-Purpose Centre (2009).



Trevor Manuel

Deputy Chairman – Rothschild South Africa

Speaker

Trevor Manuel is the Deputy Chairman of Rothschild, South Africa.

Mr. Manuel was previously Minister in the Presidency: National Planning Commission in the South African Government (2009-2014). He was Minister of Finance from 1996 to 2009 during the presidencies of Nelson Mandela, Thabo Mbeki and Kgalema Montlanthe. Prior to this, he headed the Department of Economic Planning established in 1991 by the African National Congress.

He was an activist and anti-apartheid leader, serving on the National Executive Committee of the United Democratic Front. His first portfolio was under President Nelson Mandela as Minister of Trade and Industry. He has served as a member of the National Executive Committee of the African National Congress since his first election in 1991 and subsequent re-election in 1994, 1997, 2002 and 2007.

Mr. Manuel served as Governor of the Boards of the AfDB Group as well as the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA). He also served as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the International Monetary Fund and as Chair of the Development Committee of the World Bank.

He was appointed as Special Envoy to the UN Secretary-General (UNSG) on Financing for Development in 2002 and 2008. In 2010 he was appointed by the UNSG to the High Level Advisory Group on Climate Change Finance and to the Board of Directors of the Global Green Growth Institute.

Mr. Manuel was selected the "Global Leader for Tomorrow" in 1994 by World Economic Forum (WEF) and named Euromoney's African Finance Minister of the Year in 1997.



James Mwangi

Executive Director – Dalberg

Speaker

James Irungu Mwangi is Executive Director of the Dalberg Group and a Partner with Dalberg Global Development Advisors.

Mr. Mwangi founded and built Dalberg's presence in Africa, beginning with the Johannesburg office in 2007, Nairobi in 2008, and Dakar in 2009.

As a consultant, his clients have ranged from heads of state to senior leaders of multilateral organisations and foundations. He has also advised chief executives and investors on the intersection of commercially attractive and socially impactful business in frontier markets, particularly in Africa.

He previously worked at McKinsey & Company.

He is a 2009 Archbishop Tutu Leadership Fellow and a 2013 Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum. Mr Mwangi currently serves on the Program Advisory Committee of the Clinton Global Initiative.



Kumi Naidoo

International Executive Director –
Greenpeace International

Speaker

Kumi Naidoo is the International Executive Director of Greenpeace International.

Mr. Naidoo has led various campaigns to end poverty and protect human rights. He was involved in anti-apartheid activities which led to several arrests before living in exile in England. After Nelson Mandela's release, he returned to South Africa to work on the legalisation of the African National Congress (ANC) and led adult literacy campaigns and voter education efforts. He was the founding executive director of the South African National NGO Coalition (SANGOCO).

He served as the Secretary-General of the Global Call to Action Against Poverty and was Secretary General and Chief Executive Officer of Civicus. He has recently led the Global Call for Climate Action.

Mr. Naidoo is a Rhodes scholar of the University of Oxford where he earned a D.Phil in Political Sociology.



Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

Senior Advisor – Lazard

Speaker

Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala is Senior Advisor at Lazard.

Dr. Okonjo-Iweala was Minister of Finance of the Federal Republic of Nigeria twice (2002-2008 and 2011-2015). As Minister of Finance, she spearheaded negotiations with the Paris Club of Creditors in 2005 that led to the wiping out of US\$30 billion of Nigeria's external debt, including outright cancellation of US\$18 billion.

She previously served as Managing Director of the World Bank, where she was at the forefront of the Bank's efforts to help countries hard hit by the food, fuel and financial crisis.

Dr. Okonjo-Iweala was named one of the 100 most powerful women in the world by Forbes Magazine both in 2015 and 2014. She has received numerous awards, including Euromoney Magazine's Global Finance Minister of the Year in 2005 and Time Magazine's European Hero of the Year Award in 2004.



Edgar Pieterse

Director, African Centre for Cities, South African Research Chair in Urban Policy – University of Cape Town

Speaker

Edgar Pieterse is Director of the African Centre for Cities and South African Research Chair in Urban Policy at the University of Cape Town.

Mr. Pieterse's main work is rooted in Johannesburg and Cape Town but he also tracks other African cities as part of a larger discourse on sustainable urban transitions and southern urbanism. He has a keen interest in urban politics, everyday culture and adaptive governance systems and is working with various colleagues across the continent to grow a network of urban research centres called the African Urban Research Initiative.

He co-edits The African Cities Reader and Cityscapes, an international magazine on emergent urbanisms in the global South. Mr. Pieterse co-curated a substantial exhibition, "City Desired", on cities refracted through the prism of Cape Town and is also working as co-curator of the African component of the International Architecture Biennale of Rotterdam 2016 dedicated to the "Next Economy".



Khalifa Sall

Mayor of Dakar – Senegal

Speaker

Khalifa Sall Ababacar is the Mayor of Dakar, Senegal and the current President of the United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG).

Mr. Sall previously held several Ministerial positions including Minister Delegate to the Prime Minister in charge of relations with Parliament (1995), Minister of Commerce and Handicrafts and was elected to the National Assembly in 2001.

He was Consultant to the World Bank and the UN system and is also a member of the African Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and the Association of European Parliamentarians for Africa. He has participated in several observation missions for the African Union on elections in Africa and was an active member of the Inter-Congolese Dialogue.

Mr. Sall holds a Masters in History and Constitutional law.



Clare Short

Senior Policy Advisor – Cities Alliance

Speaker

Clare Short is Senior Policy Advisor of Cities Alliance and Chair of the Board of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Global Conference.

Ms. Short was the UK Secretary of State for International Development from 1997 to 2003, the first person in the position. She played a key role in elevating the UK's profile and budget for sustainable development and poverty elimination.

She was previously Shadow Minister for Women, Shadow Secretary of State for Transport and was Opposition spokesperson on Overseas Development. Ms. Short entered the House of Commons in 1983 as a Member of Parliament.

Since 2006, Ms. Short has been a member of the Advocacy Panel of Cities Alliance, an alliance of the World Bank, UN-Habitat, local government and development partners committed to meeting the UN target to develop cities without slums. She is a member of the Advisory Committee of International Lawyers for Africa and a Trustee of Africa Humanitarian Action.



Henri-Bernard Solignac-Lecomte

Head of Unit, Europe, Middle East &
Africa – OECD

Speaker

Henri-Bernard Solignac-Lecomte is Head of Unit, Europe, Middle East & Africa at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Mr. Solignac-Lecomte was previously at a joint appointment of the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM, Maastricht) and the Overseas Development Institute (ODI, London), focusing his research on trade policies of developing countries and related capacity building, as well as on development co-operation between Europe and Africa. In particular, he monitored the renegotiation of the trade agreements between Europe and the Africa-Caribbean-Pacific countries between 1997 and 2000.

He is a co-author of the 2016 African Economic Outlook Report co-published by OECD, AfDB and UNDP focusing on "Sustainable Cities and Structural Transformation in Africa."



Vera Songwe

Regional Director of West & Central Africa –
International Finance Corporation

Speaker

Vera Songwe is the Regional Director of West & Central Africa of the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

Dr. Songwe was previously Country Director for Senegal, Cabo Verde, Gambia, Mauritania and Guinea-Bissau at the World Bank.

Prior to this she was a Lead Economist at the World Bank advising the Managing Director who oversaw the World Bank Operations in Africa, Europe, Central Asia and South Asia. She has worked in Mongolia, Cambodia and Morocco managing different World Bank programmes including on natural resource management.

Before joining the Bank, she was a Visiting Scholar at the University of Southern California and at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, USA.

Dr. Songwe recently developed a local government budget transparency index which is being piloted in Nepal and Cameroon.

She is also a non-resident senior fellow at the Brookings Institute with the Global Economy and Development and Africa Growth Initiative. She has published articles on growth, governance, fiscal policy, agriculture and commodity price volatility and trade.



Parks Tau

Mayor of Johannesburg – South Africa

Speaker

Parks Tau is the current Mayor of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mr. Tau previously held several positions on Johannesburg's Mayoral Committee being responsible for Finance and Economic Development, Developmental Planning and Transportation and Environment.

He is the Regional Chairperson of the African National Congress (ANC), Johannesburg and was the President, Urban Development Committee of the Southern Local Metropolitan Council.

Mr. Tau holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Public Management from Regenesys (South Africa) and is currently enrolled with the University of London for a master's degree in Public Policy and Management Studies.

Johannesburg will host the 7th Africities Forum (29 November-3 December 2015).



Alfred Vanderpuije

Mayor of Accra – Ghana

Speaker

Alfred Vanderpuije is the current Mayor of Accra, Ghana and the President of the Global Alliance of Mayors.

He received the José Eduardo dos Santos' Award for the Best African Mayor in May 2015. Some of his achievements are: ending the shift system of education within Accra; starting the construction of 110 millennium city schools with 11 completed and the rest at various stages of completion; providing a liquid waste treatment at East Legon to serve the University of Ghana and its environs; on-going rehabilitation of the Mudor liquid waste treatment plant, pump stations and sewage lines; introduction of polluter pay principle and the distribution of 117,000 waste bins to households in collaboration with the Environmental Service Providers Association (ESPA); and capping of landfill sites.

Under his leadership, Accra was selected as part of 100 Resilient Cities pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation, selected for the Bloomberg Foundation Initiative for road safety and received the IBM Smarter Cities award.



Ngaire Woods

Dean, Blavatnik School of Government –
University of Oxford

Speaker

Ngaire Woods is the inaugural Dean of the Blavatnik School of Government and Professor of Global Economic Governance at the University of Oxford.

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