

Africa Forum, 30 June 2016

# Disruption and Innovation

## Agenda

8.15am

### **Registration and breakfast**

9.05am

### **Morning Keynote**

Donald Kaberuka, 7th President of the Africa Development Bank (2005-2015)  
and Finance Minister of Rwanda (1997-2005)

9.30am

### **Transforming African economies**

Whilst it has been impossible for African economies to avoid the effects of falling commodity prices, it has accelerated discussion and action for countries changing and repositioning their economies. We look at what opportunities this is creating for investors and corporates looking to operate in Africa, and what African governments are doing to encourage investment.

- Nicholas Cheffings, Hogan Lovells (chair)
- Franck Behiblo, Quantum Global

10.30am

### **Networking break**

10.50am

### **Breakout sessions**

#### **A. Managing bribery and corruption in Africa: it's not as easy as ABC**

In this interactive session experts will provide insights into the unique corruption risks that organisations face when doing business in Africa, as well as best practices for managing those risks.

- Crispin Rapinet, Hogan Lovells (chair)
- Pedro Guimaraes, FCB Advogados
- Isha Johansen, Sierra Leone Football Association
- Alice Namuli, Ssempebwa & Co Advocates
- Berengere Parmly, Bechtel Limited
- Judith Poultney, EY

#### **B. Solving the infrastructure conundrum**

In this session, we ask “what are the disrupters?” We’ll explore ideas that could counter these and help release infrastructure pipelines to deliver to Africans the very things they need to ensure future economic growth, prosperity and security.

- Jeremy Brittenden, Hogan Lovells (chair)
- Ethan Chorin, Perim Associates
- Fredrik Galtung, Integrity Action
- Gregory Ness, Standard Chartered Bank
- David Ofosu-Dorte, AB & David

11.40am

### **The changing face of finance**

Many, if not all, African countries have ambitious plans to grow and develop their economies, but with the economic headwinds faced across the continent, how is the finance market adapting to meet and defend against these difficult times?

- Shalini Bhuchar, Hogan Lovells (chair)
- Jean Craven, Barak Fund Management
- Denys Denya, Afreximbank
- Eric Guichard, Homestrings
- Saad Rahman, Amani Partners

12.40pm

### **Buffet lunch and networking**

1.45pm

### **Power on and power up: solving Africa's energy crisis**

This session focusses on the challenges faced by governments and the energy sector in closing the “energy gap” and meeting Africa's burgeoning demand for power, set to increase fourfold by 2040.

- Fabio Borba, Abraaj Group and Themis Energy
- Maegan Fallone, Barefoot College International
- Matthias Schweinfest, GE Power – Steam Power Systems

2.45pm

### **Networking break**

3.10pm

### **Breakout sessions**

#### **A. Africa: a breeding ground for FinTech**

Mobile money and payment solutions are contributing to a seismic change in the personal wealth and lifestyles of many Africans, facilitating financial inclusion on the continent. However, there is still more innovation to be seen in the payments sector, from microfinance, credit scoring and biometric identification to Blockchain and Bitcoin. We'll be discussing the here and now for investors and developers plus asking what's next in African FinTech.

- Tedd George, Ecobank
- Viola Llewellyn, Ovamba Solutions, Inc.
- Suzanne Prosser, MicroEnsure

#### **B. New horizons: future trends for international arbitration in Africa**

Arbitration remains the dispute resolution method of choice for investors and their state-owned counterparts, and a significant effort has been made of late to further develop Africa's arbitration capacity. The panel will discuss this trend, focusing on the increasing use of arbitration in Africa and the recent proliferation of regional arbitration centres.

- Nathan Searle, Hogan Lovells (chair)
- Tunde Fagbohunlu, Aluko & Oyebode
- Fidele Masengo, Kigali International Arbitration Centre
- Tunde Ogenseitan, ICC International Court of Arbitration
- Jacomijn van Haersolte-van Hof, London Court of International Arbitration

4.00pm

### **Afternoon Keynote**

Alex Vines, Head of Africa Programme at Chatham House

4.25pm

### **Closing remarks followed by refreshments**

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