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**Sunday, 19 MARCH 2017, Port Louis**

Arrival and Registration

**Monday, 20 MARCH 2017, Port Louis**

- 08:00            **Breakfast**
- 09:30            **AEP Opening Session**
- Welcome by the Government of Mauritius
  - Opening remarks by Chairperson of the African Union
  - Remarks by Business representative
- 10:00            **OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH**
- 10:30            **Setting the scene: Keynote address by the Chairperson of the AU Commission**
- 10:45            *Tea/Coffee*
- 11:15            Plenary Panel 1  
**MADE IN AFRICA, THROUGH REGIONAL VALUE CHAINS**
- 13:00            *Lunch*
- 15:00            Plenary Panel 2  
**THE CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA: EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTRA AFRICAN TRADE AND INVESTMENTS**
- 17:00            **NETWORKING SESSIONS**  
B2G, B2B, A2B AND A2G

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19:00 **Official Welcome dinner**

**TUESDAY, 21 MARCH 2017**

- 07:30 **Sponsored Sectoral Breakfast meetings**
- 09:30 Plenary Panel 3  
**COMPETITIVENESS OF THE AFRICAN PRIVATE SECTOR.  
BUILDING PAN AFRICAN ENTERPRISES**
- 11:30 *Tea/Coffee*
- 11:45 Plenary Panel 4  
**AFRICAN SKILLS REVOLUTION. EMPOWERING YOUTH FOR  
EMPLOYMENT, INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**
- 13:15 **LUNCH**
- 15:00 **NETWORKING SESSIONS**  
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- 17:00 **CLOSING SESSION**
- **Presentation of Platform Conclusions**
  - **Vote of Thanks – Representative of Academics**
  - **Closing remarks – AU Chairperson**
- 18:00 **AEP Joint Press conference**
- 19:00 **NETWORKING DINNER**

**Wednesday, 22 MARCH 2017**

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**08:30 AU Foundation GOLF DAY**

**15:00 Departures**