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DRAFT ANNOTATED PROGRAMME

Sunday, 19 MARCH 2017, Port Louis

Arrival and Registration

Monday, 20 MARCH 2017, Port Louis

09:30 **AEP Opening Session**

- Welcome by Hon. Pravind Kumar JUGNAUTH, Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development
- Remarks by Ms. Luisa Diogo, Chairperson of Barclays Bank Mozambique
- Opening remarks by H.E. Professor Alpha Conde, President of the Republic of Guinea - Chairperson of the African Union

10:00 **OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH**

10:30 **Setting the scene: Keynote address by the Chairperson of the AU Commission**

10:45 *Tea/Coffee*

Plenary Panels

Panel discussions on each topic for a period of 1 hour 30 minutes each.

11:15 **Plenary Panel 1
MADE IN AFRICA, THROUGH REGIONAL VALUE CHAINS**

The Panel will focus on:

- a) Promoting value addition, processing and beneficiation of Africa's commodities linking to Global Value Chains particularly:



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- Agricultural Commodities and Agro processing sector: Africa produces many crops, livestock animals, poultry, fish and other marine and aquaculture products to which value can be added products for local consumption and export.
 - Minerals (especially industrial mineral Commodities, iron ore, copper, limestone, phosphates, cobalt etc and Gemstones).
 - Forestry to feed into construction, Furniture and Ship and Boat building industries
- b) Promoting the establishment of Regional Manufacturing and Processing a Hubs linked by the infrastructure corridors both Marine along the coast and land (high speed train).
- overall promoting Industrialization leading to increased intra-African and inter-African trade from 12% to at least 30% by 2030 and branding Africa globally through Made in Africa High Quality Products.

Moderator: Head of State and Government (TBD).

Lead Presenter: Dr. Kelvin Kemm – Chairperson South African Nuclear Energy Corporation (Necsa) Group Board of Directors

Panelists: Mr. Aliko Dangote, CEO of Dangote Group;
Dr. Abdalla Hamdok (Acting Executive Secretary of UNECA).

Lead Discussants: Head of State and Government (TBD)

Ms. Daphne Mashile Nkosi - Executive Chairperson of Kalagadi Manganese.

13:00 *Lunch*

15:00 Plenary Panel 2

THE CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA: EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTRA AFRICAN TRADE, BUSINESS AND INVESTMENTS

Panelists will discuss matters relating to the Continental Free Trade Area, namely,

- a) Status of the CFTA and RECs integration and how to unblock obstacles and challenges;
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- b) Promotion of cross border movement of Factors of Production (capital, labor (skilled), raw materials and intermediate goods) supported by favorable Rules of Origin to be negotiated under CFTA;
- c) Promoting cross border Regional Investment, and Mergers and Acquisitions that are more important than FDI (noting that while FDI has been declining, whilst cross border investments through Mergers and Acquisitions grew by 300% between 2014 and 2015 from \$5bn to \$20bn).
- d) Movement of peoples for business, tourism, education, employment, etc. and the African passport;
- e) Trade in goods; trade facilitation measures to enhance business, including air, rail, road and maritime transportation, customs issues, standards, quality infrastructure, etc.

Moderator: H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya.

Lead Presenter: H.E. Mr. Albert M. Muchanga, Commissioner of Industry and Trade / Secretary General of COMESA.

Panelists: Mr. Vuyani Jarana, Chief Officer of Vodacom;
Professor Ahmed Farouk Ghoneim;
Dr. Amany Asfour, Member of the African Union Foundation Council.

Lead Discussants: Head of State and Government (TBD)
Female Business Leader - TBD

17:00 **NETWORKING SESSIONS**
B2G, B2B, A2B AND A2G

19:00 **Official Welcome dinner**



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TUESDAY, 21 MARCH 2017

07:30 **Sponsored Breakfast meetings (Upon Invitation Only)**

09:15 **Plenary Panel 3**
COMPETITIVENESS OF THE AFRICAN PRIVATE SECTOR: BUILDING PAN AFRICAN ENTERPRISES

There has been a fundamental change of Africans' thinking in recent years, as governments recognize the centrality of the private sector's role in generating more business. The private sector already generates two-thirds of Africa's investment, three-quarters of its economic output, and nine-tenths of its formal and informal employment. The private sector however still faces many obstacles in Africa, including, restrictive policies, poor infrastructure (particularly in power and transport), severe skills shortages and mismatches between employers' needs and available workers (particularly those just out of school), trade restrictions, tariff and non-tariff barriers to African exports, difficulties in obtaining medium- and long-term finance on affordable terms, and a large informal sector. This session will therefore explore ways and means of how to ensure a competitive private sector across Africa that will be an engine of sustainable economic growth, employment and poverty reduction on the continent in the next decade and beyond.

Moderator: H.E. Dr. Anthony Mothae Maruping, Commissioner of Economic Affairs.

Lead Presenter: H.E. Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini, Prime Minister of Swaziland.

Panelists: Professor Fulbert AMOUSSOUGA GERO, Professor at the University of Benin;
Dr. Pat Utomi, Dean of the Business School Nigeria; and,
Mr. Patrick Dlamini, CEO of Development Bank of South Africa (DBSA).

Lead Discussants: Head of State and Government (TBD);
Head of State and Government (TBD); and,
Mr. Strive Masiyiwa, CEO of ECONET Wireless

11:15 *Tea/Coffee*



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Plenary Panel 4

AFRICAN SKILLS REVOLUTION AND REAPING ITS DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDEND: EMPOWERING YOUTH FOR EMPLOYMENT, INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

11:30

Africa's greatest resource is the skills of its people, especially the youth. As the youngest continent, for Africa to reap its demographic dividend, it needs a concerted strategy to invest in its youth. But these skills can only be useful if they increase prospects for employability and job creation through innovation and entrepreneurship.

This is a call to action for Africa to take advantage of its demographic dividend to take revolutionary steps towards a youth skills development that are not only relevant, but also inclusive of the continent's multi-sectoral economic and social needs.

Moderator: : H.E. Ameenah GURIB-FAKIM, GCSK, CSK, PhD, DSc,
President of the Republic of Mauritius

Lead Presenter: Dr. Emmanuel Nnadozie, Executive Secretary, African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF)

Panelists Mr. Tony Elumelu, Founder of the Tony Elumelu Foundation;
Professor Emmanuel Tanyi, Dean of the School of Engineering, University of Buea; and,
Representative – Renova Africa Group (TBD)

Lead Discussants: Head of State and Government (TBD),
Mr. Rakesh Wahj, Co-Founder, CNBC Africa and
Chairman, CMA Invest Holdings

13:00 **LUNCH**

15:00 **NETWORKING SESSIONS**
- B2G, B2B, A2B AND A2G

17:00 **CLOSING CEREMONY**
- Presentation of Platform Conclusions



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- Launch of the African Passport for Business
 - Vote of Thanks – representative from Academics
 - Closing remarks – H.E. Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission

18:00 **AEP Joint Press conference**

18:30 **NETWORKING DINNER**

Wednesday, 22 MARCH 2017

08:30 **AU Foundation GOLF DAY**

15:00 **Departures**