



# AFRICA DAY 2016

## Abidjan, 21 November

The European Investment Bank is organising its second Africa Day, this time in partnership with the African Development Bank, and taking place at their headquarters in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire on 21 November. This year, we will be exploring the themes that are vital for Africa to fulfil its potential, by creating good jobs for young people across a range of sectors, and the crucial role to be played by innovation and sustainable development. This is where financing can have the greatest impact.

### Monday 21 November 2016

**07:45 – 09:00** Registration & welcome coffee

**09:00 – 10:00** Opening session

**Mr Akinwumi Ayodeji Adesina**, President, African Development Bank (AfDB)

**Mr Werner Hoyer**, President, European Investment Bank (EIB)

**Mr Stefano Manservigi**, Director General for International Co-operation and Development, European Commission

**H.E. Mr Daniel Kablan Duncan**, Prime Minister, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

Moderator: **Ms Lerato Mbele**, Journalist and Business Presenter, BBC

**10:00 – 11:15** Plenary session I – Tackling Youth Employment through Entrepreneurship

Africa's middle class makes up 34% of the population, and is growing very quickly. At the same time, it is estimated that Africans will make up over 50% of the world's youth over the coming three decades. There are encouraging trends when it comes to the growth of start-ups established by young African entrepreneurs, and some have grown in worth to billions of dollars. There is also evidence that sustainable development in Africa will be driven by innovation and private sector activities. This session will focus on the actions needed to support and expand the entrepreneurial activities of young people in Africa, how pro-business reforms can be speeded up, how investment decisions can be made with a view to job creation, and building the conditions to give young entrepreneurs an enhanced engagement in Africa's growth and transformation over the coming years.

**Mr Allon Raiz**, CEO, Raizcorp, South Africa

**Ms Athena Yu**, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Made in Africa, Ethiopia

**Ms Sunita Pitamber**, Ag. Director, Human Capital Development Department, AfDB

**Mr Ibrahima Cheikh Diong**, CEO, Africa Consulting & Trading, Senegal

**Mr Xavier Saint-Martin-Tillet**, CEO, LafargeHolcim, Côte d'Ivoire

**11:15 – 11:30** Coffee break

**11:30 – 12:45** Plenary session II – Innovation driving Africa's Economy

The world's most advanced economies are increasingly based on knowledge and information. Investment in innovation has the potential to yield a sustainable and ultimately scalable rate of return and is the most important driver of productivity and economic growth. But how far have African countries come in creating the necessary environment for a thriving knowledge economy? This session will look at the four pillars of the knowledge economy: the economic incentive regime, the innovation pillar, education pillar and the communication technology (ICT) pillar. Panelists will also discuss how the structural transformation of Africa's economies can be financed and how domestic banks meet the needs of the innovative small and medium-sized enterprises.

**Mr Saah Charles Ntow**, Minister for Youth and Sports, Liberia

**Ms Misan Rewane**, CEO and Co-founder, West Africa Vocational Education (WAVE), Nigeria

**Ms Michelle Essomé**, CEO, African Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (AVCA), U.K.

**Mr Nnamdi Oranye**, Author of "Disrupt Africa" and columnist, South Africa

**Ms Tanya Popeau**, Director, Synthesis, U.K.

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**12:45 – 13:00** Closing remarks of morning plenary sessions  
**Mr Patrick Walsh**, Deputy Director General, EIB

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**13:00 – 14:00** Lunch  
*The afternoon program consists of 3 streams of parallel sessions.  
Please indicate upon registration which sessions you wish to attend.*

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**14:00 – 15:30** **1<sup>st</sup> Stream of parallel sessions 1, 2 and 3**  
Banking in sub-Saharan Africa (Part 1): Recent Trends, Challenges and Opportunities

Sub-Saharan African financial and banking systems are generally developing very fast. Yet, in many cases, the banking systems in the region are still characterised by their relatively small size and low intermediation. Competition is still limited despite there being relatively few barriers to entry and exit. How is the changing global financial landscape impacting the development of banking sectors in sub-Saharan Africa? What are the recent developments and trends in the sub-Saharan banking sector, as well as the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead? What future actions are needed?

Moderator: **Ms Barbara Marchitto**, Head of Country and Financial Sector Analysis Division, Economics Department, EIB

Panel discussion:

**Mr Jared Osoro**, Director, Kenya Bankers Association, Centre for Research on Financial Markets and Policy, Kenya

**Mr Mamoun Tahri-Joutie**, Head of Business Intelligence, BMCE Bank, Morocco

**Mr Stuart Theobald**, Chairman, Intellidex, South Africa

**Mr Jean-Philippe Stijns**, Senior Economist, Country and Financial Sector Analysis Division, Economics Department, EIB

**Breakout session 2 – Energy and Innovation**

645 million Africans have no access to electricity and energy-sector bottlenecks and power shortages are estimated to cost about 2-4 percent of GDP annually. This undermines economic growth, employment creation and investment. Nevertheless, Africa has huge renewable energy potential as well as conventional energy to be invested, which can light up and power the continent contributing to Africa's bright future. How can innovation further drive Africa's energy transformation?

Keynote address: **Mr Jay Ireland**, President & CEO Africa, GE

Moderator: **Mr Alan Kasujja**, Journalist and Radio broadcaster, BBC, Uganda

Panel discussion:

**Mr Eugene Howard**, Economic Adviser in Energy, EIB

**Ms Abze Djigma**, CEO, Mama-Light, Mali

**Mr Thierry Déau**, Chairman and CEO, Meridiam

**Ms Laure Vinçotte**, Managing Director, ENGIE, France

**Breakout session 3 – Skills and Employment**

While Africa's youth population is growing rapidly, the potential benefits remain untapped due to unemployment, underemployment and a lack of skills. Increasing the level of skills and employment will support greater productivity and incomes, higher standards of living, and more inclusive economic growth across the continent, as a wider range of jobs meets a growing and diversifying population. Investment in young people will also provide the much needed human capital to transform other sectors including energy, agriculture and industrialisation.

Keynote address: **Mr Mamadou Touré**, Founder Africa 2.0, Côte d'Ivoire

Moderator: **Ms Uduak Amimo**, Journalist and Presenter, Citizen TV, Kenya

Panel discussion:

**Mr Eric Osiakwan**, Chanzo Capital, Ghana

**Ms Mimi Kalinda**, Director, Africomunications Group, South Africa

**Ms Meriam Haouami**, Member of the Board, Technovation, Tunisia

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**15:30 – 15:45** Coffee Break

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**15:45 – 17:00**    **2<sup>nd</sup> Stream of parallel sessions 4, 5 and 6**

**Banking in sub-Saharan Africa (Part 2): Digital Financial Inclusion, Housing Finance and Long-Term Investment**

During the second half of this session, panelists will delve deeper into specific topics of strategic importance for sub-Saharan Africa. In particular, lessons will be drawn from the rising importance of digital financial services and capital markets across sub-Saharan Africa, with the objective of boosting financial inclusion, housing finance and long-term investment.

Moderator: **Mr Jean-Philippe Stijns**, Senior Economist, EIB

Panel discussion:

**Mr Issa Faye**, Senior Researcher, AfDB

**Mr Michael Fuchs**, Senior Financial Sector Development Expert

**Mr David Ashiagbor**, Coordinator Making Finance Work for Africa Partnership, AfDB

**Ms Minerva Kotei**, Development Officer, SME Finance Forum (IFC)

**Breakout session 5 – Industrialisation**

Despite Africa's strong economic growth in recent years, a lack of industrialisation is holding back Africa's economies. Industrialisation in Africa will boost economic activities, lift productivity by introducing new equipment and techniques, increase the capabilities of the workforce, and diffuse these improvements into the wider economy.

Keynote address: **Mr Jean Bakole**, UNIDO Representative and Director, Regional Office Ethiopia

Moderator: **Ms Bronwyn Nielsen**, Executive Director & Editor in Chief, CNBC Africa

Panel discussion:

**Ms Francesca Brenda Opoku**, CEO, Solutions Oasis, Ghana

**Mr Vivek Kumar**, National Coordinator (S&D), National Innovation Foundation, India

**Ms Kodeidja Diallo**, Director, Private Sector Operations, AfDB

**Mr Xavier Saint-Martin-Tillet**, CEO, LafargeHolcim, Côte d'Ivoire

**Breakout session 6 – Agri-Business & Youth Employment**

Agriculture is a major source of income in Africa, but falling commodity prices of natural resources, coupled with increased food demand call for a transformation and evolution in agriculture models as businesses. The development of these models can be used to create opportunities for young people across the continent, and can ensure food security as well as driving inclusive growth.

Keynote address: **Mr Chiji Ojukwu**, Director, Department of Agriculture & Agroindustry, AfDB

Moderator: **Mr Nicholas Norbrook**, Managing Editor, The Africa Report

Panel discussion:

**Mr Mamadou Touré**, Technical Advisor to the Minister of Youth, Côte d'Ivoire

**Mr Alex Ariho**, CEO, Agribusiness Incubation, Ghana

**Mr Khaled Bouchoucha**, CEO & Founder, IRIS Technologies, Tunisia

**Ms Ada Osakwe**, Creative Food Entrepreneur and Investor, Nigeria

**Ms Heike Rüttgers**, Head of Development and Impact Finance, EIB

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**17:00 – 17:30**    **Closing plenary**

**Mr Stefan Nalletamby**, Ag. Vice-President, AfDB

**Mr Ambroise Fayolle**, Vice-President, EIB

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**17:30- 18:30**    **Closing cocktail reception**

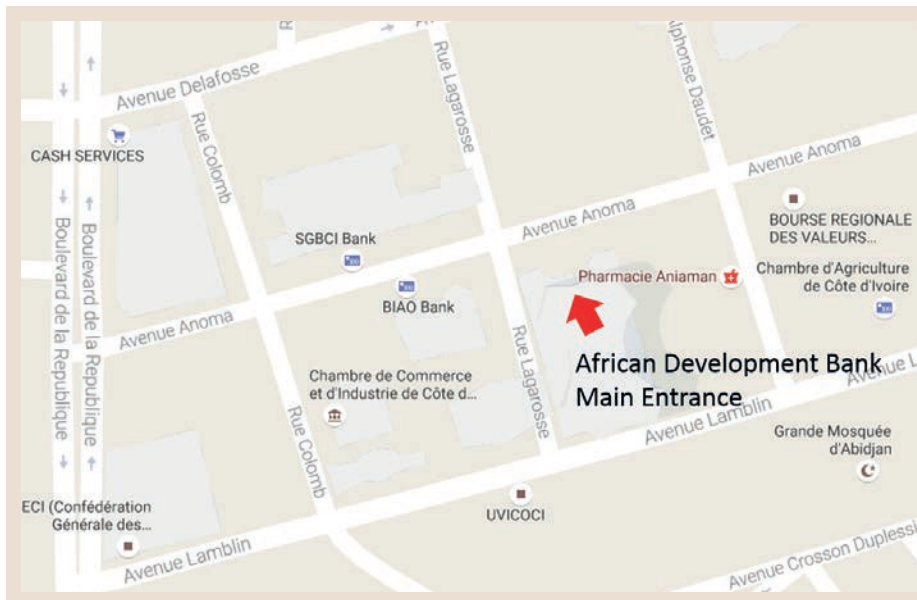
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Africa Day 2016 is designed to be an active platform for exchanging views, learning, listening and debating. The morning plenary sessions will be followed by a series of breakout sessions. These will give you the chance to get first-hand information on the topics that are most relevant to you from international experts and practitioners. You will hear about how to develop and implement projects in the sectors that are important for the development and economic growth of the African continent. As a participant, we encourage you to participate in the debates and Q&A sessions, and to follow us on

[#AfricaDay2016](#) [facebook.com/EuropeanInvestmentBank](https://www.facebook.com/EuropeanInvestmentBank) <https://goo.gl/VgscI5>

Africa Day working languages will be English and French with simultaneous interpretation throughout all sessions.

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