



Empowering millions: Africa's rising digital economy

Conference programme

Conference venue: Hotel Ellington - Nürnberger Strasse 50-55 - 10789 Berlin

08:00 – 09:00	<i>Registration and Welcome Coffee</i>
09:00 – 10:00 <i>Plenary room Femina</i>	<p><i>Moderator: Judith Helfmann-Hundack, Afrika-Verein der deutschen Wirtschaft</i></p> <p>OPENING session</p> <p>Werner Hoyer, President, European Investment Bank (EIB), Luxembourg</p> <p>Stefan Liebing, Chairman, Afrika-Verein der deutschen Wirtschaft (AV), Germany</p> <p>Opening speeches:</p> <p>Gerd Müller, Minister, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany</p> <p>Alpha Condé, President of Guinea, Chairman of the African Union, Guinea</p>
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:30 – 11:30	<p>PLENARY 1: Digital Africa <i>Innovation, leapfrogging and prospects of the ICT Sector</i></p> <p>Günter Nooke, German Chancellor's Personal Representative for Africa, Germany</p> <p>Vincent Larnicol, Vice-President Africa, Airbus Group, France</p> <p>Tutu Agyare, Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer, Nubuke Investments, Ghana</p> <p>Caroline King, Director Digital Government, SAP, Germany</p>



11:30 – 12:30

PLENARY 2: Project development – From the idea to investment

Start-ups, acceleration and investment models

Video Boost Africa (EIB/AfDB)

- **Gunnar Muent**, Director for Innovation and Competitiveness, European Investment Bank

Erick Yong, Chief Executive Officer, Greentec Capital, Germany

Kamau Gachigi, Managing Director, Gearbox, Kenya

Randell Kempner, Executive Director, Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs (ANDE)

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch break

14:00 – 15:30

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Parallel Session A: Unlocking Remote Potential

E-skills, e-Commerce and telecom expansion

- **Amadou Diallo**, CEO, DHL Global Forwarding Middle East & Africa

Video E-skills for girls (BMZ)

Mary Mwangi, CEO, Data Integrated Limited, Kenya

André Bouffioux, CEO Siemens Belgium-Luxemburg, Morocco-Algeria-Tunisia, West- and Central Africa*

Fritz Sacher, Vice President & Head of Africa Strategy Realization, Merck, Germany

Gilles Kounou, Executive Director, Open SI, Benin

14:00 – 15:30

*Meeting room
Senator*

Parallel Session B: Digital financial inclusion in Africa

Are FinTech start-ups complementing or competing with banks?

Moderator: **Barbara Marchitto**, Head of Country and Financial Sector



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Analysis, Economics Department, EIB, Luxembourg

Thierry Artaud, CEO, M-BIRR, Ethiopia

David Ashiagbor, Coordinator, Making Finance Work for Africa, AfDB

Natascha Beinker, co-Chair of the G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI), Ministry of cooperation (BMZ), Germany

Louise Holden, Head of Public Private Partnerships, MasterCard

Kennedy Komba, Head of Strategy and Member Relations, Alliance for Financial Inclusion (AFI)

Minerva Kotei, Financial Sector Specialist, SME Finance Forum, IFC

15:30 – 15:45

Meeting in Plenary room

15:45 – 16:00

Plenary room Femina

CLOSING SESSION

Christoph Kannengießer, CEO, Afrika-Verein der deutschen Wirtschaft (AV), Germany

Pim van Ballekom, Vice-President, European Investment Bank

Conference languages: English and French with simultaneous interpretation throughout all sessions



Executive Roundtable Republic of Guinea

16:00 – 17.30

Welcome

Stefan Liebing

Chairman, Afrika-Verein der deutschen Wirtschaft (AV), Germany

Fatoumata Baldé Touré

Ambassador of the Republic of Guinea

Opening Speech

Alpha Condé

President of the Republic of Guinea, Chairman of the African Union

Presentation

Investing in Guinea – Current Projects and Opportunities

Agence de Promotion des Investissements Privés (APIP)

Highlevel Sector meetings

Energy – Renewables and Grids – Vocational Training

Agriculture – Production and Processing along the Value Chain

Infrastructure – Connecting Projects – Roads

Followed by

Networking Session – B2B & B2G