

2nd Conference

Africa
53 Countries
One Union
The New Challenges

Washington DC, June 15-16, 2011



Wednesday, 15 June 2011

Ronald Reagan and International Trade Center, Pavilion Room
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Welcome Ceremony – 4.30 PM

Welcome and Introduction

Andrew Gelfuso, Director of the Office for Trade Promotion, Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Centre

Chair: Jane Harman, President and CEO, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars

Greetings

Antonio De Lecea, Minister, Economic and Financial Affairs, Delegation of the European Union to the United States of America

Opening Remarks

Romano Prodi, President, Foundation for World Wide Cooperation

Susana Malcorra, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations

Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Africa

Guijin Liu, Ambassador and Special Representative for African Affairs, People's Republic of China

Keynote Address

Chris Smith, Chairman, Africa Subcommittee in the House of Representatives

Bingu wa Mutharika, President of Malawi

Reception – 7.00 PM

Thursday, 16 June 2011

Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International
Studies 1740 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

9.00 AM – 10.30 AM

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Jessica Einhorn, Dean, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University

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Chair: Romano Prodi, President, Foundation for World Wide Cooperation

Co-Chairs: Jessica Einhorn, Dean SAIS, Johns Hopkins University

Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary of State for Africa, US State Department

Zachary Muburi-Muita, Head of the United Nations Office to the African Union

Guijin Liu, Ambassador and Special Representative for African Affairs, People's Republic of China

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Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata, Ambassador of Italy to the U.S.

10.30 AM – 11.00 AM - **Coffee Break**

Discussion Panels:

The panels will have a chair, a co-chair, a presenter on each framework paper, and three discussion leaders who will respond to each presentation. The framework presentations will be no more than 10 minutes each, and the discussants will speak for no more than 6 minutes.

The follow up discussion among all the participants will be along the Aspen Institute model.

Session 1: Peace, Security, Democracy

11.00 AM -12.00 PM

Introduction

Chair: Mary Yates, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Africa, National Security Council

Co-Chair: Susana Malcorra, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Field Support, UN

Framework on Security:

Victoria K. Holt, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of IO Affairs (Invited)

Framework on New Challenges:

Ahmed Haggag, Secretary-General of the African Society in Cairo

Discussant 1:

Margaret Carey, Director, Africa Division, Department of Peacekeeping, United Nations

Discussant 2:

Koen Vervaeke, EU Special Representative to the African Union

Discussant 3:

Michael Battle, U.S. Ambassador to the African Union.

12.00 PM – 1.00 PM

Discussion: Open floor to all invited participants

1.00 PM – 2.00 PM - **Lunch Break**

Session 2: Economic Development: Infrastructure and Trade

2.00 PM - 3.00 PM

Introduction

Chair: Joseph Atta-Mensah, Director, Regional Integration, Infrastructure and Trade Division, UN Economic Commission for Africa

Co-Chair: Abebe Shimeles, Principle Research Economist, Research Department, African

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Development Bank

Framework on Infrastructural Development:

Peter Lewis, Director African Studies, SAIS, Johns Hopkins

Framework on Trade:

John Sewell, Senior Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

William Krist, Senior Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Discussant 1:

Ibrahim Dia, Ambassador and Coordinator, AUC-ADB-UNECA Joint Secretariat Office

Discussant 2:

Valentine Sendanyoye Rugwabiza, Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization

Discussant 3:

Xiaojie Gu, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Ethiopia

3.00 PM – 4.00 PM

Discussion: Open floor to all invited participants

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM - Coffee Break

Round Table and Concluding Remarks

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Moderator: Romano Prodi, President, Foundation for Worldwide Cooperation

Participants: High representatives AU, UN, US, EU, China.

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