



HLMM ON TRANSFORMATIVE INVESTMENTS IN AFRICA “UNLEASHING JOB CREATION INITIATIVES”

Madrid, 19 December 2023

PROGRAM

SECTORAL SEGMENT BETWEEN AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES AND PRIVATE SECTOR

Venue: Headquarters of the Spanish Confederation of Business Organizations (CEOE). Calle Diego de León, 50; Madrid.

8:30 am. Registration of participants.

9:00 am to 9:30 am. Opening session:

- EU Representative
- African Union Commission Representative
- Spanish Minister

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9:35 am to 10:45am. High-level Panel: EU-Africa Trade.

Topics for discussion:

- EU - Africa Trade Agreements
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Challenges in economic environment

Keynote speaker: Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, DG WTO (tbc)

5 Panellists:

- African Ministers (tbc)
- Representative of African Virtual Investment Platform (AfVIP) (OECD / AUC) (tbc)
- Representative EU DG Trade (tbc)
- Representative Business Europe (tbc)
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Chairperson: Spanish Secretary of State for Trade



10:45 am to 11:45 am. Round-table 1: Industrial Development in Africa: Agri-Food and Textiles.

Sectors for discussion:

- Agri-Food / Food Security
- Chemical & Fertilisers
- Textile

Panellists:

- African Ministers (tbc)
- Representative African Company / Investment Agency (tbc)
- Representative Air Liquide (France)/BASF (Germany)
- Representative OCP (Morocco)
- Representative Danone (France)/Unilever (Netherlands)

Chairperson:

11:45 am. Coffee break.

12:00 pm to 1 pm. Round-table 2: Towards Green Transition in Africa.

Sectors for discussion:

- Renewable Energies / Comparative advantage between Green, Blue and Grey Hydrogen
- Water Treatment
- Mining / Critical Minerals

Panellists:

- African Ministers
- Representative Enel (Italy)
- Representative Elecnor (Spain)
- CEO of Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board, Ms. Nangula Nelulu Uandja
- Representative African Company / Investment Agency (tbc)

Chairperson: ICEX CEO



1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Round-table 3: Enhancing Connectivity and Mobility in Africa.

Sectors for discussion:

- Transport Infrastructures
- Railways
- Automotive Industry / Battery Electric Vehicle

Panellists:

- African Ministers (tbc)
- Representative Siemens (Germany)
- Representatives Grupo Antolín (Spain) / Renault (France) / BMW (Germany)
- Representative African Company / Investment Agency (tbc)
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Chairperson:

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Lunch Break. (*)

(*) Individual Meetings with African Ministers (tbc)

3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Round-table 4: Mobilizing Investments for Achieving a Sustainable Development in Africa.

Topics for discussion:

- Towards a New Financing Model for Africa
- Experiences from European investors
- New institutional approaches to encourage investments

Panellists:

- African Ministers (tbc)
- Representative Bank (Portugal)
- Representative Attijari Wafa Bank (Morocco)
- Representative EIB
- Representative AfDB
- Representative FONPRODE/FEDES (Spain)
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Chairperson: COFIDES



4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Round-table 5: Regional Integration for Economic Growth in Africa.

Topics for discussion:

- Regional value chains
- Public-Private Partnerships
- The Role of Business Organizations in Africa

Panellists:

- African Ministers (tbc)
- Representative CEOE
- Representative Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Spain
- President of the General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises CGEM (Morocco), Mr. Chakib Alj
- President of the Portuguese Business Organization (CIP), Mr. Armindo Monteiro
- Representative African Business Organization

Chairperson: International Employers Organizations (IEO)

5:30 pm. Closing session:

- African Union Commission Representative (tbc)
- European Union Representative (tbc)
- Spanish Minister (tbc)