



*CÉLÉBRATION DE LA JOURNÉE DE L'AFRIQUE
AFRICA DAY CELEBRATION*

*PREMIER FORUM AFRICAIN DE DIALOGUE
FIRST AFRICAN FORUM FOR DIALOGUE*

*« LE DÉVELOPPEMENT DE L'AFRIQUE,
LA RESPONSABILITÉ DE QUI ? »
« AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT: WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY? »*

*MERCREDI 27 MAI 2009
WEDNESDAY MAY 27th 2009*

*Lieu : Grand Hôtel KEMPINSKI, Genève
Quai du Mont-Blanc 19. 1201 Genève. SUISSE
Venue : Grand Hotel KEMPINSKI, Geneva
Quai du Mont-Blanc 19. 1201 Geneva. Switzerland*

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

« AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT, WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY? »

08:30 – 09:00:

- Welcome of invited dignitaries

FIRST SESSION: Moderator: Mr Hakim Ben Hammouda, Director of the WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation.

09:00 – 11:00:

- Welcoming address by H.E. Mrs. Khadija R. MASRI, Permanent Representative of the African Union Commission in Geneva

GUESTS OF HONOUR:

- Key address by H.E. Mr. Jean PING, Chairperson of the African Union Commission;
- Address by H.E Mrs. Micheline CALMY-RAY, Federal Counsellor, Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, host country.
- Address by H.E. Mr. Sergei ORDZHONIKIDZE, Director General of UNOG United Nations Office in Geneva

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE PANEL:

- « **The Impact of the Economic and Financial Crisis on Africa's Development** » by Dr. Donald KABERUKA, President, African Development Bank Group (ADB) ;
- « **Africa's industrialisation, Dream or Reality?** » by Mr. Kandeh K.YUMKELLA, Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development;
- « **Economic Performance in Africa** » by Abdoulie Janneh, Economic Commission for Africa, United Nations;
- « **African Union initiatives for Africa's Development** » by Dr. Maxwell MKWEZALAMBA, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, AUC
- « **Global Partnership and Africa's development** » by Mr. Koos RICHELLE, EuropeAid Director General;
- « **The private sector and Africa's development** », by Dr. Bamanga TUKUR, Chair of NEPAD Business Group and Africa Business Roundtable,
- « **Africans and the development of their Continent** » by Dr. Kingsley Moghalu, Ph.D, CEO Sagato Strategies, African Diaspora in Geneva ;

11:00 – 11:15: Coffee break

CARRIED FORWARD

11:15 – 13:00:

CONTRIBUTIONS OF DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

- **The Right to Development, a must for Africa**, by Mrs. Navanethem PILLAY, High Commissioner for Human Rights, UN
- **Is Africa's Development dependent on a new Multilateral Trading System?** Mr. Pascal LAMY, Director General of WTO
- **Issues and challenges of decent job creation towards a real Development for Africa** : M. Juan SOMAVIA, Director General of ILO
- **Migration as a factor in the development in Africa** : Mr. William Lacy SWING, Director General IOM
- **How could Africa ever get to see the end of the crisis?**
Representative of the Secretary General of UNCTAD
- **Development aid a sufficient element for Africa's development** : Mrs Antoinette Monsio SAYEH, Director African Department (IMF)
- **Which reforms are necessary for Africa to set its course towards sustainable development**, Dr. Martin KHOR, Executive Director, South Centre

INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION WITH THE PARTICIPANTS

13:00 : End of the morning Session

13:00 - 14:30 : Luncheon, offered by H.E Mr. Jean PING Chairperson of the African Union Commission in honour of the participants in the First African Forum for Dialogue.

14:30- 18:00

SECOND SESSION: Moderator: Mr. Sanjay ACHAYA, Director, ITU

« Information and Communications Technologies in Africa: Challenges and Outlooks for Development »

14:30 - 16:00:

- **Information and Communication Technologies in Africa, challenges and development outlook** by Dr. Hamadoun I.TOURE, Secretary General of ITU,
- **« African Union ITC Projects and Initiatives »** by S.E. M. Jean Pierre EZIN, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, AUC,
- **Presentation on « ITC 4 ALL and future perspectives »** by H.E Mr. EL HADJ GLEY, Minister, Technologies of Communication, Tunisia,
- **« African creativity, benefiting from ITCs »** by Dr. Francis GURRY, Director General of WIPO
- **« Bridging the digital divide in Africa, current achievements »** by M. Alain CLERC, Executive Secretary of the Global Digital Solidarity Fund, Geneva
- **« Initiative Creative Africa »** by M. Marc NEKAITAR, Creative-Africa.

16:00 - 16:15: Coffee break

16:15 - 17:45

***GENERAL DEBATE AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE FORUM***

- Presentation of the conclusions of the Forum by H.E M. Guy-Alain Emmanuel GAUZE, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Côte d'Ivoire.

17:45 - 18:00

Closing ceremony Allocution and Motion of Thanks by H.E. M. Abdelwaheb JEMAL, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Tunisia, Chair of the African Group in Geneva,

END OF THE FORUM

19: 00 – 21: 00

***RECEPTION AND CULTURAL EVENING
(en Partnership with Agoralumiere)***

- Welcoming of the guests
- African Union (AU) Anthem
- Welcoming address by H.E. Fisseha YIMER, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Ethiopia and Dean of the African Group in Geneva
- Message from H.E. M. Jean PING , the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, on the occasion of Africa Day
- Musical entertainment by African artists
- Dinner Buffet: African cuisine
- African fashion show

END OF THE CEREMONY

