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The Forum is focused on some 100 market economies in East and South Asia, Eurasia, Latin America and Africa that share prospects of superior economic performance, already have or seek to create a conducive business environment and are of near-term interest to private investors, both domestic and international.

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Preliminary Program

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Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire

Co-Chairs:

Alassane Ouattara, President of Cote d’Ivoire

Michel Camdessus, Governor Emeritus, Banque de France and Former Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)

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We are delighted to announce that the Government of Côte d’Ivoire and the Emerging Markets Forum will co-host the Fifth Africa Emerging Markets Forum. It is our great pleasure to invite you to participate in the Forum to be held in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire from March 26 to 27, 2017, at the Sofitel Hotel Ivoire in Abidjan. The Co-Chairs of the Africa Emerging Markets Forum, President Alassane Ouattara of Côte d’Ivoire and Michel Camdessus, Former Managing Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Honorary Chairman, Banque de France will be with us and will lead the major sessions.

The Forum will be attended by leading statesmen and policymakers, business leaders, academics and opinion makers from throughout Africa and other regions. A major report commissioned by JICA “Imagining Africa 40 Years from Now”, which is likely to be published by Oxford University Press after the Forum meeting, will serve as the basis for our discussions and debate on the long term social and economic development of continental Africa.

The agenda will be structured around the following themes:

- Imagining Africa 40 Years from Now
- Economic Diversification to Reduce Reliance on Commodities
- Building African Human Capital—Improving Education Quality
- Demographics and Urbanization—the Jobs Challenge
- Transforming Rural Africa - Creating Quality Jobs
- Addressing Africa’s Infrastructure Deficit
- A Private Initiative to Help Curb a Silent Epidemic

We encourage you to complete as soon as possible the onlin registration form with the details of your travel plans and personal needs. We do want to ensure that you will have a productive and pleasant stay in Abidjan.

We look forward to welcoming you personally.

Yours Sincerely,

Harinder Kohli
Chief Executive
Emerging Markets Forum

Niale Kaba
Minister of Planning and Development
of Côte d’Ivoire
Preliminary Agenda
as of March 21, 2017

All sessions and meals will take place in Sofitel Abidjan Hotel Ivoire. The sessions will take place in the Auditorium.

Sunday, 26 March

13:30-15:00 Registration and coffee (Kossou room and Foyer 1)
15:00-15:15 Opening Address by President Alassane Ouattara of Cote d’Ivoire and Co-Chair, Africa Emerging Markets Forum
15:15-15:30 Group Photo
15:30-17:15 Imagining Africa 40 Years from Now
   Chair: Michel Camdessus, Former Managing Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Co-Chair, Africa Emerging Markets Forum
   Presentation: K. Y. Amoako, President, African Center for Economic Transformation
   Panelists: Alassane Ouattara, President of Cote d’Ivoire; Patrice Talon, President of Benin; Akinwumi Adesina, President, African Development Bank Group (AFDB)
17:15-18:30 Economic Diversification to Reduce Reliance on Commodities
   Chair: Alassane Ouattara, President of Cote d’Ivoire
   Discussants: Mohamed Boussaid, Minister of Economy and Finance of Morocco; Manuel Marfan, Former Minister of Finance; Claudio Loser, Director, Centennial Group; Linah Mohohlo, Former Governor Central Bank of Botswana
19:00-19:45 Cocktail (Foyer 1)
20:00- 22:00 Gala Dinner (Salle des Fêtes)

Monday, 27 March

08:30-10:00 Demographics and Urbanization - the Jobs Challenge
   Chair: Niale Kaba, Minister of Planning and Development of Cote d’Ivoire
   Presentation: Hedi Larbi, Former Minister of Economic Infrastructure and Sustainable Development of Tunisia
   Discussants: Abdoulaye Bio Tchane, Senior Minister of Planning and Development of Benin; Ingrid Ebouka-Babackas, Minister of Planning, Statistics and Regional Integration of Democratic Republic of Congo (TBC); Patrick Guillaumont, President, Foundation for Studies and Research for International Development (FERDI); Mamadou Lamine Loum, Former Prime Minister of Senegal
10:00-10:30 Coffee Break
10:30-12:00 Building African Human Capital - Improving Education Quality

Chair: **Sidi Toure**, Minister of Youth Promotion, Employment and Civic Service of Cote d’Ivoire

Presentation: **Ritva Reinikka**, Former Director of the Human Development Group, World Bank Africa Region

Discussants: **Jennifer Blanke**, Vice President, Agriculture, Human and Social Development, African Development Bank Group (AFDB) (TBC); **Masahiro Hara**, Senior Consultant, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA); **Jean-Louis Sarbib**, Chief Executive Officer, Development Gateway; Former Senior Vice President World Bank; **Tertius Zongo**, Former Prime Minister of Burkina Faso

12:00-13:30 Transforming Rural Africa - Creating Quality Jobs

Chair: **Abdoulie Janneh**, President, African Governance Institute; Former Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Africa

Presentation: **Kevin Cleaver**, Former Associate Vice-President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Discussants: **Jean-Marie Ackah**, President, General Confederation of Enterprises of Cote d’Ivoire (CGECI); President, Sipra - Ivorian Animal Production Company; **Cellou Dalein Diallo**, Former Prime Minister of Republic of Guinea; **Aichatou Boulama Kane**, Minister of Planning of Niger

13:30-15:00 Luncheon (Foyer 2)

Introduction: **Harinder Kohli**, Chief Executive, Emerging Markets Forum

Keynote speech: **Akinwumi Adesina**, President, African Development Bank

15:00-16:30 Addressing Africa’s Infrastructure Deficit – Increasing Quantity, Improving Quality, Ensuring Sustainability

Chair: **Hiroshi Kato**, Senior Vice President, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Presentation: **James Bond**, Former Chief Operating Officer, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)

Discussants: **Alain Ebobisse**, Chief Executive Officer, Africa50; **Adama Kone**, Minister of Economy and Finance of Cote d’Ivoire; **Tiemoko Meyliet Kone**, Governor, Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO); **Mustapha Nabli**, Former Governor, Central Bank of Tunisia

16:30-17:00 Coffee Break
A Private Initiative to Help Curb a Silent Epidemic: Orthopedic Trauma in Africa

Chair: Rolf Jeker, CEO and Vice-Chair, AO Alliance Foundation

Presentation: Jim Harrison, Director for Africa, AO Alliance Foundation

Discussants: Raymonde Goudou Coffie, Minister of Health and Public Hygiene of Cote d’Ivoire (TBC); Abdoulie Janneh, President, African Governance Institute; Former Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Africa; Manjul Joshipura, Consultant Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgeon and Director, Academy of Traumatology; Samba Kone, Trauma Orthopedic Surgeon, CHU Cocody - University Hospital Center; Jacob Plange-Rhule, Rector, Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons

Closing Panel Discussion

Panelists: Daniel Kablan Duncan, Vice President of Cote d’Ivoire; Michel Camdessus, Akinwumi Adesina, Abdoulie Janneh, Hiroshi Kato, and Harinder Kohli

Dinner with cultural performance (Sales des Fêtes)
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A block reservation has been made with the hotel for participants’ accommodation. We kindly ask you to indicate as soon as possible your arrival and departure dates by completing the online registration form as indicated in the invitation letter so that we can confirm your room reservation. You can also send your flight itinerary to Ms. Hanzhi Jiang (judy@centennial-group.com).

The Forum will also take place in the conference facilities of the Sofitel Abidjan Hotel Ivoire.

Registration
Participants will be able to register at the Emerging Markets Forum desk outside the Kossou room. All the sessions will take place in the Auditorium. Participants will receive the final program, the participants’ profiles and printed copies of the background papers as well as their badge.

Program
The program has been designed to allow maximum interaction among participants. Each session will be run by a chair who will ensure that the debate remains focused and integrates as many comments and reactions as possible from participants. To stimulate the discussions, participants will receive via e-mail background papers for each session at least a week before the start of the Forum.

Background Papers
The papers that are being prepared for the sessions have been put together by a team of experts in their respective fields. These papers will be distributed online at least a week before the forum and will form the basis of the discussion that will take place during the sessions.

Participants
The final list of participants and profiles with photos will also be available during registration.

Badges
At registration all participants will receive a badge with their name, company and country of residence. To access all activities and for security reasons, participants are asked to wear their badges throughout the meeting. This will also help participants get to know each other.
Airport transportation
Participants’ transfers will be organized between the airport and the Sofitel hotel Ivoire. We request participants to send to Ms Judy Jiang (judy@centennial-group.com) their flight information in order to facilitate the process.

Language
English and French are the official language of the Forum.

Meals
All the meals will take place at the Sofitel.

Dress Code
We suggest business casual wear for all sessions. Participants are welcome to wear more formal or national dress in the evening for dinner.

Visa Information
We advise participants to contact the embassy or consulate of Cote d’Ivoire in their country to check whether they will need a visa.

The online e-visa application system can be found at http://www.snedai.com/en/. Please print and bring all the attachments in the approval e-mail with you.
About the Emerging Markets Forum

Background

The Emerging Markets Forum (EMF) is a not-for-profit initiative that brings together high-level government and corporate leaders from around the world to engage in dialogue on the key economic, financial and social issues facing emerging market countries. The Forum is committed to bridging the gaps across countries through knowledge sharing, policy debate and private-sector engagement to facilitate their common goal of sustainable growth and development.

Many countries are implementing strategies that will lead to faster economic growth and social progress through prudent macroeconomic management, economic liberalization, openness to global markets and support for a dynamic domestic private sector. EMF aims to enable leaders from these countries to engage in a candid exchange of views with their peers in a private and intimate setting. The Forum focuses on substantive discussions of common issues and on reaching actionable solutions and conclusions which can then be disseminated and applied by the participants in their respective countries and organizations.

Major themes of recent meetings include: the impact of the global financial crisis on different groups of emerging market economies, trade and investment, international financial flows; private sector participation in infrastructure development and climate change. The Swiss government provided seed funding for its first meeting, and EMF is now funded by various international institutions and private corporations from both developing and developed nations. EMF differs from seemingly similar forums as it:

- Has an agenda driven by the priorities of emerging market countries;
- Is predicated on the belief that sustainable development, job creation and poverty alleviation ultimately depend mainly, although not exclusively, on long-term growth and joint efforts of the private and public sectors;
- Draws together participants with first-hand experience: top political leaders, policy formu-
lators and private sector executives;

• Holds meetings small enough (70–90 participants) to permit candor and intense dialogue and yet large enough to incorporate diverse viewpoints;

• Grounds its deliberations in substantive papers written by field experts with first-hand experience in policy formulation; and

• Focuses on practical actions designed to resolve priority issues.

The permanent Co-Chairs of the Global Forum are Fidel Ramos, former Philippine President; Horst Koehler, former President of the Federal Republic of Germany; Michel Camdessus, former Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF); Enrique Garcia, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF); and Takehiko Nakao, President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

EMF has hosted twenty six meetings, eleven global and fifteen regional, to date. Past Forum gatherings have attracted current heads of governments from a number of nations, including Indonesia, Colombia, Kazakhstan, Vietnam and Cote d’Ivoire, and former heads of state from Bangladesh, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Canada, Ecuador, Mexico, Mozambique, Pakistan, Philippines, Tanzania and Switzerland.

In addition, economic policy makers, current and former Ministers of Finance, Economy, Industry and Trade as well as Central Bank Governors of some 40 countries in Asia, Europe, Africa and Latin America have participated in the Forum. Top officials of international organizations including the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB), African Development Bank Group (AfDB), Development Bank of Latin America (CAF), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), UNDP and UN Economic Commissions for Latin America and Africa have also joined the dialogue. Typically about one-third of the participants are CEOs or Directors of major companies and banks from developed and developing nations. Finally, a select group of heads of independent think-tanks and research institutions, leading journalists and opinion-makers are invited.

For more information on EMF activities, please see our brochure at: http://www.emergingmarketsforum.org/.
A Note about Candor, Confidentiality and Communications

We hold this Forum in the hopes of generating lively exploration and exchange of ideas on tough issues among peers, concluding with action-oriented outcomes. We realize that achieving this level of candor and openness is impossible without complete confidence in the security and confidentiality of the meeting environment. We want to stress that nothing said in any discussion will be attributed to any individual. We will do our part to facilitate openness and ask you to do the same.

The structure of this Forum is unique. The design is informal, with much of the time allocated for free-flowing debate. Opening speeches and PowerPoint presentations in the Sessions will be kept brief; Authors will be present to respond to but not dominate the conversation; Session Chairs will be brief in their remarks; and the Chairs and Discussants together will give just enough input to stimulate subsequent debate. The guidelines are simple: minimize prepared remarks, observe the Camdessus Code of “Conversation not Monologue,” and voice your thoughts, your concerns and your solutions.

We shall at the same time want to share the conclusions reached and ideas generated at the Forum with larger audiences. We intend to publish an account of our proceedings on the EMF website in a summarized report, which will form the basis for a press release about the Forum. To ensure the accuracy of the account, we will make an audio recording of the proceedings. However, the recording will not be used for any other purpose. Nothing said on the website or in the press release will be attributed to any individual.

Participants’ Photo: We will organize a Forum group photograph, which will be distributed to all participants as a memento for personal use. We have also arranged for a photographer to take pictures throughout the Forum. We may use these pictures in future EMF brochures.
The AO Alliance Foundation was officially inaugurated in 2015 as a separate legal entity independent of the AO Foundation. It is a developmental non-profit organization dedicated to improve fracture care for patients in low income countries through local capacity building which includes education and professional development of healthcare personnel, research and clinical services support.

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) was established in 2003 with headquarter in Tokyo. JICA aims to contribute to the promotion of international cooperation as well as the sound development of Japanese and global economy by supporting the socioeconomic development, recovery or economic stability of developing regions.

The Coffee and Cocoa Board (CCC) was created in December 2011 to set the regulations related to the commercialization of coffee and cocoa in Cote d’Ivoire. It is managed jointly by the state and organizations from the sector through an executive board, and is under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture for technical issues and of the Ministry of Economy and Finance for financial issues. Its main objective is to develop a sustainable coffee and cocoa industry by reorganizing the production and by guaranteeing a minimum price to secure producers’ income.

The overarching objective of the African Development Bank (AfDB) Group is to spur sustainable economic development and social progress in its regional member countries (RMCs), thus contributing to poverty reduction. The Bank Group achieves this objective by mobilizing and allocating resources for investment in RMCs and providing policy advice and technical assistance to support development efforts.

Established in 1951 and regarded as the heart of the Ivorian economy, Abidjan port handles 80% of commercial exchanges between Cote d’Ivoire and the outside world, which accounts for 70% of gross domestic product and more than 80% of customs’ revenues. Most of Cote d’Ivoire’s industrial units are located in the Port’s Area which provides for 55000 direct and indirect jobs. Abidjan Port is able to play a leading role on the West Atlantic Coast of Africa. Most of its facilities are in compliance with ISPS Code. The port is certified ISO 9001/2008 and also 14001/2004.
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