



Press Release

African Heads of State engage the global community for investment in Africa at a high-level event at the New York Stock Exchange

New York, 18 September 2014: The [United Nations Office of the Special Adviser on Africa](#) (OSAA), [Africa investor](#) (Ai) and the [Global Partnerships Forum](#) (GPF) announced that they will jointly host the 7th African Heads of State and Government Investment Working Lunch at the New York Stock Exchange in New York, on the 22nd of September 2014, from 12:00 to 2:00pm.

The Working Lunch will bring together African Heads of State and high-level government officials with the global investment community and the private sector. Philanthropists, senior representatives from the African Union Commission and the United Nations, as well as members of the media will also participate.

The Working Lunch aims to develop investment partnerships that support Africa's transformative agenda and promote regional economic integration. The event will foster an effective dialogue between business and government leaders on measures and policies that contribute to enhancing Africa's attractiveness for institutional capital allocations and foreign direct investment, as well as intra-African investment.

According to Hubert Danso, CEO and Vice Chairman of Africa investor, his organization estimates that: "Africa's largest pensions funds' assets will exceed US \$7 trillion by 2050, ready to support investment across Africa, which, coupled with the several trillions available with US institutions today, could be a difference maker for growth and job creation in Africa. This Working Lunch is a unique opportunity platform developed over the years designed to mobilise and organise this domestic capital, to catalyse global Africa focused co-investment partnerships in the capital markets and infrastructure sectors."

Maged Abdelaziz, Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on Africa, underlined how investment is crucial to sustain the current African economic growth and support the African Union's transformative agenda, as well as the related projects of Agenda 2063 and NEPAD. He added that: "the United Nations greatly values the catalytic role of



investment and is committed to promote partnerships with the private sector in achieving the development aspirations of all African people.”

Amir Dossal, Founder and Chairman of Global Partnerships Forum, stated that: “This is an ongoing process; we cannot do it alone and we cannot do it overnight. This event will provide a platform for further development of long-term and productive partnerships.”

During the Working Lunch, H.E. John Dramani Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana and H.E. Arthur Peter Mutharika, President of the Republic of Malawi will participate in a high-level discussion.

This will be followed by a Ministerial dialogue where addresses will be made by H.E. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Minister of Finance of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; H.E. Moulay Hafid Elalamy, Minister of Trade, Investment and Digital Economy of the Kingdom of Morocco; H.E. Aiuba Cuereneia, Minister of Planning and Development of the Republic of Mozambique; H.E. Claver Gatete, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning of the Republic of Rwanda; H.E. Mankeur Ndiaye, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Senegal; and H.E. Henry Rotich, Cabinet Secretary National Treasury of the Republic of Kenya.

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