THIRD AFRICA THINK TANK SUMMIT

Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)
April 8-9, 2016

Creating a Sustainable Future for African Think Tanks in Support of SDGs and Agenda 2063

DRAFT AGENDA
Thursday, April 7, 2016
16:00-17:00 – Registration

Friday, April 8, 2016
07:45-08:30 – Registration

08:30-09:30 – Press conference for organizing partners
  
  **Moderator:** Susan Mwiti (ACBF)
  **Panelists:** Prof Emmanuel Nnadozie (ACBF); Dr Abdalla Hamdok (UNECA); Dr Ibrahim Mayaki (NEPAD Agency); Dr Anthony Mothae Maruping (African Union Commission)

09:30-10:00 – **Keynote speech** by Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, Chair of the Africa Governance Institute Governing Board and former Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

10:00-10:30 – Coffee break/Group photo

10:30-12:00 – Opening panel discussion: Thought Leaders’ Panel – The Capacity Imperatives for Implementing SDGs and Agenda 2063 and their Integration into National Development Plans
  
  **Moderator:** Mr. Anver Versi (African Center for Economic Transformation)
  **Kick-off presentation:** by ACBF
  **Panelists:** Dr Anthony Mothae Maruping (African Union Commission); Dr Ibrahim Mayaki (NEPAD); Prof Emmanuel Nnadozie (ACBF); Dr. Abdalla Hamdok (UNECA); H. E Newai Gebre-ab (EDRI); Dr. Mohamed Edrees (Assistant Egyptian Foreign Minister for African affairs, Egypt); Prof Lemma Senbet (AERC); Dr Yemi Dipeolu (Special Economic Adviser to the Nigerian President)

12:00-13:00 – Tracking Progress and Performance on previous Summit Recommendations
  
  **Moderator:** Prof Ali I. Abdi (HESPI)
  **Presenter:** Dr Roger Atindehou (ACBF)

13:00-14:30 – Luncheon sponsored by ECA
  
  **Moderator:** Mr Steven Glovinsky (UNECA)
  **Welcome remarks:** ECA
  **Keynote speech** – “Role of next generation in the work of think tanks in Africa”
  
  by H. E. Hussein Elkamel (ECFA)

  **Working sessions** at lunch tables. **Suggested topic:** “Generation Next – The scholars and ideas on the how to accelerate Africa’s transformation”. Junior professionals/fellows/interns present research papers they are authoring for a “Peer Assist”.

14:30-16:00 – Panel discussion – Making Think Tanks Fit-for-Purpose (attention to manufacturing, industrialization, value addition, and economic diversification)
  
  **Moderator:** Dr Cosmas Milton Obote Ochieng (African Centre for Technology Studies)
  **Kick-off presentation** – “Role and niche of think tanks in driving key pillars of Agenda 2063 and SDGs” by Dr Ebrahim Saal (Executive Director of CODESRIA)
  **Panelists:** Dr John Okidi (Think Tank Initiative); Ms Brigitte Junker (SIDA); Ms Lin Yijun (China Development Bank); Dr Dickson Khainga (KIPPRA); Ms. Aida Opoku-Mensah (UNECA); Ambassador Susan D. Page (U.S. Mission to the African Union)

16:00-16:30 – Coffee break
16:30-17:30 – **Breakout sessions** – Recommendations for action for (a) strategic interventions; (b) path to think tanks’ sustainable future; (c) implementation road map.

3 **breakout groups with pre-selected participants, 2 co-chairs, note-taker/responder. Groups will be expected to prepare recommendations on issues relating to their discussion topic.**

- **Strategic interventions**
  Co-chairs: Dr Donald Mmari (REPOA) & Dr Arthur Bainomugisha (ACODE)
  Responder: Ms Neuma Grobbelaar (SAIIA)

- **Path to think tanks sustainable future**
  Co-chairs: Ms Odilia Birenam Gnassingbe-E (CADERDT) & Mr. Dumisani Sithole (SEPARC)
  Responder: Mr. Boubacar Macalou (CERCAP)

- **Implementation road map**
  Co-chairs: Dr Gibson Chigumira (ZEPARU) & Ms Eugenia Kayitesi (IPAR)
  Responder: Dr Tausi Kida (ESRF)

17:30-18:30 – **Plenary discussions on the recommendations from the Breakout sessions. Respondents from the 3 breakout groups to report back.**

19:30-20:30 – Welcome Dinner at Kalala sponsored by NEPAD

  **Welcome remarks:** Ms Florence Nazare (NEPAD)
  **Keynote Speech** – “Creating a Sustainable Future for African Think Tanks in Support of SDGs and Agenda 2063 Implementation” by Dr Nkosana Moyo (Founder and Executive Chair, Mandela Institute for Development Studies, South Africa)

**Saturday, April 9, 2016**

**Moderator:** Mr Steven Glovinsky (UNECA)/Dr Roger Atindehou (ACBF)

08:30-11:00 – **Interactive session** – Showcasing think tanks best practices and innovations.

  - *Six showcased innovations in a 3-part process – walk-around; table discussions; report-backs*
  - *Coffee served at the tables*

  **Keynote Speech** – Innovative think tank: what to look at in Africa? by Mr. Isidore Kportufe (IMANI Center for Policy and Education)

11:00-12:30 – Presentation of final **Summit Recommendations**

  - Ms Florence Nazare (NEPAD) – strategic interventions
  - Mr Steven Glovinsky (UNECA) – path to a sustainable future
  - Dr Thomas Munthali (ACBF) – implementation road map

12:30-13:00 – **Wrap-up and closing**

  Prof Emmanuel Nnadozie (ACBF) – on behalf of all partners

13:00 – 14:30 – **Luncheon** sponsored by AUC and Press Interviews

Afternoon – **Tour of Victoria Falls**/nearby sites sponsored by [Partner TBA]