

## Fondazione per la Collaborazione tra i Popoli Foundation for World Wide Cooperation

Presidente Romano Prodi







### CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Africa: 54 Countries, One Union Addis Ababa, May 3-4, 2012

Organized by: Foundation for World Wide Cooperation Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars SAIS – Johns Hopkins University

In collaboration with: African Union Commission United Nations Economic Commission for Africa United Nations Office to the African Union

## Day 1: May 3 – Opening Ceremony

Venue: African Union Headquarters, New Conference Center, Roosvelt Street, Addis Ababa

#### 4.30 PM - 5.00 PM - Welcome & Opening Remarks

Erastus Mwencha, Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Africa

Romano Prodi, President, Foundation for World Wide Cooperation

### 5.00 PM - 5.15 PM - Greetings

Steve McDonald, Director, Africa Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Prof. David Throup, SAIS - Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC Plutarchos Sakellaris, Vice President, European Investment Bank

#### 5.15 PM - 6.00 PM - Views from the World

Amb. Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata, Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs Amb. Gary Quince, EU Special Representative to the African Union Reuben E. Brigety II, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, US State Dept. Amb. Liu Guijin, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of People's Republic of China

#### 6.00 PM - Keynote Address

Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of Ethiopia

### Day 2: May 4

Venue: UN Economic Commission for Africa, Menelik II Avenue, Addis Ababa

#### 9.30 AM - 10.30 AM

Welcoming Remarks: chaired by UN Economic Commission for Africa Steve McDonald, Director, Africa Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Prof. Winrich Kühne, SAIS-Bologna Center, Johns Hopkins University Zachary Muburi-Muita, Special Representative of the UN SG to the AU, UN Office to the AU African Union Commissioner Ambassador Isabel Cristina de Azevedo Heyvaert, Embassy of Brazil

Ambassador U. Kenan Ipek, Turkish Ambassador

Ambassador Odd-Inge Kvalheim, African Union Partners Group













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10.30 AM - 10.45 AM

Coffee Break

10.45 AM - 12.15 PM

Session 1: Peace, Security and Development Zachary Muburi-Muita, UN Office to the AU Chair: Michael A. Battle, US Ambassador to African Union Co-Chair:

Speakers (10'):

Dr. Kambudzi Admore Mupoki, Secretary, Peace& Security Council of

the African Union

Amb. Olusegun Akinsanya, Director, Institute for Security Studies,

Addis Ababa

Discussants (5'):

Margaret Carey, United Nations Department of Peacekeeping

Amb. Joseph Nsengimana, Ambassador of Rwanda

Prof. Winrich Kühne, SAIS-Bologna Center, Johns Hopkins University

Discussion:

Open floor to all Invited Participants

Conclusions:

Chair & Co-Chair

12.15 AM- 1.30 PM

Session 2: Infrastructure and Investment

Chair: Co-Chair: Joseph Atta-Mensah, UN Economic Commission for Africa Andrew Roberts, Snr. Operations Officer for Regional Integration,

World Bank

Speakers (10'):

Plutarchos Sakellaris, Vice President, European Investment Bank Stefano Bologna, Managing Director, International Centre for Science

and Technology, UNIDO

Discussants (5'):

Amb. Liu Guijin, Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs Raja Jandhyala, Deputy Assistant Administrator, USAID

Peter Ondiege, Chief Research Economist, African Development Bank

Paolo Gonella Pacchiotti, Snr. Director, Business Development

ST Microelectronics

Discussion:

Open floor to all Invited Participants

Conclusions:

Chair & Co-Chair

1.30 PM-3.00 PM

Lunch Break

Session 3: Trade and Market Liberalization 3.00 PM - 4.30 PM

Chair:

African Union Commission

Co-Chair:

David Throup, SAIS-Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC

Speakers (10'):

African Union Commission

Discussants (5'):

Raja Jandhyala, Deputy Assistant Administrator, USAID

Stefano Bologna, UNIDO

Amb. Gary Quince, EU Special Representative to the African Union

Discussion:

Open floor to all Invited Participants

Conclusions:

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4.30 PM - 5.30 PM

Round Table and Closing Remarks

Participants: High representatives from AU, UN, US, EU, China, Brazil, Turkey, India, WWC Foundation, WW Center, SAIS-JHU, African regional organizations, WB, ADB, EBRD, EIB, WTO, UNIDO, etc.