Africa: 54 Countries, One Union
Beijing, October 24-25, 2013

Organizers:
Institute of West-Asian and African Studies of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University
The Wilson Center
Foundation for World Wide Cooperation

Thursday, October 24, 2013
4 pm - 6 pm: Opening Ceremony
Beijing International Hotel Convention Center
9 Jianguomen Inner Street, Dongcheng, Beijing

4.00 - 4.15 pm Registration
4.15 - 5.50 pm Opening Remarks
Chairperson:
Yang Guang, Director-General, Institute of West-Asian and African Studies (IWAAS)

Speakers:
Zhao Shengxuan, Vice-President of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)
Romano Prodi, Chairman of the Foundation for World Wide Cooperation and Special Envoy of the UN SG for the Sahel
Zhou Pingjian, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China
Erastus Mwencha, Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission
José Costa Pereira, Head of the Pan-African Division of European External Action Service (EEAS)
Cao Jiachang, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Commerce of China
Alberto Bradanini, Italian Ambassador to China and Mongolia
Liu Guijin, Former Ambassador of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China
Maria Rendon-Labadan, USAID Counsellor, Beijing
Steve McDonald, Africa Program Director, The Wilson Center
Winrich Kühne, SAIS Europe, Johns Hopkins University
Fatima Harrak, President of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa

6.20 - 8.00 pm: Gala Dinner - Gala Dinner hosted by Vice-President Zhao Shengxuan
Friday, October 25, 2013
9 am - 6 pm: Working Sessions
IWAAS Headquarters - Beijing
No.3 Zhang Zizhong Lu, Beijing

Every session will be followed by a discussion.

9.00 - 10.00 am Session 1: Overview
Chairperson: Yang Guang, Director-General, IWAAS

Keynote Speaker:
Romano Prodi, Chairman of the Foundation for World Wide Cooperation and Special Envoy of the UN SG for the Sahel

Speakers:
Joseph Atta-Mensah, Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Programme Management, UNECA
José Costa Pereira, Head of the Pan-African Division of EEAS
He Wenping, Snr. Research Fellow, IWAAS: Anti-Terrorism, External Intervention and African Security
David Shinn, former US Ambassador, Professor at George Washington University

10.00 - 10.15 am Tea Break

10.15 - 11.15 am Session 2: Peace and Security in Africa
Chairperson: Erastus Mwencha, Deputy Chairperson, African Union

Speakers:
Dr. Njunga Mulikita, Copperbelt University of Zambia: SADC’s Contribution to African Union Peace and Security Architecture - Issues and Challenges
Li Xinfeng, Snr. Research Fellow, IWAAS: Promoting Peace and Development of North Sudan and South Sudan through China-US Cooperation
Mohamed Salih, Deputy Rector of the International Institute of Social Studies, The Netherlands
Li Zhibiao, Snr. Research Fellow, IWAAS: African Integration Facing the Double Challenges of Internal Split and External Division
Isaac Olawale Albert, Director of the Peace and Conflict Studies Program of Ibadan University, Nigeria: China and the Mantra of “African Solution to African Problems”
11.15 - 12.30 pm  
Session 3: Infrastructure and Integration in Africa (Part 1)  
Chairperson: Amadou Niang, Director, MDG Center, West and Central Africa  
Speakers:  
Yu Zhende, Deputy General Manager of the International Department, China State Construction Engineering Corporation: The Role of Infrastructure Inter-Connection in the African Integration Process  
Maud Arnould, Advisor on Pan-African Issues to the EU Commissioner for Development Andris Piebalgs  
Adama Deen, Head of Transport Program, NEPAD  
Wang Chengan, Vice President of the Chinese Association for African Studies: Helping African Economic and Social Development by Supporting African Infrastructure Construction  
Khalid Ali El Amin, Associate Professor, Khartoum University: Transport Infrastructure and Development - Implications for Integration and Security in Africa  
Ding Zhengguo, Assistant General Manager, Sinohydro Group Ltd.: Intensifying Construction of Transnational and Cross-Regional Infrastructure and Promoting Development of Shared Benefits  
Leben Nelson Moro, Director of International Relations Department, Juba University: Connecting Landlocked South Sudan to International Markets - Opportunities and Challenges  
Mohamed Salihya Maiga, Director, INFET, Bamako

12.30 - 2.00 pm  
Lunch

2.00 - 3.15 pm  
Session 3: Infrastructure and Integration in Africa (Part 2)  
Chairperson: Zhang Yongpeng, Snr. Research Fellow, IWAAS  
Speakers:  
Liu Hongwu, Professor, Zhejiang Normal University: Experiences and Lessons of Chinese Infrastructure Construction Over the Past 30 Years and the Inspiration for China-Africa Cooperation  
Joseph Onjala, Snr. Research Fellow, Nairobi University: Transport Infrastructure Integration in Eastern Africa - Security Implications for the Indian Ocean Rim  
Yao Guimei, Snr. Research Fellow, IWAAS: China’s Participating Strategy for the Construction of Transnational Infrastructures in Africa  
Lucy Jane Corkin, Strategic Analyst, Rand Merchant Bank: Reconstructing Africa’s Regional Infrastructure: Challenges to Localization  
Huang Jianhui, Vice-President of the Research Institute of the State Development Bank: Ideas on the State Development Bank’s Support to the Construction of Transnational and Cross-Regional Infrastructures in Africa  
Songoyi Manandi, Lecturer and Dean, Dodoma University, Tanzania: The Amazing Power of Language as an Infrastructural Element of Integration - The Case of Kiswahili Language in the East African Regional Integration
Xu Weizhong, Sr. Research Fellow, China Institute for Contemporary International Relations
Studies: Chinese Participation in the Transnational and Cross-Regional Infrastructure Projects in Africa - Opportunities and Challenges

3.15 - 3.30 pm Tea Break

3.30 - 4.45 pm Session 4: New Technology for Development
Chairperson:
Zhang Zhongxiang, Professor, Shanghai Normal University

Speakers:
Hamidou Boly, Coordinator of TEAM Africa

Liang Yijian, Associate Professor, Yunnan University: Analysis on the Roadmap of Promoting China-Africa Development Cooperation in the Field of New Energies

Andrea Cuomo, Executive Vice-President, STMicroelectronics

Ya’u Yunusa Zakari, Executive Director, Center for Information Technology and Development, Nigeria: New Technologies and the Possibility of the African Decade for Development

Guo Ziqi, Vice President, StarTimes Group: The Role of Digital TV for African Development

Moi Hakim Dario Nyangamoi Lookolong, Honorary Director of the Association for Media Development in South Sudan: Financial Services Inclusion for the Un-Banked Republic of South Sudan

Antoine Some, Director, Sahel Institute

4.45 - 6.00 pm Concluding Round Table
Chairperson:
Romano Prodi, Chairman of the Foundation for World Wide Cooperation and Special Envoy of the UN SG for the Sahel