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## Programme

# **Africa and business: can African entrepreneurs lead a new era of economic development?**

**12-13 October 2023**

(with departure on 14 October for in-person guests)

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### **A note about the programme:**

A largely in-person/residential Ditchley conference, with Ditchley's bespoke 'Bridge' technology permitting the inclusion, via Zoom, of invited speakers.

**DITCHLEY**

Day 1	Thursday 12 October
	<b>Arrivals:</b> Guests arriving by train will be collected from the <b>1053</b> service from <b>London Paddington</b> , arriving at <b>Charlbury Station</b> at <b>1205</b>
1245 BST	Lunch
1355 BST	Participants take their seats in the <b>Library</b>
<b>PLENARY I</b>	<b>How is African entrepreneurship evolving across the continent? What are the global economic and technological trends that are shaping this evolution?</b>
1400 BST	<b>Welcome</b> Director, James Arroyo, opens the conference and explains how the conference will unfold  <b>Introductions</b> Director introduces the Speakers:  Mr James Mwangi, CEO, Africa Climate Ventures Ms Aida Kimemia, Chair, Central Depository & Settlement Corporation Ltd. Mr Charles Sekwalor, CEO, Movemeback
	After introductory remarks from the Speakers, interventions are invited from the participants
1520 BST	Closing remarks
1530 BST	Tea in the Saloon
1555 BST	Participants take their seats in the <b>Library</b> .
<b>PLENARY II</b>	<b>Where are entrepreneurs breaking through, and what are the continuing barriers?</b>
1600 BST	<b>Introductions</b> Director introduces the Speakers:  TBC Ms Niama El Bassunie, CEO, WaystoCap
	After introductory remarks from the Speakers, interventions are invited from the participants
1720 BST	After closing remarks from the Speakers, Director explains the remainder of the day's programme.
1730 BST	Coffee in the Saloon
1755 BST	Participants take their seats in their <b>break-out rooms</b>
<b>Working Group discussions – Session One</b>	
1800 BST	<b>Group A</b> <b>Realising the demographic dividend for Africa: how can entrepreneurs make the most of Africa's young workforce?</b>

	<p><b>Group B</b>  <b>How can African entrepreneurs make the most of the continuing technological revolution and AI?</b></p> <p><b>Group C</b>  <b>How to open access to finance, investment and markets: constraints and opportunities.</b></p>	
1930 BST	Drinks in the White Drawing Room	
2000 BST	Dinner <i>Seating plan displayed in the Hall</i>	
2215 BST	For those guests who will have been notified that they will be accommodated at The Bear hotel, transport leaves Ditchley for the hotel	
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Friday 13 October</b>	
0815 BST	Transport leaves The Bear for Ditchley	
0830-0910 BST	Breakfast	
	<b>In-person participants</b>	<b>Remote participants</b>
0915 BST 1015 CEST 1715 JST	Participants take their seats in the <b>Library</b>	Participants join the Zoom call. <i>Please mute your audio (to silence background noise) and keep your video on (for a more collaborative experience).</i>
<b>PLENARY III</b>	<p><b>How can partners, investors, governments and the international community support African entrepreneurs?</b></p> <p>(A hybrid session, with the participation of remote speakers/participants)</p>	
0920 BST 1020 CEST 1720 JST	<p>Director introduces the Speakers:</p> <p>Ms Miishe Addy, CEO, Jetstream Africa  Ms Yukari Hara, CEO, SKYAH Co. Ltd  Ms Joy Basu, Deputy Assistant Secretary, African Affairs Bureau, U.S. Department of State  Ms Lora Borissova, Senior Cabinet Expert, Cabinet of Commissioner for International Partnerships, Jutta Urpilainen</p>	
	After remarks from the Speakers, comments and questions are invited from the participants.	
1040 BST 1140 CEST 1840 JST	Closing remarks	
1050 BST 1150 CEST 1850 JST	Group photo, followed by coffee	Close
1115 BST	Participants take their seats in their <b>Working Groups</b>	

<b>Working Group discussions – Session Two</b>	
1120 BST	<p><b>Group A</b> Realising the demographic dividend for Africa: how can entrepreneurs make the most of Africa’s young workforce?</p> <p><b>Group B</b> How can African entrepreneurs make the most of the continuing technological revolution and AI?</p> <p><b>Group C</b> How to open access to finance, investment and markets: constraints and opportunities.</p>
1245 BST	Buffet lunch
1405 BST	Participants take their seats in the <b>Library</b>
<b>PLENARY IV</b>	<b>Reports from the Working Groups</b>
1410 BST	<p><b>Welcome</b> Director, James Arroyo, welcomes everyone back and explains the procedure.</p> <p><i>The Rapporteur and Chair of each working group will provide the main points, as they see them, to have emerged from their discussion, before the remaining members of that group are invited to add their comments.</i></p> <p><i>Each session will last approximately 30 minutes.</i></p>
1415 BST	<b>Presentation of Group A’s discussions</b>
1445 BST	<b>Presentation of Group B’s discussions</b>
1515 BST	<b>Presentation of Group C’s discussions</b>
1545 BST	Afternoon tea
1615 BST	Participants take their seats in the <b>Library</b>
<b>PLENARY V</b>	<b>Conference Rapporteur presentation</b>
1620 BST	<p>The Conference Rapporteur will provide their reflections on the discussions over the course of the conference, identify unresolved questions or areas where agreement was not reached; and highlight any conclusions or concrete recommendations that may have emerged.</p> <p>Brief final interventions from the participants</p>
1655 BST	Director’s closing remarks
1700 BST	<p><b>Conference closes</b></p> <p>Brief break (coffee available in the Saloon)</p>
1715 BST	Transport leaves Ditchley for The Bear for those who wish to change for dinner

<b>Conference Briefing</b>	
	The following session will bring an invited audience from the wider Ditchley community, via Zoom, to hear a presentation of the of the main findings, lines of discussion and conclusions (if any) from the conference, and to participate in a Q&A, all subject to the Ditchley Rule.
In-person participants	Remote participants
<b>1715 BST</b>	<p>Panellists, and those wishing to participate, take their seats in the <b>Library</b> for a post-conference presentation to a wider Ditchley audience.</p> <p>A Zoom Waiting Room will be in operation until the formal start time of 1730 BST. <i>You will be sent a separate Zoom link for this briefing.</i></p>
<b>1230 EDT</b> <b>1730 BST</b> <b>1730 WAT</b> <b>1830 CEST</b> <b>1830 SAST</b> <b>1930 EAT</b>	<p>Briefing for an invited Ditchley audience, followed by a Q&amp;A:</p> <p><b><i>Africa and business: can African entrepreneurs lead a new era of economic development?</i></b></p>
<b>1330 EDT</b> <b>1830 BST</b> <b>1830 WAT</b> <b>1930 CEST</b> <b>2030 SAST</b> <b>2130 EAT</b>	Briefing closes
<b>1900 BST</b>	Transport leaves The Bear for Ditchley
<b>1915 BST</b>	Drinks in the White Drawing Room
<b>2000 BST</b>	<p>Black-tie Dinner and overnight</p> <p><i>Seating plan displayed in the Hall</i></p>
<b>2230 BST</b>	Transport leaves Ditchley for The Bear
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Friday 14 October</b>
	<b>Guests accommodated at The Bear</b>
<b>0800 BST</b>	Breakfast at The Bear
<b>0910 BST</b>	Transport leaves The Bear for Hanborough Station for the 09.35 service to London Paddington, arriving at 10.44.
	<b>Guests accommodated at Ditchley</b>
<b>0800 BST</b>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>(please place your luggage outside your door before you go to breakfast)</p>
<b>0900 BST</b>	Transport leaves Ditchley for Charlbury station for the 09.27 service to London Paddington, arriving at 10.44.

**Legend:**

<b>BST</b>	British Summer Time
<b>EAT</b>	Eastern Africa Time
<b>EDT</b>	Eastern Daylight Time
<b>CEST</b>	Central European Summer Time
<b>JST</b>	Japan Standard Time
<b>SAST</b>	South Africa Standard Time
<b>WAT</b>	West Africa Time

**NOTE 1:Luggage**

It is helpful if your luggage is labelled with your name, so that your luggage may more easily be directed on arrival and departure.

If you are staying at The Bear:

On Thursday afternoon, your luggage will be transferred to the hotel, and our Staff will arrange your check in. You will receive your room key on Thursday afternoon and will have immediate access to your room on arrival after dinner on Thursday evening.

If you are staying at Ditchley:

Please place your baggage (other than hats, coats and hand luggage) outside your bedroom **by 8am** on Saturday, so that it may be collected and brought to the Hall ready for departure. Individual arrangements will be made should anyone need to leave earlier.

Please note: Luggage will be arranged in the Hall according to whether you are travelling by train, to the airport or by car. Please check that your luggage is in the correct place prior to your departure and avoid placing belongings in the vicinity of luggage destined for the station or airport if that is not where you are travelling.

**NOTE 2: Internet Access**

Wi-fi is available throughout the main house and Lower House. The network name is 'Ditchley Guest' and no password is required.