



# ***Governance and Growth in Africa after the Commodities Boom***

**Co-hosted by the Brenthurst Foundation and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung**

**1-4 August 2016**

***Villa La Collina, Cadenabbia, Lake Como, Italy***

Africa's impressive annual economic growth rates in the 2000s – around 5 per cent – were in part attributable to better macro-economic management by African governments, as well as sharp rises in commodity prices, underpinned by soaring Chinese demand. With commodity prices in decline, however, projections for African growth are ratcheting down and there is real concern that many African countries not only did not do enough during the “fat” years to reduce their dependence on commodities but also – more worrying – failed to reform their political and economic governance practices as deeply as was assumed.

This High-Level Roundtable will engage in a critical interrogation of the African Rising narrative – particularly its assumptions about deepening democratisation and diversification – and identify key areas of attention for policy makers as African countries grapple with reduced demand for their raw materials, at least in the short term. A pre-circulated draft monograph – entitled *Making Africa Work* and authored by Olusegun Obasanjo, Dickie Davis, Jeffrey Herbst and Greg Mills – provides the entry-points for each of the sessions and corresponding themes.

Sub-Saharan Africa faces three big inter-related challenges over the next generation. It will double its population to two billion by 2045. By then more than half of Africans will be living in its cities. And it does not appear that governments have developed adequate capabilities and policies to cope with these massive demographic changes. Properly harnessed and planned for, the huge upsurge in urbanized youth could be a tremendously positive force for change. Without economic growth and jobs, it could prove a political and social catastrophe. Old systems of patronage and muddling through will no longer work because of these population increases. Instead, if leaders want to continue in power, they will have to promote economic growth in a more dynamic manner.

Through rigorous interrogation and discussion on the draft document *Making Africa Work*, this High-Level Roundtable seeks to identify how Africa can ensure growth beyond commodities and create jobs in the continent.

## **PROGRAMME**

### **MONDAY 1 August 2016**

Arrival in Milan in the morning/afternoon; transfers to Cadenabbia, Lake Como

18h45 Villa la Collina - Welcoming Reception

19h25 Welcome *Terence McNamee*

#### **Opening Address: Is Africa still Rising?**

*Ali Mufuruki, introduced by President Obasanjo*

Dinner is served following the Opening Address (Q/A between main course and dessert)

### **TUESDAY 2 August 2016**

08:00 onwards: Breakfast

09h00: **Announcements and Official Welcome by KAS**

*Terence McNamee & Andrea Ostheimer de Sosa*

09h05

**Introductory remarks by Roundtable Chair**

*Donald Kaberuka*

09h15: **Session One - The State of Africa's People: Population, Urbanisation, the Informal Sector**

*Chair: Donald Kaberuka*

*Lead-in remarks: Greg Mills and Jeffrey Herbst*

*Responses: Monde Muyangwa, Robert Kappel*

10h00 Discussion

10h30 Tea

11h00: **Session Two – The State of Africa's Economy I: Infrastructure, Agriculture, Manufacturing**

*Chair: Donald Kaberuka*

*Lead-in remarks: Greg Mills and Jeffrey Herbst*

*Responses: Gregory Smith, Gilbert Houngbo*

11h50 Discussion

12h30: Lunch

13h30 **Session Three – The State of Africa's Economy II: Mining, Services, Technology**

*Chair: Donald Kaberuka*

*Lead-in remarks: Greg Mills and Jeffrey Herbst*

*Responses: Paul Collier, Simon Dagut*

14h20 Discussion

15h15 Tea and Break

**15h30 Session Four: Making Africa's Governments Work I: Aid and Planning**

*Chair: Donald Kaberuka*

*Lead-in remarks: Greg Mills and Jeffrey Herbst*

*Responses: Tom Alweendo, Vera Songwe*

16h20 Discussion

**17h00 Chair's Review of Day 1**

*Donald Kaberuka*

17h15 - 18h30 Free Time

18h30 Villa la Collina – Reception and Musical Performance by Robin Auld and Greg Mills

**19h00 Featured Evening Address:**

**Head of UNECA, title of address tbc**

*Carlos Lopes, introduced by President Obasanjo*

Dinner is served following the address (Q/A between main course and dessert)

**WEDNESDAY 3 August 2016**

08h00 onwards Breakfast

**09h00 Session Five – Making Africa's Governments Work II: Leadership and Democracy**

*Chair: Donald Kaberuka*

*Lead-in remarks: Greg Mills and Jeffrey Herbst*

*Responses: Joe Siegle, Isabella Hermann-Hoffman, Tendai Biti*

09h50 Discussion

10h30 Tea

**11h00 Session Six – Conclusion**

*Chair: Donald Kaberuka*

*Overall Responses: Andrea Osthaimer de Sosa, Michelle Gavin, Anthony Okara*

*Final Remarks: Greg Mills and Jeffrey Herbst*

11h30 Discussion

12h30 Lunch

14h00 Afternoon excursion/boat trip/Bellagio

19h00 Dinner in Tremezzo (Bar Azalea)

**THURSDAY 4 August 2016**

Departure from Cadenabbia

## **Invited Participants**

Afeikhena Jerome (Dr), FAO Sub-regional Office for Eastern Africa, Nigeria/Ethiopia  
Alex Vines (Dr), Royal Institute of International Affairs, UK  
Ali Mufuruki (Mr), Infotech Investment Group, Tanzania  
Andrea Ostheimer de Sosa (Dr), Dept. of European and International Co-operation, KAS, Germany  
Anthony Okara (Mr), Bureau of the Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission, Ethiopia  
Carlos Lopes (HE Dr), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Ethiopia  
Chris Kiptoo (Dr), State Department of Trade, Kenya  
Donald Kaberuka (Dr), former Head, African Development Bank, Rwanda  
Eric Kacou (Mr), Entrepreneurial Solutions Partners, Cote de Ivoire  
Gilbert Hougbo (Mr), former PM, Deputy Head: ILO, Togo  
Greg Mills (Dr), The Brenthurst Foundation, South Africa  
Gregory Smith (Dr), World Bank, Zambia/UK  
Holger Dix (Dr), Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, South Africa  
Isabella Hermann-Hoffman (Dr), Dept. of European and International Co-operation, KAS, Germany  
Jeffrey Herbst (Dr), Newseum, US  
Joe Siegle (Dr), ACSS, National Defense University, US  
Lulit Kitaw (Ms), Bureau of the Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission, Ethiopia  
Michelle Gavin (Amb), The Africa Center, US  
Moeketsi Majoro (Dr) former Minister of Development and Planning, Lesotho  
Monde Muyangwa (Dr), Africa Program, Wilson Center, US  
Oliver Stern, (Mr), Kroll, UK  
Olusegun Obasanjo (Hon), Fmr President, Chairman of the Brenthurst Foundation Board, Nigeria  
Paul Collier (Prof Sir), Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University, UK  
Peter Turkson (Cardinal), Vatican, Italy/Ghana  
Robert Kappel (Prof), German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Germany  
Sibusiso Nkomo (Mr), Afrobarometer, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, South Africa  
Simon Dagut (Dr), Office of the Chief Executive, Standard Bank Group, South Africa  
Tendai Biti (Mr), former Minister of Finance, Zimbabwe  
Terence McNamee (Dr), The Brenthurst Foundation, South Africa  
Tom Alweendo (Dr), National Planning Commission, Office of the President, Namibia  
Vera Songwe (Dr), International Finance Corporation, US/Cameroon

## **Instructions for Chair, Lead-in Speakers and Responders**

The aim of the roundtable is to encourage a dynamic exchange of ideas and views among all participants on the issues raised in the pre-circulated Paper. Although individuals have been identified as lead-in speakers and responders, the aim is for full engagement of all participants in a robust dialogue throughout. With the exception of the Featured Speakers on the evening of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, we kindly ask all lead-in speakers and responders to focus their remarks as concisely as possible to allow for ample discussion and q/a.

**Chair:** The Roundtable will have a dedicated chair throughout, who will be expected to exercise chairperson's prerogative throughout in keeping remarks and responses to time, and steering the subsequent discussions in accordance with the Roundtable's objectives. As the full biographies will be

available to participants and everyone will have introduced themselves at the outset of the day 2, please do not introduce panellists with anything other than their name. Near the end of the session, the Chairs may wish to reflect very briefly on what the key points to be drawn from the lead-in speakers, responders and discussion were. At any point you may engage the speakers to respond to a question, though please do not return to each speaker in turn at the end of the session unless time permits it.

**Lead-in speakers:** The lead-in speakers for each session, Greg Mills and Jeffrey Herbst, will reflect very briefly on the key points under the themes – all of which are drawn from the pre-circulated document. Please restrict your remarks to 8 mins (collectively) maximum

**Responders:** Please restrict your remarks to roughly 6 mins. You should consider the remarks of the lead-in speakers and briefly highlight any points of agreement/disagreement, and then briefly raise your own key points under the theme. The overall responders in the Conclusion are kindly asked to reflect on their major takeaways from the Roundtable as a whole.

#### **Brenthurst Foundation Dialogue Rule**

Please note that no participant's remarks at the Roundtable may be attributed in any subsequent publication or media unless he/she gives explicit permission to the person seeking to attribute his/her words to them.