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## **Booklaunch**

**With the President of the Republic of Malawi  
H.E. Joyce Banda**

### **“Africa's Third Liberation”**

**by Greg Mills and Jeffrey Herbst**

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## Programme

10:00 Opening Remarks

**HE President Joyce Banda**, Republic of Malawi

10:15 Remarks from the Author

**Greg Mills, Director**, Brenthurst Foundation, South Africa

10:30 Key note address

**HE President Joyce Banda**, Republic of Malawi

11:30 Coffee

12:00 End of event

### About the book:

Between 2000 and 2010, six of the ten fastest-growing economies worldwide were African. In this favourable environment, how do we make sure jobs and poverty reduction follow? Now is the time for African countries to consider how economic growth and political liberalisation should reinforce each other. In *Africa's Third Liberation: The New Search for Prosperity and Jobs*, Greg Mills and Jeffrey Herbst show how Africa has experienced two liberations: the first from colonial and racist regimes and the second from the autocrats who often followed foreign rule. At the end of the 1970s, just three African countries regularly held multiparty elections; more than 40 do today. Africa's political evolution points to a third liberation, one from political economies characterised by graft, crony capitalism, rent-seeking, elitism and social inequality. This liberation will open up the economic space in which business can compete, a necessary condition for expanding employment. The debate is about how Africa can realise its economic potential and avoid the disappointments of the first 50 years of independence. The international economy beckons, but Africa needs to take positive steps to follow in the poverty reduction steps of others. *Africa's Third Liberation: The New Search for Prosperity and Jobs* asks how Africa's political leaders and interest groups can promote economic growth in their countries. Using examples from Central and South America, South-East and South Asia, and the Middle East, Greg Mills and Jeffrey Herbst examine what means are best to match political liberalisation with growth. They suggest a way forward for higher-growth and job absorption strategies in Africa in the context of liberalised political systems. notes that economic growth, environmental conditions and income equality are positive functions of the degree of economic freedom – important for sub-Saharan Africa, where employment is low and inequality high.

### About the author:

**Dr Greg Mills** is the Director of the Brenthurst Foundation. He holds a BA Honours from the University of Cape Town, and an MA and a PhD from the University of Lancaster. From 1996-2005 he served as the National Director of the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA). He has lectured at universities and institutions in Africa and



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abroad, from the Pentagon to the Peruvian and Chilean Naval Staff Colleges, he is also on the visiting staff of the NATO Higher Defence College in Rome.

He has published numerous articles and books including the following: *The Wired Model: South African Foreign Policy and Globalisation* (Tafelberg, 2000), which received the Recht Malan prize for the best South African non-fiction book that year; *Poverty to Prosperity: Globalisation, Good Governance and African Recovery* (Tafelberg, 2002); with Professor Jeffrey Herbst of Princeton University *The Future of Africa: New Order in Sight?* (Oxford University Press, 2003); *The Security Intersection: The Paradox of Power in an Age of Terror* (Wits University Press, 2005); *From Africa to Afghanistan: With Richards and NATO to Kabul* (Wits University Press, 2007) and *Why Africa is Poor – And what Africans can do about it* (Penguin, 2010). He has also edited/co-edited over twenty other books, including most recently *Victory Among People* (with General David Richards) His interest in military history led to the publication of a volume (with David Williams) on *Seven Battles that Shaped South African History* (Tafelberg, 2006), now in its third edition. He is also widely published in journals, newspapers and magazines including the *International Herald Tribune*, *New York Times*, *Time*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, *Financial Times*, *Singapore Strait Times*, *De Welt*, *Washington Quarterly*, *Foreign Policy*, *Current History*, *Survival*, and *Politiken*. In addition, Dr Mills serves on a number of international editorial boards. Dr Mills has also written several books on southern African motorsport. During 2006, based in Kabul, he served as the special adviser to the Commander of NATO forces in Afghanistan, General David Richards, and as the head of the strategic analysis 'Prism Group' in the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF IX) headquarters, for which he received both NATO and UK campaign medals. He was briefly seconded to Afghanistan again on two occasions in 2010. During 2008 he was on secondment to the Government of Rwanda as Strategic Adviser to the President. In 2008/2009 he served as a Commissioner on the Danish Prime Minister's Africa Commission. In his role at the Brenthurst Foundation, he oversees a number of presidential advisory teams bringing together international expertise with African governments, along with writing and conducting field-work across the continent and organising regular policy dialogues.

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