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THIRD ANNUAL AFRICAN G-20 CONFERENCE

‘GROWTH AND RESILIENCE, THE G-20 AND AFRICA’

**ORGANISED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
AND THE UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA**

Tuesday 2 December 2014

Time: 08h30 – 16h25, followed by refreshments

Venue: Radisson Blu Gautrain Hotel, Sandton, Johannesburg

This conference is being organised as part of the South African Institute of International Affairs and the University of Pretoria's Global Economic Governance Africa Project which seeks to ensure that African interests are understood and effectively represented in the various global forums that debate and set rules for global economic governance. The annual G-20 conferences are designed to interrogate some of the policy issues that the G-20 deals with, how these intersect with Africa's interests and how the G-20 in turn can support Africa.

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PROGRAMME¹

08h30 – 09h00	Registration
09h00 – 09h05	Welcome Ms Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Chief Executive, SAIIA
09h05 – 09h15	Opening Remarks Mr Kuseni Dlamini, Council Member, SAIIA Mr Chris Wake, Head of Global Development Partnerships, DFID Southern Africa

Session 1: Perspectives on the 2014 G-20 Summit

Chair: Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Chief Executive, SAIIA

This session will seek to provide perspectives on the outcome of the November 2014 Summit for South Africa and for global growth and development. Of relevance are the Summit outcomes and how the G20 Agenda may alter as Turkey takes over as chair. For South Africa, the stated G20 aim of raising collective GDP by 2.1 percent by 2018 above current trajectories is of direct interest given the National Development Plan's objective to achieve average GDP growth of over 5 percent.

09h15 – 09h45	Keynote Address Dr Bheki Mfeka, South African G-20 Sous-Sherpa, Economic Advisor to the President, and NEPAD Sherpa Topic: 'The G20 and Africa's Development Challenges'
09h45 – 10h00	Questions
10h00 – 10h20	Special Remarks – The Brisbane Summit Outcomes Mr Chris Munn, Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Australian High Commission
10h20 – 10h40	Special Remarks – Turkey's Agenda for 2015 as G-20 Chair HE Kaan Esener, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to South Africa
10h40 – 11h00	Discussion
11h00 – 11h30	Tea

* Please note that this programme is provisional and subject to change. Some of the speakers and panellists are not yet confirmed.

Session 2: The C-10, G-20 and African Growth

Chair: Wolfe Braude, New Business Development and Stakeholder Manager, SALLA

11h30 – 11h50

Address

Dr Jo Marie Griesgraber, Executive Director, New Rules for Global Finance
Topic: 'The G20 and financial inclusion, and international tax reform'

11h50 – 12h00

Questions

12h00 – 12h45

Panel – The C-10, the G-20, Tapering, Currencies and Continued African Growth

In its 2014 communiques the C10 urged the G20 to intensify efforts to address underlying structural problems to bring the global economy back on a sustainable and high growth trajectory from a low-growth trap. The panel will consider whether current economic growth in Africa can be maintained as the weak, sluggish global economy transitions to hopefully balanced and sustainable growth. The transition occurs with mixed approaches to monetary policy, with the US Federal Reserve concluding stimulatory measures whilst the European Central Bank and Bank of Japan increase such support. For Africa this occurs as the continent seeks to develop capital markets and manage macro-economic environments and currencies to sustain and reinforce growth. Does the C10 have a key role to play? How does this relate to Sub-Saharan Africa's nascent efforts to develop capital markets? What are the policy options for African states and can the continent's growth be maintained?

Moderator: Professor Emmanuel Nnadozie, Executive Secretary, African Capacity Building Foundation, Zimbabwe

Panellists:* Mr Martin Mwelfwang, International and Development Law Office, Central Bank of Nigeria, Abuja
Dr Axel Schimmelpfennig, Senior Resident Representative in South Africa, International Monetary Fund
Mr Dawie Roodt, Chief Economist, The Efficient Group, South Africa
Ms Cleo Rose-Innes - Chief Director: International Finance and Development, National Treasury, South Africa

12h45 – 13h15

Discussion

13h15 – 14h15

Lunch

SESSION 3: THE G-20 AND AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Lesley Wentworth, Acting Programme Head, SAIIA

14h15 – 14h45

Address

Mr Walid Badawi, Country Director South Africa, United Nations Development Programme

Topic: The G20 and the post-2015 Development Agenda

14h45 – 15h00

Questions

15h00 – 16h00

Panel – The G20 and Africa's Practical Development Challenges

A key question for many African policymakers, business and civil society players is can the G20 practically support Africa's continued development or will Africa remain peripheral to G20 member concerns, especially in the ongoing climate of sluggish growth? Development initiatives by the G20 include the ongoing Development Working Group and related 2013 St Petersburg Development Outlook, which focuses on infrastructure, domestic resource mobilisation, food security and trade. The challenge for Africa is to ensure that sustained and broad-based economic growth is achieved, resulting in structural transformation, employment and diversified economies. This raises questions: Should the G20 have a dedicated African focus and how could the impact of this be measured? What possibilities exist for Africa to better articulate its practical needs to the G20? How could the G20 support Agenda 2063, Africa's framework for socio-economic transformation over the next 50 years, and similarly, the post-2015 development agenda?

Moderator:

Mr Elias Masilela, Executive Chairman, DNA Economics

Panellists:*

Mr Franklin Cudjoe, Imani Centre for Policy and Education, Ghana

Dr Jacklyn Arinaitwe, Research Fellow, Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment, Uganda

Dr Hoseana Bohela Lunogelo, Executive Director, Economic and Social Research Foundation, Tanzania

Dr Isaac Shinyekwa, Research Fellow, Economic Policy Research Centre, Uganda

Professor Nicholas Ngepah, Head of Research: Southern Africa, Oxfam

16h00 – 16h30

Discussion

16h30 – 16h40

Closing

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16h40 – 18h00

Refreshments