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## SPEAKING NOTES

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### Opening Remarks for Third Annual African G-20 Conference

- **This is the third annual African G20 Conference** held by SAIIA and the University of Pretoria (UP) looking at the outcomes and implications for Africa of the annual G20 Summit.
- **These conferences are designed to** explore select policy issues the G20 is engaging with, how these intersect with Africa's interests and how the G20 can support African growth and development aspirations.
- **What began as small study group sessions** on the G20 evolved into a fully-fledged multi-year project with a wider scope.
- **A pioneering project in Africa**, it consists of a network of African think-tanks and scholars working on issues of global economic governance and how they affect Africa, and particularly South Africa.
- **The annual conferences feature and draw on the expertise of these think tanks** from the African Global Economic Governance Network, of which SAIIA is a member. This network comprises 12 institutional partners from across Africa, many of whom are represented here today.
- This event falls under **SAIIA's Global Economic Governance (GEG) Africa Project**. **The aims of the GEGAfrica project are** to undertake and promote research driven by African needs, to advise policymakers, and both stimulate and inform public and media interest on global economic governance

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- **The GEG Africa project is conducted in collaboration with** the South African National Treasury, and is **supported by:**
  - The Department for International Development (DFID), a United Kingdom government department whose goal is to promote sustainable development and eliminate world poverty.
- **Previously the project was supported by:**
  - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (**GIZ**), a federal enterprise that supports the German Government in achieving its objectives in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development. (Supported until March 2014)
  - the **Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)**.
- **Today's conference, which takes place in SAIIA's 80th anniversary year,** focuses on the topic "*Growth and Resilience: The G20 and Africa*". This topic is drawn from the focus of the recent November 2014 G20 summit, held in Brisbane, Australia.
- **This is the first African post-Summit conference and we are confident it will** both stimulate debate and shed light on processes that have the potential to significantly impact African policy choices and growth trajectories.