BREAKING THE CHAINS OF COMMODITY DEPENDENCE

15–16 JULY 2016
Kenyatta International Convention Centre, Nairobi

The Global Commodities Forum is co-organized with the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

FRIDAY, 15 JULY

9.45 – 10 a.m.  Inauguration of the GCF Tea Bar and Coffee Bar
Generously offered by the East Africa Tea Trade Association and Dormans Coffee, throughout the Forum

10 – 11.30 a.m.  Opening ceremony
Moderator - H.E. Mr. Adan Mohammed, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives Government of Kenya
Opening Statement - Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
Panellists
- Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General, UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)
- Mr. Yonov Frederick Agah, Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization
- Mr. Deodat Maharaj, Deputy Secretary-General for Economic and Social Development, Commonwealth Secretariat
- Ms. Arancha Gonzalez, Executive Director, International Trade Center

11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  Keynote session
Moderator - H.E. Mr. Adan Mohammed, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives Government of Kenya
Panellists
- H.E. Mr. Mohammad Reza Nematzadeh, Minister of Industry, Mines and Trade, Islamic Republic of Iran
- Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa
- Dr. Léonce Ndikumana, Professor of Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, United States of America
1 – 3 p.m. **Lunch presentation** *Hosted by the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF) Secretariat.*

Welcome Remarks - H.E. Mr. Dan Kazungu, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Mining, Government of Kenya

The IGF works with its Member States to ensure that the mining sector contributes to poverty alleviation and sustainable development. Please join us to find out how.

*By invitation*

3 – 4.30 p.m. **From local content to shared value creation in extractive industries** *With the OECD Development Centre.*

Local content is an important channel by which extractive projects can create opportunities for employment, entrepreneurship and economic diversification. Unfortunately, early generations of local content policies often fostered activities with limited development prospects and marginal spill-over effects, such as accommodation, catering and import brokerage. Drawing from the concept of “shared value creation,” elaborated by the OECD Development Centre’s Policy Dialogue on Natural Resource-Based Development, panelists in this session will review the conditions necessary for greater local participation in high value-added activities in extractive value chains.

Targeted outcomes:
- A policy checklist and a blueprint for designing strategies on resource-based development and establishing higher-value added local content activities
- Success criteria for public-private collaborations

Moderator - H.E. Mr. Samuel Russ, Vice Minister, Ministry of Lands, Mines and Energy, Government of Liberia

Panellists - Ms. Nancy L. Swartout, Global Sustainable Procurement Manager, ExxonMobil Global Services Company
- Mr. Mwendia Nyaga, CEO, Oil and Energy Services, Nairobi
- Mr. Stephen Karingi, Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division, UNECA

4.30 – 6 p.m. **The changing landscape of export diversification** *With the Commonwealth Secretariat.*

After the crash in commodities prices, it is all the more urgent for commodity-dependence developing countries to diversify their export basket and reduce their dependence on commodity exports. But what opportunities are accessible to these countries? In recent years, for example, industrialization has stagnated in Africa, while trade in services has grown. This session will identify opportunities for export diversification in CDDCs and examples of strategies that countries have successfully employed to enter these markets.

Targeted outcomes:
- Success factors for export diversification strategies in the context of regional and global value chains
- Examples of export financing facilities available to developing countries

Moderator - Mr. Deodat Maharaj, Deputy Secretary-General for Economic and Social Development, Commonwealth Secretariat

Panellists - H.E. Mr. Joshua Setipa, Minister of Trade and Industry, Government of Lesotho
- Dr. Rashmi Banga, Head and Adviser, Trade Competitiveness Section, Trade Division, Commonwealth Secretariat
- Mr. Bashir M. Wali, Acting Managing Director, Nigeria Export-Import Bank
- Dr. Mwinyikione Mwinyihija, Executive Director, COMESA-Leather and Leather Products Institute

7 p.m. **Cocktail Reception** *Hosted by G-NEXID*

Established under the sponsorship of UNCTAD in 2006, the Global Network of Export-Import Banks and Development Finance Institutions (G-NEXID) commemorates its first decade with its existing and potential members and partners with the launch of the publication titled: “G-NEXID: 10 Years of Promoting South-South Trade, Investment and Cooperation”.

Welcome Remarks - H.E. Mr. Adan Mohammed, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives, Government of Kenya
- Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development *tbc*

Presenter - Mr. Bashir M. Wali, Acting Managing Director, Nigerian Export-Import Bank; Honorary President, G-NEXID

*By invitation*
SATURDAY, 16 JULY

10 – 11.30 a.m.  **Linking family farms to markets**  
*With the FAO and the Swiss Trading and Shipping Association.*

More than 90 percent of farms in the world are run by families and rely on family labour. They produce nutritious food and contribute towards the sustainable use of natural resources. They also boost rural economies, generate jobs and incomes and contribute to poverty eradication. Smallholder farmers therefore have an essential role to play in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Despite smallholder farmers’ essential development role, their full potential remains unrealized. Smallholders face many constraints in accessing markets to sell their products and obtain inputs, including credit. This lack of market access isolates smallholders and dampens their productivity. In this session, experts will examine how smallholder farmers can participate competitively in markets through, for example, novel value chain arrangements and market-based partnerships. These strategies can enable farmers to obtain fair prices for their products, invest on farm and realize their full potential.

Targeted outcomes: Partnership models for improving market access and smallholder agricultural productivity, with policy recommendations.

Moderator  - Dr. Margaret Muchui, General Manager of Fresh Produce Exporters Association of Kenya
Panellists  - Mr. Kamau Kuria, Managing Director, Coffee Management Services Limited, Nairobi
- Mr. Maarten Van Der Kamp, Lecturer in Entrepreneurship, Cranfield University, United Kingdom
- Mr. George Rapsomanikis, Senior Economist, Trade and Markets Division, FAO
- Mr. John Bee, Regional Head, Regulatory and Scientific Affairs, Sub-Saharan Africa, Nestlé

11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  **Special session: The role of natural gas in the transition to achieving sustainable energy for all in Africa**  
*With the World Energy Council–Global Gas Centre.*

SDG 7 aims to “Ensure Access to Affordable, Reliable, Sustainable and Modern Energy for All.” The COP21 meeting in Paris further emphasized the importance of employing sustainable energy sources in expanding access to energy. These challenges are particularly relevant in Africa. In this session, experts will review the continent’s energy endowments, with a focus on natural gas, and identify longterm strategies that can convert them into universal access to sustainable energy.

Targeted outcomes: Terms of reference for a multistakeholder policy dialogue on natural gas and the energy mix towards SDG 7 in Africa

Moderator  - Mr. René Bautz, Chairman, World Energy Council–Global Gas Centre, and CEO, Gaznat, Switzerland
Panellists  - H.E. Mr. Charles Keter, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, Government of Kenya
- Mr. Taylor Ruggles, Deputy Coordinator, Power Africa Initiative
- Mr. Thierry Bros, Senior European Gas and LNG Analyst, Société Générale
- Mr. Karim Barbir, Director of Gas Chain, ENGIE

1 – 3 p.m.  **Lunch presentation: The potential role of commodity derivatives in Africa**  
*Hosted by Bloomberg L.P. in collaboration with the Nairobi Securities Exchange.*

The development of commodity derivatives markets in Africa

Presentation by Bloomberg on the development of commodity derivatives markets in Africa. The objective is to obtain an overview of the current market structure, the importance of commodity derivatives markets and the challenges affecting the development of these markets.

Presenter  - Ms. Selloua Chakri, Head of Market Structure Strategy, MEA, Bloomberg L.P.

*By invitation*
3 – 5.45 p.m. **Ministerial round table: Commodity-led development and the sustainable development goals (SDGs) in Africa**

*With the Commonwealth Secretariat.*

In the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, this round table will assemble ministers from African countries to discuss the role of commodities production and trade in their development strategies, and the specific policies required to ensure that commodities are a source of growth and development in the pursuit of the SDGs.

**Moderator**
- H.E. Mr. Julius Korir, PS of Investment and Industry, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives, Government of Kenya

**Introductory Remark**
- Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General, UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)
- Mr. Kostas G. Stamoulis, Assistant Director-General, ad interim, Economic and Social Development Department, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

**Panellists**
- H.E. Mr. Jacob Ouedraogo, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, Government of Burkina Faso
- H.E. Mr. Nii Osah Mills, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Government of Ghana
- H.E. Mr. Willy Bett, CS, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Government of Kenya
- H.E. Dr. Kayode Fayemi, Minister of Solid Minerals Development, Government of Nigeria
- H.E. Ms. Irene Muloni, Minister of Energy, Government of Uganda

**High-level participants**
- H.E. Mr. Francisco Manuel Monteiro de Queiróz, Minister of Geology and Mines, Government of Angola
- H.E. Mr. Tolesa Shagi, Minister of Mines, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of Ethiopia
- H.E. Mr. Cheickna Seydi Ahamadi Diawara, Minister of Mines, Government of Mali
- H.E. Brigadier General Elmeldah Chola, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Water Development, Government of Zambia
- Mr. Bechir Abdoulaye Adam, Director General of Economic and Legal Studies, and IT, Ministry of Oil and Energy, Government of Chad
- Mr. Lawani Alabi, Director of Vegetal Sector, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Government of Togo
- Mr. Olusegun Awolowo, Executive Director/CEO of the Nigerian Export Promotion Council

5.45 – 6 p.m. **UNCTAD Closing address**

- Mr. Joakim Reiter, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

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