

## *Invitation*

# **Africa's Development Dynamics 2019**

## **“Achieving Productive Transformation”**

The Sub-Saharan Africa Initiative of German Business (SAFRI),  
the OECD Development Centre and the African Union (AU)  
present

### ***Africa's Development Dynamics (AfDD) 2019***

**Friday, 21 February 2020, 10.00 to 13.30 hrs,  
at Haus der Deutschen Wirtschaft, Breite Straße 29, 10178 Berlin.**

What are the major economic and social trends in Africa? What is Africa's role in globalisation? This annual report presents an Africa open to the world and towards the future. *Africa's Development Dynamics* uses the lessons learned in the five African regions – Central, East, North, Southern and West Africa – to develop recommendations and share good practices.

The report identifies innovative policies and offers practical policy recommendations, adapted to the specificities of African economies. Drawing on the most recent available statistics, this analysis of development dynamics aims to help African leaders reach the targets of the African Union's Agenda 2063 at all levels: continental, regional, national, and local. Every year this report will focus on one strategic theme.

This 2019 edition explores policies for productive transformation. It proposes three main policy focus for transforming firms: providing business services to clusters of firms; developing regional production networks; and improving exporting firms' ability to thrive in fast-changing markets. This volume feeds into a policy debate between African Union's nations, citizens, entrepreneurs and researchers. It aims to be part of a new co-operation between countries and regions focused on mutual learning and the preservation of common goods. This report is the result of a partnership between the African Union Commission and the OECD Development Centre.

The report will be presented in English.

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## Programme

**09.00-10.00 Welcome refreshments and registration**

**10.00-10.15 Opening Session**

**Dr. Stefan Liebing**, Chairman of German-African Business Association

**Nicola Brandt**, Head OECD Berlin Centre

**Stefan Oswald**, Director Sub-Saharan Africa in the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

**10.15-10.45 Presentation: *Africa's Development Dynamics 2019: Achieving Productive Transformation***

**Mario Pezzini**, Director, OECD Development Centre and Special Advisor to the OECD Secretary General on Development

**Victor Harison**, Commissioner, African Union Commission.

**10.45-11.30 Panel Discussion**

**Ibrahim Mayaki**, AUDA-NEPAD (tbc)

**Igor César**, Ambassador, Republic of Rwanda, Berlin (tbc)

**Mario Pezzini**, Director, OECD Development Centre and Special Advisor to the OECD Secretary General on Development

**Representative of German Private Sector**, (tbc)

**Phumelele Stone Sizani**, Ambassador, South African Embassy, Berlin (tbc)

**Moderator: Melanie Vogelbach**, Managing Director International Economic Policy (DIHK e.V.)

**11.30-12.30 Networking and Light Lunch**